

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, March 20, 2017 at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street commencing at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Daniel H. Letourneau, Mayor
John A. Mott, Trustee
Arvil J. Moore, Trustee
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Thomas M. Dart, Trustee

ABSENT: Jean LaBombard, Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor
Clifford Sterling, Codes Enforcement Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Daniel Letourneau called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion by Trustee Arno to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 6, 2017 and Special Meeting of March 14, 2017; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED

BILLS: **VOUCHERS** 16329 - 16389 \$ 307,276.26

Treasurer Arsene F. Letourneau reported an addition: New York Sales Tax for February \$1,590.37

Motion by Trustee Moore to approve and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Letter from Angela Tipaldos, Library Page. Letter of Resignation– informational purposes only

The Mayor thanked Angie for her service.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

MAYOR:

- 1) **Fitness Trail Update** – Jan Letourneau, Recreation Leader, provided an update
 - Copies of fitness equipment was provided to the Board. Five pieces of equipment purchased with IBOY funds (over \$10,000 raised)
 - A count of people utilizing the trail from June to January was provided
 - 4 benches, free of charge, have been secured
 - Estimated \$1,145 for cement and rebar. This is covered by the original NYS grant
 - Equipment and benches will be installed once cement pads are installed
- 2) **MOU Fitness in the Parks** – Jan Letourneau, Recreation Leader provided an overview of this grant for non-traditional activities.
 - Additional funding will provide 3 additional programs for children and adults: Hip Hop Dance, karate and archery
 - Open to all residents of the Town of Champlain (Village of Rouses Point, Village of Champlain and Town of Champlain). Pre-registration is mandatory.
 - Programs provided by the Village of Champlain and Town of Champlain will also be offered to residents of the Village of Rouses Point
 - Summary of the MOU with the Foundation of CVPH (Jan Letourneau will be the contact person and attend meetings)
Motion by Trustee Moore to approve the MOU and Resolution 2017-08 Shape Up Clinton County; Seconded by Trustee Arno; ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Mott – AYE, Trustee Moore – AYE, Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Dart – AYE and Mayor Letourneau – AYE. MOTION CARRIED

- 3) **Resolutions for Fire Department**

Motion by Trustee Moore to approve the Resolution acknowledging the Fire Department service of George Rivers; Seconded by Trustee Arno; ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Mott – AYE, Trustee Moore – AYE, Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Dart – AYE and Mayor Letourneau – AYE. AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Moore to approve the Resolution acknowledging the Fire Department service of Benjamin Arno; Seconded by Trustee Dart; ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Mott – AYE; Trustee Moore – AYE; Trustee Arno – abstain; Trustee Dart – AYE; Mayor Letourneau – AYE; AYE CARRIED

There will be a formal presentation at the Annual Fire Department Banquet.

- 4) **Part-time Police Officer**

- PT Police Office position was not in the tentative budget for 1020 hours
- Advertising continues with Department of Labor (free advertisement)
- Discussion whether or not to continue to advertise and maintain the part-time position:

Comment: If the Police Department has more than 1 officer, then keep; if not, then get rid of the whole thing.

Motion by Trustee Moore to keep the part-time police officer position and advertise w/o cost to the Village; Seconded by Trustee Mott; VOTE: 2 AYE, 2 NAY. ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Mott – AYE, Trustee Moore – AYE, Trustee Arno – NAY; Trustee Dart – NAY, Mayor Letourneau – AYE. MOTION CARRIED

5) Public Hearing Tentative Budget –

- Once the Public Hearing date is set, there cannot be changes made to the tentative budget. Revisions can take place after the Public Hearing
- Motion by Trustee Dart to hold a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget on April 17, 2017 at 6:30PM at Halstead Hall; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

6) Resolution 2017-07 (with Proxy) MEUA meeting:

Trustee Arno made a motion to approve the Resolution with Proxy for the MEUA April 12 & 13, 2017; Seconded by Trustee Moore: ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Mott – AYE, Trustee Moore – AYE, Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Dart – AYE: MOTION CARRIED

TRUSTEE ARVIL MOORE:

- 1) For informational purposes – A letter was provided from Chief Water Plant Operator Bryon Gelineault regarding quotes for DE.
- 2) Thank you to Arsene for the work he did on the budget.

TRUSTEE MOTT:

Mayor Letourneau stated that this is Trustee Mott’s last Village meeting. He thanked him for his 2 years of service.

Trustee Mott stated that it has been an honor to service on the Board.

TRUSTEE ARNO:

- Thank you to John Mott for his service.
- Express concerns about Zachary Roberts and hopes for a speedy recovery

TRUSTEE DART:

Thank you to John Mott for his service.

Mayor Letourneau stated that Trustee Mott has agreed to return to the Zoning Board.

OTHER REPORTS:

TREASURER:

- The Election announcement is on the website.

CLERK:

- The Tentative Budget was filed with the Clerk this date. The Village Clerk distributed the tentative budget to the Village Board.
- A reminder that village elections are tomorrow, March 21, 2017 from noon until 9PM at Halstead Hall.
- The Clerk will ask Cody O’Brian to post on the LED Sign at the Civic Center.

ADMINISTRATOR:

No report

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

- Updated everyone on the Blizzard of 2017. Cleanup is underway.
- Water main break on Pineview this morning
- Scheduled to take out the ice on March 21 from 8:00am to approx. 9:30-10am
- The Water Plant Project is on hold. Waiting for vendors for equipment.

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

CEO Clifford Sterling thanked the Public Works Crews for the quick snow removal

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

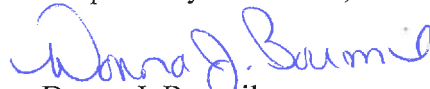
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:39PM; Seconded by Trustee Moore; AYE CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk