

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, November 16, 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 Pelkey, PW Supervisor

**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:**

Vincent Guay, 117 Lake Street expressed his discontent with the process of the Planning Board on new businesses coming into Rouses Point. Discussion followed.

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS:**

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to accept the minutes of November 2, 2009 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

**BILLS: VOUCHER NOS: 13180 – 13250 \$236,172.85**

Treasurer Letourneau stated that there were three (3) additions to the bills: Montgomery Hose, Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1 on the list of bills is \$630.00 which is reimbursement for Quad expenses and it should be \$925.95; NYS Sales Tax for the October sales tax is \$955.58; and FIA Card Services for \$479.04 for NYMPA expenses for the Mayor, safety school expenses for Jason, Dan & Eric; Water Plant schooling for Dan Guay and parts for the drivers door and mirror for the Water Plant truck. The bill for Marvin Bechard is the final payment due for the bandstand. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to pay the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk read a letter from Amy Brown, 53 Smith Street, thanking the Mayor, Brian Pelkey and the Board of Trustees for installing a streetlight in front of her home on Smith Street so quickly.

The Clerk read a letter from Anthony LaSalvia, Taghkanic Volunteer Fire Company, thanking the Village for the donation of the Hover Craft.

The Clerk read a letter from Kimberly McGoldrick requesting permission to start a program called the "Memory Tree". This is where families can put information on an ornament of their loved one. She will set up her e-mail where she can receive all information of the family members that they would like honored. She will then make the ornament for them to put up or they can bring their own. She will contact area businesses, put out fliers, put it in church bulletins, and in the newspaper. She will be working with our area teen Girl Scouts from Champlain and Rouses Point. She would like to do this on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, 2009 at 7:00. The Clerk stated that in speaking with Kim, she would like to place the ornaments on one of the Village's Christmas trees either in the park or by the Village Office. Trustee Baker made a motion to allow Mrs. McGoldrick to start this program; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

**REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:**

**MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:**

Mayor Rivers reported that the Annual CP Rail Holiday Train will be here on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November at 11:00 p.m. He explained that the train will again be stopping in Rouses Point on their way south this year instead of being the last stop when they normally come

through. The Mayor also asked that everyone bring a canned good for the local Food Shelf. CP Rail also donates to our local food shelf every year.

Mayor Rivers also announced that the Parade of Toys will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. As always, it starts at the park and goes over to the gazebo at the Village Office. There will be cookies and hot chocolate served and the children can chat with Santa and hear from a Story Teller.

Mayor Rivers requested approval of the Veteran's Park and Gateway (former beach) concept sketches for submittal to DOS. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to approve the sketches; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

**TRUSTEE JEFFERSON**

Trustee Jefferson had nothing to report.

**TRUSTEE BIRTZ:**

Trustee Birtz stated that he received a letter from Andrew Ewart, President of the Library Board, requesting that Donna Boumil be appointed as the Permanent Full-time Library Technician and made a motion to appoint Donna Boumil to this position; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; Trustee Jefferson and Trustee Birtz both complimented on the great job that Donna is doing at the Library. AYE CARRIED

**TRUSTEE BAKER:**

Trustee Baker had nothing to report.

**TRUSTEE COOPER:**

Trustee Cooper made a motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE Aye Carried

**OTHER REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:**

PWS Pelkey gave an update that the street department is getting the plow trucks and snow equipment ready for the season; they are installing four hydrants on the dead end lines in certain developments so you will see them digging and installing them so that the water plant personnel can flush the lines; the line crew is out doing the stray voltage testing which is done every year; a few more street lights are being put in on Academy Street; next week the crew will be working on the Christmas lights; the lines will be taken down on Rose Avenue, State St., and Academy St. after the Christmas lights are put up.

At the supervisors meeting held this morning the subject of the flooding on Beechwood was discussed. We have been looking at what the problem is in that area. Through the years they started with a 24" pipe reduced to 18" and then 12". They found that the pipe we have in stock could be used to do half of the project and then continue the rest of it in June. He asked for the Board's approval to proceed with this project. It is not a budgeted project but with having the pipe it will entail only labor and some small material. We have a right a way to work on this project. Trustee Baker made a motion to authorize this project; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

PWS Pelkey asked the Mayor to surplus the 1990 Dump Truck. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to surplus this vehicle to be sold as is; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

PWS Pelkey stated that the sewer line that runs in back of the Village Office to the northend pump station needs to be cleaned out of the debris/stone/gravel that has settled in it. Engineer Doug Ferris has made a recommendation that do a spec sheet to have a company come in to clean it with a high pressure cleaner and a vac truck to take all this debris out of the pipe and have them camera it. The last time it was checked the pipe was still in good shape. Discussion followed. Trustee Jefferson made a motion allowing the Village Engineer to do up the specifications for this project; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

Treasurer Letourneau asked for authorization to do a purchase order to buy a new copier for the Court System. The cost of the new copier is \$999 w/trade-in of \$476 for the old one and the service contract will be \$225/year. There is money available in the budget for this. Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Treasurer to order this new copier; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

Geri Favreau, 6 Pearl Street, asked the Board if they could advertise for Planning Board Alternates. There are no alternates since Maggie Barie and Tom Batha are now members and John Huchro has resigned. Mayor Rivers stated that he has already asked that this be done.

**RECESS:**

Trustee Cooper made a motion to recess at 7:37 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No action was taken during Executive Session regarding Police Personnel.

**RECONVENE:**

Mayor Rivers made a motion to reconvene at 7:53 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Baker made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield  
Village Clerk