

# DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York, held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at Halstead Hall, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**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.

## **PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDING SEWER RATES**

Mayor Rivers opened the Public Hearing and stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to amend the sewer rates and then presented a Resolution regarding the amending of the sewer rates and asked the Treasurer to explain this amendment.

Treasurer Letourneau explained that the sewer rates are going to be lowered. The base sewer rate is going to drop from \$24.72 to \$23.98. This is a \$.78/month decrease in residential users; \$.86/month decrease for commercial users because they have a strength factor of 1.15 and industrial will be a decrease of \$.98 because they have a strength factor of 1.326. If this passes tonight the decreases will take effect June 1<sup>st</sup>. The residential water/sewer monthly charge will be \$50.00.

Mayor Rivers asked for comments from the Public. No one chose to address the Board regarding amending of the sewer rates so Mayor Rivers closed the Public Hearing.

Trustee Baker made a motion to approve the resolution amending the sewer rates; Seconded by Trustee Roberts; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

## **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No one chose to address the Board

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Jefferson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2010 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Huchro; AYE CARRIED

## **BILLS: VOUCHER NOS: 13839 – 13885 \$67,723.78**

Treasurer Letourneau stated that there was (1) deletion which is the Lineman Supply bill in the amount of \$549.65. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve the list of bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Huchro; AYE CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no correspondence.

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:**

**MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:**

Mayor Rivers announced that a Public Information Meeting will be held on May 20, 2010 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. to discuss the ‘Restoration of the Railway Station’. The meeting will be held at the Rouses Point Civic Center. Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Clerk to publish this Public Notice; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers declared two DELL towers; one DELL monitor; a Gateway monitor and tower as surplus. Trustee Huchro made a motion to approve the surplus of this computer equipment; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; Treasurer Letourneau stated that he would like to give this equipment to Novatec because they have no monetary value. AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers read a letter from NYCOM that stated that Rouses Point has been awarded First Place in the Public Works Category in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual NYCOM/Empire State Report Local Government Achievement Awards competition. The award will be presented at NYCOM’s 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting at the Saratoga Hilton during dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Rivers stated he was very pleased with this award.

Mayor Rivers requested authorization to sign the agreement with Jacob’s Engineering for the installation of a handicap ramp for Amtrak at the RR station. Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign this agreement; Seconded by Trustee Huchro; Treasurer Letourneau asked why this agreement is necessary. Mayor Rivers stated that the parking space is located on Village property and that he will not be signing the contract until he gets approval from Melissa and Eric from our engineering firm on the station to proceed. Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign this agreement; Seconded by Trustee Huchro; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers stated that we have two (2 ) contracts with the D & H from Clifton Park to punch under Pratt/Chapman Street. The two (2) contracts combined are going to cost of \$4300. We will be billing for the extra material and get the money back from CP Rail. Trustee Huchro made a motion authorizing the Mayor sign the contracts; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

**TRUSTEE BRIAN B. JEFFERSON:**

Trustee Jefferson had nothing to report.

**TRUSTEE FRANCIS J. BAKER:**

Trustee Baker stated that he would like to set up a meeting with the Security Camera Company to discuss the camera system. The Board agreed that a meeting should be set up and asked the Clerk to contact the company.

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## **TRUSTEE DENNIS F. ROBERTS:**

Trustee Roberts made a motion authorizing Scott Bechard to attend training in Lake Placid on May 26, 2010 – “Handling and Processing of Juveniles” course; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Roberts made a motion authorizing Scott Bechard to bring the Datamaster DMT & Radars for annual calibration to Albany on May 20, 2010; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Roberts made a motion requesting an Executive Session to discuss a sewer customer; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE                      Aye Carried

Trustee Roberts congratulated Don Deso as Firefighter of the Year; Pat Birkett – EMS Person of the Year and Ben Arno who received the President’s Award.

## **TRUSTEE JOHN F. HUCHRO:**

Trustee Huchro made a motion requesting an Executive Session to discuss PW Personnel; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE                      All Ayes

## **OTHER REPORTS:**

### **TREASURER LETOURNEAU:**

Treasurer Letourneau stated that the board approved the Mayor signing the contract with the D & H and asked the board for a motion to pay the D & H the \$4300. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to pay the D & H the \$4300 for the additional material; Seconded by Trustee Huchro; AYE CARRIED

Treasurer Letourneau read a Press Release on the budget billing process stating that June 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of the new budget billing process. Anyone wishing to participate in this program are to contact the accounting dept. at the Village Office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday prior to May 28, 2010. After that date to enter into the program will not be allowed until 2011.

### **PW SUPERVISOR PELKEY:**

PW Supervisor Pelkey reminded that the Village Pick-up is going very well. The people are obeying the rules at the Compost Pile. He also stated that the power line is pulled in to Champlain Plastics today for the CP. The cutover should be done on Saturday.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

John Cooper, 11 Pine Street, asked if the Board sends out letters to the recipients of the awards from the Fire Dept. Mayor Rivers stated that in the past we have not but we will send them each a letter of congratulations.

### **RECESS:**

Trustee Roberts moved to recess at 7:17 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No action taken during Executive Session regarding a Sewer Customer.  
No action taken during Executive Session regarding PW Personnel.

### **RECONVENE:**

Trustee Roberts made a motion to reconvene at 8:02 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Roberts made a motion to extend our sewer line to a new customer on Route 9B at their expense; Seconded by Trustee Huchro; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Huchro made a motion to amend the motion for the amount of \$16.35/hour to Clarence Ashline to be \$17.46/hour effective April 26<sup>th</sup>; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Huchro made a motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise for an MEO II position; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Baker made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Carol A. Hanfield  
Village Clerk