

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York, held on Monday, June 15, 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.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Rivers presented Meghan Sheehan, a 5th grader at the NCCS Rouses Point Elementary School with a Proclamation for submitting the slogan “Celebration of the Exploration” which was chosen by the July 4th Celebration Committee as the winning entry. (SEE ATTACHED)

Jan Letourneau, a member of the July 4th Committee thanked all of the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders for their submission for our theme and Meghan was the lucky winner of “Celebration of the Exploration” and presented Meghan with a gift certificate from Sandy’s Deli and we will be giving her a Quadri-Centennial tee shirt and banner. She was also asked to be a special guest in the parade by riding in one of the fire trucks. Jan then presented Meghan with a Certificate from the 4th of July Committee.

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 June 1, 2009 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

BILLS:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that there was one addition to the list of bills from FICA Card Services for \$1,435.51 for the police department when they went down to Albany for their equipment calibration; Electric school expenses for Eric Miller; NYMPA meeting expenses for Trustee Cooper and Mayor Rivers; NYRWA Conference for Tom Reid & Gary Molinski and items for the youth reading program. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve the list of bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a letter from Assemblywoman Duprey thanking the Board for the resolution supporting the four lane “rooftop” highway.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers stated that the discussion regarding the Engineer’s Agreement will be discussed later. Trustee Jefferson stated that the Village Engineer will be meeting with the Board for an executive session. He then explained his position on having a contract with our Village Engineer.

Mayor Rivers presented a ‘Tobacco Point of Purchase Resolution’ and explained that the resolution was to urge retail stores licensed to sell tobacco to take voluntary steps to reduce the size and number of tobacco advertising and promotional displays that are visible from both outside and inside of the store. Mayor Rivers made a motion to approve this resolution; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE ALL AYES (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Rivers stated that he wished to surplus the 1997 Police Car and stated that he is waiting for one of the dealers to get back to him with an amount of what the vehicle is worth. The Board asked that it be set at the Village Office with a ‘For Sale’ sign. This vehicle is to be sold **AS IS** and the deadline will be July 1st. Trustee Cooper made a motion to approve to surplus this vehicle; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers made a motion requesting an Executive Session to discuss a possible litigation; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; ROLL CALL VOTE ALL AYES

TRUSTEE BRIAN B. JEFFERSON:

Trustee Jefferson made a motion requesting an Executive Session to discuss a contract negotiation; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; ROLL CALL VOTE ALL AYES

Trustee Jefferson announced that the starting time of the parade has been changed from 7:00 p.m to 6:00 p.m. This will be announced on Hometown Cable and published in the papers.

TRUSTEE JEAN L. BIRTZ:

Trustee Birtz made a motion requesting an Executive Session to discuss electrical personnel; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE ALL AYES

TRUSTEE FRANCIS J. BAKER:

Trustee Baker gave an update on the progress of the Civic Center ceiling. They have taken down all of the foam and should be starting to prime by the end of the week. They are doing a good job. Discussion followed.

TRUSTEE JOHN L. COOPER:

Trustee Cooper stated that we advertised in the papers for a new hire for the public works and after many interviews the successful candidate is Heath Cardin who will be starting work on Tuesday.

Trustee Baker made a motion to authorize the Zoning and Planning Board Members to attend the training to be held in Albany on July 23rd; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

OTHER REPORTS:

VILLAGE CLERK:

The Village Clerk announced that if any resident wishes to be placed on the list for the July 4th Garage Sales to call 297-5502.

TREASURER LETOURNEAU:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that NCCS has upped their reimbursement for mileage for various programs and it will cost us an additional \$312 for the skiing program and additional \$465 on the swim program. Jan Letourneau, Recreation Leader, stated that the rate has been raised from \$1.25 to \$2.00 per mile. Jan then explained the purposes of the increase. Discussion followed.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

No one chose to address the Board.

RECESS:

Trustee Birtz moved to recess at 7:25 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 a Contract Negotiation

No action taken during Executive Session regarding Electrical Personnel

RECONVENE:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to reconvene at 8:24 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to pay Specialty Hearse & Ambulance in the amount of \$1,511.66 for half the cost of repairs they had to make to the ambulance that was taken in on a trade in from the Village when they purchased the new ambulance; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Birtz;
AYE CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk