

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on December 15, 2021, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 3:00 PM.

PRESENT: Jed F. Thone, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Office
Thomas Murnane, Village Attorney
Mark Cordeiro PLM Virtual
Tony Modafferi MEUA Virtual

RECORDING SECRETARY: Christopher Latremore, Clerk/Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Thone called the meeting to order at 3:20 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR SESSION:

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Kreutz from ERS indicated that he heard the executive session from the board meeting on December 6, 2021. David introduced Hari Achuthan managing director and CEO for ACO Group LLC. Hari indicated that he is a developer of renewable power. Mr. Achuthan's company will be manufacturing solar panels in Watertown. This business was relocated from the west coast and will be fully operational in June 2024. This facility will be employing Vets.

Here in Rouses Point ACO Investment Group is planning to build green houses to produce food for human consumption. The green houses being built will have solid sides and glass roof. The vegetation grown will be sold and distributed to local business in New York and Vermont. ACO Industrial wants to partner with Cornell University and UDSA. The buildings will be heated from the heat produced from 2CRSI.

2CRSI is a computer data center that host servers for Google and Facebook just as an example. 2CRSI is a server farm. The future will require more data centers for the change in technology with vehicles just as an example.

2CRSI will be increasing the number of servers which will increase their demand for electricity within the village. Some of the computers at 2CRSI will be used at the ACO Investment to operate their daily operation. Mark Cordeiro indicated that while Pfizer was in the village the maximum load capacity was 23 megs of power which includes the resident's usage. Mark indicated that with Pfizer the electricity demand increased in the summer and the residents demand decreased, and the opposite occurred in the winter. This complimented the village for a steady load at 23 megs.

The plan with 2CRSI would be a steady 23 meg with the village residents over and above. This would make an increase of 10 meg's higher than when Pfizer was in the village and could put a strain on the electric substation.

Trustee Pelkey advised that only the high side part of the sub station was updated. Putting this additional load on the system could cause some potential problems. Both Mark and Brian indicated that it is not advisable to run the sub station at full capacity. If the village electricity usage exceeds the allotted amount of hydro power than village would go to supplemental, and everyone would have to pay potentially higher costs for the electrical.

ACO Investments will pay for any substation up grades. Mr. Achuthan indicated that his company would be willing to pay any additional cost for electricity. He was advised that this would need to be approved, for it is commissioned, and would need to be petitioned. ACO Investments will also be installing 23 acres of solar panels. The meters for the solar farm will be on the back side of the village electrical. This will reduce their demand for power. The solar panels should last between 20 to 30 years. They are working on a plan to recycle the panels at life end. Mr. Murnane suggested them to purchase a bond to ensure the funds will be available to properly dispose of the panels and the cost not be placed on the residents.

PLM is working on a study of the capacity of the substation.

Mr. Achuthan indicated that he will provide 34 jobs the first year, and up to 100 jobs by 2024.

The board thanked Hari Achuthan for all the details and transparencies.

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christopher W. Latremore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Christopher W Latremore
Village Clerk/Administrator