

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, December 7, 2009 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

ABSENT: Brian B. Jefferson, Trustee

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.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 2009 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

BILLS:

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

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers thanked everyone who showed up for the CP Rail Holiday Train. This year was probably the largest crowd we have ever had. It was a huge success.

Mayor Rivers thanked the Water Plant and the Clerk along with her staff for the great job that was done on the Annual Christmas Parade of Toys. It was probably the largest ever.

Mayor Rivers stated that CP Rail has been negotiating with the Village for some time to put a stretch of cable underground to Champlain Plastics for the unloading of the containers. In talking with Brian Pelkey today he told him to go ahead with this project. At this time we are charging for material only – no labor. This doesn't mean that we are not going to charge them but just not at this time. In the negotiations it is quite an expense involved for the Village to punch under Chapman Street and Pratt Street. It looks like it is going to happen but we haven't seen anything in writing yet and if it doesn't happen then they will be billed for the labor.

Trustee Baker stated that he is against starting this project. Discussion followed. Trustee Birtz stated that over the years the Mayor has been negotiating with CP Rail to run power cable under the railroad tracks on Pratt Street & Chapman Street. Discussion followed.

PWS Pelkey suggested that with the Board's approval he be allowed to proceed with the installation of the conduit and hold off on pulling in the wire until we get the money from CP Rail for the material. By that time we should have a signed agreement. Trustee Cooper made a motion to install the conduit and hold off on the installation of the wire until we receive money for the material; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers stated that we received a bid for the 1990 one-ton dump truck that was recently surplused. The bid was received from John Mott in the amount of \$457. Trustee Cooper made a motion to accept this bid for \$457; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE BIRTZ:

Trustee Birtz stated that everyone received a copy of the monthly report from the Dodge Memorial Library and gave an overview of what Donna Boumil has been doing through November. There has been a lot of improvements at the Library since Donna has started and it is much more user friendly. He complimented Donna for the great job and to the Library Board for making such a wise choice.

Mayor Rivers thanked Donna Racine for the display at the Library and that it was gorgeous.

TRUSTEE BAKER:

Nothing to Report

TRUSTEE COOPER:

Trustee Cooper announced the Winter Parking Ban is in effect from December 1st to March 31st between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This has been posted and in the papers. We had a lot of problems last year because people didn't get the message.

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

Mayor Rivers stated that in reference to the parking ban the day before it took effect, the patrolman on duty, put a warning on everyone's car.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

No one chose to address the Board

OTHER REPORTS:

The Clerk wished to thank everyone who helped with the Parade of Toys. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by everyone.

Treasurer Letourneau stated that the employees met with Burnam Financial to review the health insurance plan and it went very well.

PWS Brian Pelkey explained that he is going to continue the front door entrance by replacing the entry door to the office because it keeps opening everytime the front door is opened. The second part of the project is for the replacing of the back door. These are budgeted items and we are about \$5,000 below budget on this project.

RECESS:

Trustee Baker made a motion to recess at 7:16 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was taken during Executive Session regarding PW Personnel.

RECONVENE:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to reconvene at 7:17 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Cooper made a motion to reclassify Heath Cardin to a MEO II effective January 1, 2009 at a salary of \$13.74/hour; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk