

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York, held on Monday, October 19, 2009 at the Rouses Point Civic Center, Community room, commencing at 7:15 p.m.

PRESENT: George A. Rivers, Mayor
Brian B. Jefferson, Trustee
Kelly A. Penfield, Trustee
Francis J. Baker, Trustee

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

ABSENT: Jean L. Birtz, Trustee

RECORDING SECRETARY: Carol A. Hanfield, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one chose to address the Board.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Baker moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2009 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

BILLS:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that there were two additions to the list of bills. The first from Haselton Auto Mall in the amount of \$28,557.92 for the new 2009 Tahoe and the second one from Emergency Vehicle Outfitters for lighting and other items for the new Tahoe. He further stated that the two bills are covered by a grant. Trustee Jefferson moved to approve the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read a letter from John Huchro notifying the Mayor of his resignation from the Planning Board as an Alternate. Trustee Jefferson accepted his resignation with regrets; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers announced that the Fall Pick-up will commence on October 26th through October 30th. He reminded the residents that this collection is for the pickup of bagged leaves, shrubs and tree limbs less than 3" in diameter only. There will be no pickup of paint cans, tires, stumps,

waste oil, stones, cement or wood. Residents are also reminded to bag all leaves in clear bags only and place them curbside in such a position so that parked cars, etc. do not block the pickup truck.

Mayor Rivers stated that the compost facility will remain closed because of the new regulations imposed on us. We are unable to control what people dump at our site. He stated that he contacted the DEC today and they will be sending us information as to what we have to do.

He continued to address the issue of abuse that takes place at our facility. It has been happening for years and now something has to be done to eliminate these problems. He is asking the general public to please bear with us until we can come up with a solution to remedy the problem. According to one of the individuals he spoke to at DEC there are grants available that we can possibly obtain down the road to help set up a proper facility. Brian Pelkey explained the process that the Village is presently doing with the composting of the leaves and they will start chipping the brush which can be used to mix with the leaves. Mayor Rivers suggested that we have to get in touch with our County Legislatures to help with this issue. Discussion followed.

Mayor Rivers explained that the Moratorium for the use of illuminated signs within the C1 zoned district of the Village needs to be extended. Trustee Jefferson made a motion authorizing the Clerk to publish a Legal Notice for a Public Hearing on this moratorium; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers stated that we received the second quote for the Security Systems and suggest that the Board meet with the two companies to discuss their systems. The Board would like to meet on Tuesday, October 27th at 10:00 a.m. at Halstead Hall.

Mayor Rivers stated that we received the contract from Marvin Bechard for the building of the outdoor stage at the Civic Center. This project is at no cost to the Village except for the stone and wiring.

Steve Merchant, 15 Clinton Street, stated that the stage will be 34' x 22' with vinyl siding outside, tongue and groove on the ceiling and walls and pressure treated lumber on the floor. The total cost of the contract to do this project is \$19,531.87 which includes the material and labor. To date the committee has \$13,500 from the grant money received from the State Quad Commission and have received donations from civic organizations. He then stated that if anyone would like to donate they can make out the check to the Village of Rouses Point.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Bechard' Construction II, LLC; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE BRIAN B. JEFFERSON:

Trustee Jefferson stated that we received a quote for the damage to the water department's Chevy S10. Mayor Rivers stated that additional quotes are required and asked that this be tabled until the next meeting.

TRUSTEE JEAN L. BIRTZ:

Absent

TRUSTEE FRANCIS J. BAKER:

Trustee Baker stated that the final walk was done on the Civic Center ceiling and the crew will be back up next week to finish cleaning up. The ceiling looks great.

TRUSTEE JOHN L. COOPER:

Trustee Cooper stated that he met with our insurance broker this morning and asked the Board to review the booklets that were given to them. A meeting will be held with the Union personnel before anything is changed on the insurance. There is a 16% projected increase on our health insurance.

OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that he looked up what is available for security in the budget and the Civic Center has \$9,194 and the electric fund has \$15,075 for a total of \$24,269.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Vincent Guay, 117 Lake Street, addressed the Board with issues he had regarding the Planning Board. Mayor Rivers explained to him that the Village has is required to have a Planning Board. Mr. Guay stated that he feels that Board has harassed the new marina people and others and he is scared that businesses will not want to come to the Village. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Cooper;
AYE CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk