

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York, held on May 18, 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.

BID RESULTS: Contract 2009-06 – “Vehicle Exhaust Extraction System”

The Clerk stated that the following bids were received:

Air Technology Solutions, Inc. 337 High Street Burlington, NJ 08016	\$37,500	Bid Bond Attached Deviates from Requirements of Contract Delivery 45 Business Days
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Air Cleaning System Inc. 8 Sunset Drive Latham, NY 12110	\$48,911	Check Attached No Deviations Delivery 90 Days
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The Clerk stated that Fire Chief Michael LeBlanc submitted his recommendation to the Board and gave his reasons in his evaluation of the Air Technology solutions.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to accept the bid from Air Cleaning System Inc. in the amount of \$48,911; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; Mayor Rivers stated that for the record there were several deviations from the bid contract made by Air Technology Solutions, Inc. AYE
CARRIED

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 May 4, 2009 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

BILLS:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that there was one addition to the list of bills which is the NYPA monthly bill in the amount of \$78,818.79. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve the list of bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a letter from Montgomery Hose, Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1, Inc. stating that the members unanimously approved to turn ownership of the new fire/rescue boat and trailer to the Village of Rouses Point as another piece of apparatus for the Rouses Point Fire Department. The only stipulation is associated with the turnover of this equipment is that the Village must not sell or salvage this fire/rescue boat and trailer without the written approval of the members of Montgomery Hose, Hook & Ladder Company. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to accept the fire/rescue boat and trailer with the stipulation; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

The Clerk read a notice from Angelo's Pizza & Grill, Inc. notifying the Clerk of their intent to renew their liquor license.

The Clerk read a request from Ann & Junior Moore to use the Rec. Park from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday June 13, 2009. They also requested a waiver of the Open Container Law for the length of the party. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to allow them to use the Park and waive the Open Container Law for this event; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

The Clerk read a letter from Norman Lague, Patrol Agent in Charge, Champlain, NY requesting use of the Rec. Center for a family picnic on May 30, 2009 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. They also requested a waiver of the Open Container Law. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to allow them to use the park and waive the Open Container law for this event; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:**MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:**

Mayor Rivers requested permission to sign the agreement with the Village Engineer. Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign this agreement with the Village Engineer; Seconded by Trustee Cooper for discussion; Trustee Birtz stated that he was not happy with the services received from Mr. Ferris. In the budget the amount proposed for the engineer is \$26,000. Treasurer Letourneau stated that that amount is for 23 hours per month. In the contract he is asking for 35 hours a month which is needed at \$95/hour. Discussion followed. The Board made a decision to table the approval of this agreement until the next meeting.

Mayor Rivers requested permission to attend the 100th Annual NYCOM Meeting being held in Saratoga, June 28 – July 1, 2009. Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing Mayor Rivers to attend this meeting; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers presented a Budget Modification. Treasurer Letourneau reviewed the budget modification and stated that the purpose of this resolution is to bring the budget back in line. Trustee Birtz made a motion to approve this Budget Modification as presented; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Rivers presented a Resolution to support the construction of a Four Lane Highway in St. Lawrence, Lewis, Franklin, Jefferson and Clinton Counties and urge the assistance of elected State and Federal Officials to make it a reality. Trustee Birtz made a motion to approve this Resolution as presented; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; ROLL CALL VOTE 4 Ayes – 1 Nay (Trustee Jefferson) (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Rivers stated that he received notice from NYCOM regarding a Local Government Consolidation Proposal. The Attorney General of the State of NY wants to get passed into law the dissolution of a Village, Town, County etc. be reduced from 33% of the voters to 10%. This is not right. NYCOM is asking that we send a letter of opposition to the Governor, Attorney General, as well as representatives from the Senate and Assembly letting them know that we oppose the signature requirement to be lowered to 10%. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to support NYCOM on this matter; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE BRIAN B. JEFFERSON:

Trustee Jefferson had nothing to report.

TRUSTEE JEAN L. BIRTZ:

Trustee Birtz asked Colleen Pelletier, Temporary Library Technican, to make the announcement for the the chosen Library Technician Position. Colleen stated that the Library Board met and decided that Donna J. Boumil best met all of the qualifications for that position and therefore recommended that Donna J. Boumil be the Director of the Library effective July 1, 2009. Discussion followed regarding this permanent position.

Trustee Birtz made a motion to recommend the hiring of Donna J. Boumil, as a Provisional Library Technician effective July 1, 2009 for a six month probationary period; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Colleen stated that from June 1st until June 30th Donna will continue to work her part-time position at the Library.

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

TRUSTEE BAKER:

Trustee Baker stated that he needs to discuss the Civic Center ceiling and suggested that the Board award the quote to Placid Foam Insulation. Trustee Cooper asked the Mayor to explain to the public what is going on with the roof. Mayor Rivers explained that the roof leaked causing a problem with the sprayed on insulation. It got wet and started to fall and also started to develop mold. It all has to come out. This contractor can take it out and dispose of it, spray on 1½” layer of foam insulation which will seal everything. The rust spots will have to be sealed with primer paint. The last step is spraying the 1½” of foam with a fire retardant paint. The paint recommended by this company is a flame retardant paint that does not meet a 20 minute burn rating. Discussion followed.

The Board made a decision to approve the Placid Foam Insulation do the first two steps of the project and hold off on the painting until a quote is received for the 20 minute burn rating paint. Step #1 is to remove all K13 material from the roof deck, purlins, bracings and steel trusses. Prepping of all rusted areas on the south side of the roof by removing all loose rust. He specs an area of 9000 to 10000 sq. ft. to be prepped and primed in the amount of \$58,000. Step #2 is spraying the roof area and purlins with 1½” closed cell ridge 2.1/lb/ft³ density foam - Product is Heatlock Soy manufactured by Demilec USA in the amount of \$70,000. The Board will decide on the paint at a later date.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve the proposal from Placid Foam Insulation for #1 and #2 of the proposal; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE JOHN J. COOPER:

Trustee Cooper made a motion authorizing Scott Bechard to travel to DCJS in Albany to get the annual calibrations of the Radars and Datamaster; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Cooper gave an update on the Public Works Maintenance Person position. He stated that it was advertised and we have received applications and hopes we get a few more. The deadline to apply is the 20th of May. As soon as we get a recommendation from the PWS we will then be able to hire by June 1st.

OTHER REPORTS:**VILLAGE CLERK:**

The Village Clerk stated that in case anyone was wondering the flower pots for the downtown should be delivered this week.

TREASURER LETOURNEAU:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that he and Becky Deso attended the software training in the Village of Champlain last Thursday to do software training on the new tax program with the County and that the tax bills have been ordered.

Treasurer Letourneau stated that this is the month that residents can sign up for budget billing for the monthly utility bills. The end of the month is the last day to sign up for this.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

PWS Pelkey stated that in 2007 he and the Mayor met with Marc Buckard who is an engineer for CP Rail about putting the Champlain Plastics line underground in two spans. We corresponded with him that nothing would be done until we had easements in our hand. We now have the easements. He emailed him and asked what the next step was. The next step for us is to draw him up a design guideline and a billing for us to do this because this would be at their expense. There is a timetable and he is looking toward the fall. This will be running two spans with a pole line underground. If the Board has any concerns or doubt to let him know. They will be charged for materials, man hours, equipment hours, a full cost to CP Rail. He just wanted to inform the Board of this project.

Trustee Birtz asked PWS Pelkey about having perpendicular parking lines in front of the store owners on Lake Street and then on Montgomery Street. Could this be done before the 4th of July. Brian didn't think this could be done and stated that within the next week he would like to get the crosswalks painted, get the flowers and flags up, and the garbage cans out.

Trustee Birtz asked about the moving of the crosswalk down by the Montgomery St. Pier. The Mayor stated that it will be moved west from the curve. It was also brought to his attention that from the crosswalk – the sidewalk on the north side to the next manhole put tarmac. All of the gravel is coming onto the road. Trustee Birtz also asked about putting two car spots parallel to the handicapped parking spots. Discussion followed.

Colleen Pelletier thanked everyone for the past year for the support shown in the library. May 30th is her last official day here and invited everyone to the library for a lunch on Saturday, May 30th. Trustee Birtz stated that for anyone who does not know, Colleen has spent many years working at the Plattsburgh Library System. She has helped us out tremendously computerizing and getting us up to date with the library and thanked her for the great job. Mayor Rivers also thanked her. Colleen stated that hopefully everyone stays on track because we have a wonderful Village and we are trying to really show people what a library can do for a small Village and what it difference it can make for the people of the Village.

Mike LeBlanc stated that he received a letter from the Fire Chief from Ellenburg Center and had given the Board a copy. They stated that with the purchase of the new large diameter hose from the grant that we will have excess large diameter hose and they are requesting to acquire the hose. Chief LeBlanc asked the Board to surplus the hose and give it to the Ellenburg Center Volunteer Fire Department; Trustee Jefferson made a motion to surplus the old large diameter hose and give it to the Ellenburg Center Volunteer Fire Dept.; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

Fire Chief LeBlanc thanked the Board for accepting the new boat and trailer and asked if it would be possible to dock the boat behind the Village Office and if it would be possible to have an electrical outlet put out their. The Board had no problem with the Fire Dept. docking the boat

there.

Fire Chief LeBlanc asked if it was possible to sometime this summer place a slab under the fuel tank because it is sinking. This will be added to Brian's List.

RECESS:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to recess at 7:59 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action taken during Executive Session regarding Electric Personnel

RECONVENE:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to reconvene at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk