

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York, held on May 4, 2009 at Halstead Hall, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: George A. Rivers, Mayor
Brian B. Jefferson, Trustee
Jean L. Birtz, Trustee
Francis J. Baker, Trustee
John L. Cooper, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer

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.

BID RESULTS: Contract 2009-05 – “LARGE DIAMETER HOSE”

The Clerk stated that the following bids were received:

Churchville Equipment P.O. Box 2402 Plattsburgh, NY 12901	\$11,640	Check Attached No Deviations Delivery 7 Business Days No Sample Enclosed
Tyler Fire Equipment P.O. Box 381 Ausable Forks, NY 12912	\$13,381	Check Attached No Deviations Delivery 3 Weeks Sample/Video Enclosed

The Clerk stated that Fire Chief Michael LeBlanc recommends that the bid be awarded to Tyler Fire Equipment.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to award Contract 2009-05 to Tyler Fire Equipment in the amount of \$13,381; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

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 20, 2009; special meetings of April 22, 2009 and April 30, 2009 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

BILLS:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that there were no additions or deletions to the list of bills. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve the list of bills as presented; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a letter from the American Legion Auxiliary of Rouses Point asking permission to sell poppies. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to authorize the Auxiliary to sell poppies; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:**MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:**

Mayor Rivers, as a reminder to all residents, read the Press Release announcing the Spring Cleanup.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement between the Village of Rouses Point and Thomas M. Murnane, Esq.; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Birtz made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the Agreement between the Village of Rouses Point and the Town of Champlain concerning the services of Michael Tetreault as the Codes Enforcement Officer and Zoning Officer for the Town and Village; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers presented an Economic Recovery Projects Municipal/Sponsor Resolution and explained that this resolution is for the stimulus money that has been approved for the D & H train station. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to adopt this resolution; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Rivers stated that Melissa McManus has requested authorization for the Clerk to publish the legal notice for expressions of interest from the DOT listed firms for the D & H Project Engineering and Architectural Services. Trustee Birtz made a motion authorizing the Clerk to publish the necessary legal notice for this request; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers asked for authorization to sign the agreement with Melissa McManus, Community Development Consultant to provide project management services to assist the Village in restoration of the D & H Railway Station and grant administration services for the ARRA and earmark awards being used by the Village to fund the Delaware and Hudson restoration project. Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign this agreement; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Jefferson complimented Melissa McManus on the good job that she does for the Village. Trustee Birtz also complimented Melissa for the excellent job she has done for the Village and that we are very fortunate to have her.

Mayor Rivers stated that JNS has presented an Amendment to the Master Management Agreement and explained that Verizon is giving JNS a hard time about the tower. JNS is now looking into placing the tower on the water tank. Until Landmark signs off that there will be no damage to the tank then nothing is going to be done. Discussion followed.

Mayor Rivers stated that a proposal has been received from Barton & Loguidice, P.C. for the Architectural and Engineering Services for the Fire Station. He explained that B & L did a preliminary study on the Fire Station 10 years ago and they have put in for the grant that was just approved. The fee for them to proceed will be \$18,800 and the Mayor needs approval to sign this proposal. The Mayor asked Chief LeBlanc for his input on this project. He stated that they will be enlarging the bay space, adding office space. Trustee Birtz made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign the contract with Barton & Loguidice to proceed; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers stated that the Board needs to make the final decision on Veteran's Park. He expressed his concerns on the survey that was sent out to all Legion members. Trustee Cooper stated that he attended the recent meeting of the Project Advisory Committee. Discussion followed. Trustee Jefferson made a motion that the park be re-dedicated as a memorial to all veterans and the tank is to be retained as the dominant element in the park; investigate the possibility of moving the ship's gun from the front of the Civic Center to Veteran's Park; include plaques for each conflict and dates in the park design and include plaques or flags for each branch of the service in the park design; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE BRIAN B. JEFFERSON:

Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing Bryon Gelineault & Eugene LeClair to attend a one day seminar sponsored by the Northern New York Water Works Association in Saratoga, N.Y. on 6/8/09; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE JEAN L. BIRTZ:

Trustee Birtz discussed the possibility of having designated parking spaces on Lake Street installed and asked if this could be done when the State re-stripes the highway could we do perpendicular lines that would designate car parking. This would give people more parking downtown. The Mayor explained that we would have to purchase or rent the equipment. He also asked about designating parking spaces on Montgomery Street from Lake Street down to the curve and also some spots designated for handicapped parking. The Mayor will talk to PWS Pelkey about getting this project done. Discussion followed.

Trustee Birtz made a motion requesting an Executive Session to discuss a Possible Litigation; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

TRUSTEE FRANCIS J. BAKER:

Trustee Baker made a motion requesting an Executive Session regarding Civic Center Personnel; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

Trustee Baker stated that the next item to discuss is the Civic Center Roof. Mayor Rivers stated that he spoke with Dave Trudeau, the engineer from IEEP, he is looking at a couple of other

contractors for quotes for the roof and he told Mr. Trudeau that this project has to be done. IEEP will go up to \$70,000 and cannot go higher because he can't justify it because it is not energy efficiency to remove the existing ceiling down. Mayor Rivers stated that he would like to recommend that the Treasurer go out to bond. We already have a bid for \$171,000. This includes the removal of the existing ceiling and installing a 1½" of spray foam and 1" of fire retardant. We do not need to go out to bid for this job because it is an emergency situation. The Mayor stated that he went to Senator Little looking for a member item however, she has no money. She was not funded any money this year. Discussion followed.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Treasurer to start with proceedings for a Bond for the Civic Center ceiling; Seconded by Trustee Baker; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

TRUSTEE JOHN J. COOPER:

Trustee Cooper thanked the crews for helping with Veteran's Park. They plowed the wires in for underground for the flag pole lights.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Robert O'Neill, 53 Washington Avenue thanked the Board for their vote on the Veteran's Park changes. They had a great discussion with the American Legion Committee and the liason committee. It was an excellent meeting and they voted on everything including the tank. He wanted to make it a point that every member was sent a survey. He was in favor of keeping the tank there.

Mr. O'Neill stated that he was at a meeting in January of 2008 to discuss the water plant and so far nothing has been done for 1½ years. Mayor Rivers stated that this was not true and that for the last two months all the test have been way below the state average since they moved all of the equipment up to the tank which was done in March. Mr. O'Neill explained a situation that happened a few weeks ago regarding a fishy smell from his dishwasher. He continued to express his concerns regarding the water plant stating that it should be automated and also requested that the Village hire another engineer. Trustee Birtz explained to Mr. O'Neill that Barton & Loguidice is going to be doing a study on our water system as part of their study for Shared Services. He also explained that results of our test have been below average for the past two months. Discussion followed.

OTHER REPORTS:

TREASURER LETOURNEAU:

Treasurer Letourneau reported that he attended a meeting at the Clinton County Treasurer's office to look at the new tax plan. Training will be held on May 15th either at the Village of Champlain or at our office.

Treasurer Letourneau stated that he met with a Mr. Rick Palumbo from a company called USA and we are going to be purchasing new Operating Property Records software.

RECESS:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to recess at 7:53 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken during Executive Session regarding a Possible Litigation

No action taken during Executive Session regarding Civic Center Personnel

RECONVENE:

Trustee Baker made a motion to publish a Help Wanted Ad for a Public Works Maintenance Person; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk