

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York, held on Monday, April 20, 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
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.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one chose to address the Board

**PUBLIC HEARING: COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT STRATEGY &
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Melissa McManus, Adore Kurtz from the Development Corporation and Scott Allen from AES, were present for the Public Hearing. Mayor Rivers opened the Public Hearing and asked for any comments from the public.

No one chose to address the Board regarding the plan so the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Trustee Birtz made a motion to accept the Community Redevelopment Strategy & Implementation Plan as presented; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; **ROLL CALL VOTE** All Ayes

Melissa McManus thanked Adore Kurtz and the Development Corporation for all of the time they donated in helping to put this strategy together. We have a product that will direct our effort and also provide lots of information to private businesses considering Rouses Point. She also thanked Scott Allen from AES, stating that it has been a great pleasure working with the many revisions as we came up with new data and that she appreciates the product. Mayor Rivers also thanked them on behalf of the Board and stated that he enjoyed working with them.

PUBLIC HEARING: LOCAL LAW #2 of the Year 2009 – “Moratorium on the acceptance for apartments in the downtown storefronts in the C1 zoned area of the Village of Rouses Point”

Mayor Rivers opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments from the Public.

Geri Favreau, 6 Pearl Street, Rouses Point asked if the moratorium gives any specific footage for store front. Mayor Rivers stated that he was not aware of there being any required and that they plan on making this a permanent law and when they do that will be included. Geri stated that she felt someone could get around this fairly easy and explained how. No one else chose to address the Board so Mayor Rivers closed the Public Hearing.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve Local Law #2 of the Year 2009 – Moratorium on the acceptance for apartments in the downtown storefronts in the C1 zoned area of the Village of Rouses Point’; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; **ROLL CALL VOTE** All Ayes

PUBLIC HEARING: 2009-2010 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mayor Rivers opened the Public Hearing and asked for comments from the Public. Treasurer Letourneau read the Budget Message. (SEE ATTACHED) No one else chose to address the Board so the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayor Rivers read the Budget Adoption Resolution. Trustee Birtz made a motion to adopt the 2009-2010 Village Budget as presented; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Geri Favreau gave an update on the 4th of July and made a formal request to Trustee Jefferson asking if he would perform the same duties has he has in the past years and he agreed that he would.

Geri Favreau stated that she was going to be at Wyeth on Wednesday for Earth Day. Melissa is going to set her up. Mayor Rivers thanked her for all the hard work she does.

Trustee Birtz stated that the Betty Little grant to be used for the Shared Services there is \$7000 that can be spent as long as it is associated with the Quadra-Centennial Celebration. This money can be used for whatever is needed as long as receipts are kept. The money may be able to be applied to the Skating Show, the Fete de Danse and July 4th that highlight the Quad.

BID RESULTS: Contract Bid 2009-03 – “Relay Cabinet for a Circuit Switcher”.

The Clerk announced that there were three bids received and read the results:

Electricomm, Inc. 4327 Kencrest Drive Syracuse, New York 13215	\$15,102.76 Bid Bond Attached No Deviations Delivery 8-10 weeks
Electrical Power Products 1800 Hull Ave. Des Moines, IA 50313	\$15,806 Bid Bond Attached No Deviations Delivery 8 – 12 weeks
Switchgear Power Systems P.O. Box 2885 Oshkosh, WI 54903-2885	\$18,630 Cashier’s Check No Deviations Delivery 06-17-09

Mayor Rivers explained that our Electrical Engineer had reviewed the bids and all three were satisfactory. However, the bid from Electrical Power Products submitted an option that stated that if they did not have to provide the binders for material the amount of \$1400 could be deducted. The other vendors were notified and were in agreement that this could be done however there were some questions regarding this bid and the Clerk asked that the Board not act on this bid at this time. The Board agreed to table it until some questions get answered.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Jefferson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 2009 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

BILLS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a Notice from Sead Nurkovic dba San Marino Restaurant notifying the Clerk of their intent to renew their liquor license.

The Clerk read a letter from the US CENSUS BUREAU notifying the Village that between April and July of 2009, U.S. Census employees will be visiting every housing unit in every neighborhood of our community.

The Clerk read a letter from Eric R. Day, Clinton County Office of Emergency Services asking the Village to renew the list of delegates for the Fire Advisory Board. The Term on the Fire Advisory Board is from May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. Mike LeBlanc is presently the delegate and Walt Laramie is the Alternate.

The Clerk read an invitation from the CEF Adirondack Tobacco Free Network to attend the recognition of Community Champions who have been instrumental in creating healthier tobacco free communities on May 21, 2009 at the Burgundy Room in Plattsburgh. No one wished to attend.

The Clerk read a letter from Montgomery Hose Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1, Inc. notifying the Village of the list of chiefs recently elected. The names are Mike LeBlanc, Fire Chief; Walt Laramie, 1st Asst. Chief and Junior Moore as 2nd Asst. Chief. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve the newly elected chiefs; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers stated that the proposed wall sign for the Village Office is in keeping what we have adopted for signs is the same size as the one at the Library and requested the Board to authorize for the purchase of a new wall sign. The cost of the sign is \$800. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve the purchase of this sign; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers requested a motion to accept the new web site. The Web Site will be kicked off on May 1st at Lakeside Coffee at 7:00 p.m. Discussion followed. The Mayor urged everyone to take a look at it.

Mayor Rivers requested that the Board meet for a Revitalization Project work session. The Board discussed the hours that Melissa has available to meet and chose to meet on Thursday, April 30th at 10:00 a.m. at the Village Office in the upstairs meeting room.

Mayor Rivers announced that he wished to appoint Mike LeBlanc and Walt Laramie as delegates to the Fire Advisory Board. Trustee Jefferson made a motion appointing Mike LeBlanc as Delegate and Walt Laramie as the Alternate to the Fire Advisory Board; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers read the Press Release on the Spring Cleanup. The days will be May 4, 2009 through May 7, 2009 starting at 7:30 a.m. Residents are requested to bag as much of the materials as possible and place at curbside by 7:30 a.m. in such a position so that parked cars, etc. do not block the pickup truck. This would greatly facilitate the collection. This is for the pickup of bagged clippings and leaves ONLY.

Mayor Rivers requested an Executive Session to discuss a Possible Litigation; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

TRUSTEE BRIAN B. JEFFERSON:

Trustee Jefferson announced that the NYMPA's 12th Annual Meeting will be held on May 21, 2009 in East Syracuse and made a motion authorizing Mayor Rivers and Trustee Cooper to attend this meeting; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Jefferson made a motion approving the Resolution designating Mayor George Rivers as the accredited delegate of the Village of Rouses Point at the May 21st NYMPA Meeting; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; ROLL CALL VOTE (4) Ayes (1) Mayor Rivers abstained

TRUSTEE JEAN L. BIRTZ:

Trustee Birtz explained that there was a problem with the bid for Contract 2009-03 “Large Diameter Hose” and made a motion to rescind the original motion awarding the bid to Tyler Fire Company; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Birtz made a motion authorizing the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice to go out to bid for Contract 2009-05 ‘LARGE DIAMETER HOSE’; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Birtz made a motion authorizing the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice to go out to bid for Contract 2009-06 ‘VEHICLE EXHAUST EXTRACTION SYSTEM’; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Birtz made a motion to amend the original resolution for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware Grants 2007-2009 from \$650 to \$1300; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

Trustee Birtz asked the Board to have the Clerk publish a Help Wanted Ad for a Full Time Library Technician; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; Trustee Cooper asked if the Village should be hiring new people at this time. Mayor Rivers stated that this position is in the budget. This position did not raise the tax rate. Trustee Cooper expressed his concerns about this new position. Mayor Rivers explained that since the library has gone on line through CEF they have increased from 200 members to over 400. Trustee Birtz explained that he has sat with the Library Board since he was appointed to the Library by Mayor Rivers and he has sat with the Library Board for over two years to remove the problem that was hindering the growth of the Library. We finally got that accomplished and the doors are open now. There is a lot the Library Board has done, there is a direction that they perceive that they want to do to step forward. There are grants available for Libraries and there is more use in the Library now because of this and these people have dedicated a lot of long hours to make this a very progressive piece of the Village. He continued to explain what is available for the patrons of the Library. Trustee Cooper then stated that he checked other libraries and they don’t have full time people. Some of the taxpayers in the Village are not enthusiastic about this. He personally thinks it is a good idea but he has to represent the people. AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE FRANCIS J. BAKER:

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

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

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

OTHER REPORTS:

TREASURER LETOURNEAU:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that he and Becky will be attending the training for the County tax program on April 27th. The previous date was cancelled.

The Treasurer announced that a press release was sent out regarding the water and sewer charges to be paid by April 30th and if not they get put on the taxes.

PWS Brian Pelkey asked the Board if the pole mount transformers could be surplused. The Village can sell them to Lake Placid or T & R. We normally get \$2/kva so we can get \$50 per transformer. Discussion followed. Trustee Baker made a motion to surplus the transformers; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

PWS Pelkey stated that the painting quotes for the Village Office to do the white trim. They are going to review them and make a final decision. The quotes came in under \$10,000. He has asked that the front of the building be done before the 4th of July and work on the back after.

PWS Pelkey stated that he met with Tom Garrand who does the refrigeration to go around to the Rec. Center for this meeting room, Library, Village Office and clean or air conditioners and see what has to be done with them. He is coming Saturday to work on the Village Office. for the cleaning of the air conditioners throughout the Village.

PWS Pelkey announced that the spring clean up is done with picking up the sand. They finished it today. They did an excellent job. He and the Line Crew have been working on Rose Avenue getting the pushes across. They will continue the maintenance on the streets.

Trustee Birtz complimented Bob Sterling for the great job he did on refurbishing the bathroom at he Village Office Garage. PWS Pelkey then stated that with the building repairs we are very fortunate to have the crews that we have because they are so versatile. Bob Sterling redid the bathroom and did an excellent job. Mayor Rivers stated that he received a call from a resident on Church Street who was impressed with the job that was done at his location.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Andrew Ewart, Dodge Memorial Library President, thanked the Board for the Budget and for the authorizing the posting for the full time position. He explained to the Board specifically Trustee Cooper the things that are planned for this individual. He also explained what the goal is of having this position and why it will be an asset.

RECESS:

Trustee Birtz moved to recess at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken during Executive Session regarding a Possible Litigation
No action taken during Executive Session regarding Civic Center Personnel
No action taken during Executive Session regarding a Possible Litigation

RECONVENE:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to reconvene at 8:30 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk