

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, March 9, 2009 commencing in the upstairs meeting room of the Village Office at 139 Lake Street at 4:07 p.m.

PRESENT: George A. Rivers, Mayor (arrived late)
Brian B. Jefferson, Trustee
Kelly A. Penfield, Trustee
Jean L. Birtz, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian S. Pelkey, PW Supervisor

ABSENT: Francis J. Baker, Trustee

RECORDING SECRETARY: Carol A. Hanfield, Village Clerk

Deputy Mayor Jefferson called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

County Legislator Harry McManus was present and addressed the Board with issues that have been addressed by the County. The following items were discussed: the CHIPS Program; Paving; Salt; the Bike Path Grant and the County Tax Program. He also stated that he will try to attend our board meeting every three months or so.

A call was made to Melissa McManus who had asked to be placed on speaker phone to present a grant option for the railroad station to the Board and asked for their approval. She stated that this grant is 100% with no match by the Village. After hearing the information on the grant the Board agreed to authorize Melissa McManus to proceed with the application. Trustee Birtz made a motion to authorize Melissa McManus to proceed with the application for this grant; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

The Treasurer passed out copies of the tentative budget outlining the different departments. The following topics were discussed: the ice time is going to be raised at the Civic Center to \$110 from \$102; the Water Fund and Sewer Fund both look okay; in the Sewer Capital Project Reserve he added \$5,000 for a skid steer and \$5,000 for a telescopic loader; \$10,000 was rolled over in the Library Fund for Portico Roof Repair, Façade Repair and Brick Re-pointing. Trustee Birtz discussed the removal of the carpet at the library with Brian Pelkey.

Under the General Fund the Treasurer explained the GASB 45 requirement to post retirement benefits; the fee for the Village Engineer decreased to \$25,000 per year. The security system and radios were discussed in the Police Department along with the \$82,000 grant received for the Police Dept. Other items discussed were a turbo draft fire educator for the Fire Dept; a digital camera for the Code Enforcement Officer and removing the sidewalks in front of the school. The PW Supervisor will be calling for prices to adjust the \$100,000 figure for paving. We will also be saving on the salt this year approximately \$10,000 by signing on with the County.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to authorize Brian Pelkey to sign a commitment letter for 350 tons of salt @ \$71 per ton with the County; Seconded by Trustee Penfield; AYE CARRIED

A decision was made to leave in the security system for budget purposes at the Civic Center. Discussion was held on the storm sewer drain at Wyeth.

Trustee Penfield made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken during Executive Session regarding Police Personnel.

REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Penfield made a motion to set a salary for Mike Bingel effective June 1, 2009 of \$29,900 payable in 52 equal installments with no benefits; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Penfield made a motion to adjourn at 6:04 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk