

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, June 21, 2010 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: George A. Rivers, Mayor
Brian B. Jefferson, Trustee
Francis J. Baker, Trustee
John F. Huchro, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian S. Pelkey, PWS

ABSENT: Dennis Roberts, Trustee

RECORDING SECRETARY: Carol A. Hanfield, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Geri Favreau from the Stage Committee stated that the concert held on Thursday night was great with around 200 people in attendance. It was a perfect night – the performers were great and she has heard nothing but great comments. The committee will be holding a meeting for the upcoming events on Friday to go over what they can do better in the upcoming events. Two weeks from today the 4th of July will be all over. Everything is going well. We now have over 40 participants for the parade with another week or so to respond and the sponsors came through this year and she thanked everyone for donating.

County Legislature Harry McManus was present and discussed the following:

1) The meeting with Pfizer on marketing the facility in Rouses Point to a real estate property. He also addressed what they are trying to do at the Chazy plant. 2) The State Revenue Sharing money is down 5% and the Village is around \$1300 less than last year. The Tobacco Free Grounds Policy – instead of going totally tobacco free we are now talking about the protection of the rights of people that are non-smokers. They are trying to do a canvass wide for the whole County. 3) The County Airport is celebrating the 1st U.S. Air flight out of Plattsburgh to Logan. There will be 3 flights a day – you can co-chair with United, Continental and Air Canada. 4) The firefighter proposal is a 10% reduction in property taxes and is now moving to the Senate which is more than last year. 5) The last item is the retirement incentive packages that are being looked at by the County. On the County level it has to be a budget neutral. There will be cuts in Social Services and Probation. There are 237 out of 800 employees who are eligible for retirement at the County. The county will look at it on a case by case to include fringes.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Huchro made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 2010; Special Meetings of June 10, 2010 and June 18, 2010 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

BILLS: VOUCHER NOS: 14004 – 14067 \$324,190.31

The Treasurer presented the Board with an amended list of bills. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to pay the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers presented a resolution regarding a Corrected Tax Roll for the year 2009 owned by Angela Dunkley Howard of 20 Stewart Street. The clerk read the resolution in its entirety. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve the resolution; Seconded by Trustee Huchro; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Rivers presented a resolution acknowledging Matthew Faubert receiving rank of Eagle Scout. The Clerk read the resolution in its' entirety. Trustee Huchro made a motion to approve this resolution; Seconded by Trustee Baker; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON

Trustee Jefferson stated that at the Pfizer transition meeting it was mentioned that the Village should market the building as having access to the railroad.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion requesting permission for Mike Riley and Gary Molinski be allowed to attend a one day seminar in Cranberry Lake, NY on July 9, 2010; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Jefferson commented on the concert and how beautiful it was.

TRUSTEE BAKER:

Trustee Baker made a motion authorizing the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice for a public hearing on Local Law #3 – Amending Chapter 121 “Planning Board” and specifically Section 121-3 “Bylaws” of the Village Code of the Village of Rouses Point; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Baker made a motion authorizing the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice for a public hearing on Local Law #4 – Amending Chapter 102 ‘Subdivision of Land’ “ Site Plan Review” and Article III “Special Procedures and Provisions” of the Code of the Village of Rouses Point; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE ROBERTS:

Absent

TRUSTEE HUCHRO:

Trustee Huchro stated that a meeting was held with Andree LaBarge last week to review the quotes received for the renewal of our insurance and is happy to report that she came through with some good figures for this year. There is an increase on the umbrella policy from \$4 million to \$10 million for each incident and cost less than the present policy. It is recommended that we go with the Houston Casualty Company. The amount of the annual

premium is \$114,534.49 plus it is recommended that we approve the Bond Additional Premium in the amount of \$947. Our total is \$115,481.49 which is \$24,324.39 less than our present insurance's quote. We will not take the Terrorism Rider. Trustee Huchro then made a motion to approve the quote from Houston Casualty; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Huchro explained that we approved the fee schedule for the Civic Center as the last meeting and asked the Board if they would take a closer look at how it is written. His concern is that there is a difference between a non-profit group like the Boy Scouts and a non-profit group that performs duties for the Village and this should be looked at.

OTHER REPORTS:

TREASURER LETOURNEAU:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that July 1st is the last day to pay the taxes without penalty.

Treasurer Letourneau stated that Geri turned in \$314.10 in donations from the concert last Thursday.

Treasurer Letourneau stated that if the Village Board would make the Stage Committee a Commission it would help to get around everything. It would be like the Beautification Committee. You would then have a commissioner that could be the liaison between the Committee and the Village which would solve a lot of problems.

PW SUPERVISOR:

PW Supervisor Pelkey stated that the blacktopping is done. He was able to pave an extra street which was Elm Street because Beverly Drive was not ready. Doing Elm Street still came in under budget. He was very impressed with the County's work and enjoyed working with the County.

Mayor Rivers stated that there are a couple of trees that need to be taken down. One is on the corner of State and Maple in front of the apartment house that has raised the sidewalk and needs to be taken down because someone has fallen. The second tree to be removed is in Rouse Park. It is a soft maple and there is a blue spruce growing next to it and they are growing into each other so the maple tree needs to come down.

PW Supervisor Pelkey stated that he would like to meet with Town Supervisor Alan Racine to see if they could come here with the grader to touch up Bechard Drive and make sure we have enough stone and base which is required. We are looking at possibly doing more paving. He spoke with John from the County and they will be in the area so we can put in a request to have Bechard Drive prepped. The price of the blacktop is so cheap this year it is a nice year to catch up. Discussion followed.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

John Cooper asked about the crack sealer machine. PW Supervisor Pelkey stated that we need to know what the exact price is and how much is being donated by the Town and Village of Champlain and how they are going to run the materials through the machine. The cost of the machine is \$18,500. Discussion followed. Trustee Baker made a motion to spend \$5,000 as the Village's share for the crack sealer; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Brian Anctil, 4 Edgewater Drive, stated that on the south side of Edgewater there are trees that are growing out into the road and the vehicles that drive by have to go to the middle of the road because the limbs are so low. Mayor Rivers told him that it would be looked into.

Geri Favreau asked the Board about the Regional Theatre Performance scheduled for July 1st. She is bringing flyers to the elementary schools tomorrow telling them that it is free and is being held here and she wanted to know that with the policy that is in place with the Civic Center do they have to pay the \$350 fee to use the Civic Center. They can use the school if the weather is bad. She was told yes by the Board that the fee would have to be paid.

Geri stated that last friday, Kathy Blondo invited her to go on a walking tour of the Village of Rouses Point with her third grade class and Jenn Barber the art teacher accompanied her. It was wonderful. She learned a lot from them. They did a book that she will share with the Historical Society. She just wanted the Board to know of the wonderful job Kathy does.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Huchro made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson;
AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk