

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, October 5, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: Local Law #4 of the Year 2009 – “Amending Chapter 60 , DOGS, of the Village Code of the Village of Rouses Point”

Mayor Rivers explained that the only thing that has been changed is the section on urinating was removed. The wording was put back to the original wording.

Harry McManus, 19 Smith Street, asked what a citizen is to do when they observe another citizen violating this law. He was told to confront the individual to pick up or they will be visited by our local police department and if they don't call our PD and they will address it.

No one else chose to address the Board so Mayor Rivers closed the Public Hearing.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to adopt Local Law #4 as amended; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

BID RESULTS: Contract 2009-07 – ‘Substation Electrical Equipment & Material’ (SEE ATTACHED LIST)

Mayor Rivers stated that the bids were received for the above bid and according to our electrical engineer that the low bid can meet everything. They have no deviations and various delivery dates. Our engineer recommends that Hamby Young from Ohio be awarded this bid in the amount of \$13,851.00. Brian Pelkey, PWS stated that he went through the material list and if they can produce the material it is a good price.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to accept the bid from Hamby Young in the amount of \$13,851; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Harry McManus, County Legislator, commended Mayor Rivers for extracting money from the County for things that are under the broad spectrum in this case Homeland Security by discussing the security fence at the new water tower. He also gave an update on the following: Term limit issues for the Legislators; the Northern Tier Expressway; the Mosaic Project at the County Center; the Airport's – hoping for non stop flights; the State Budget and the Counties position on this; and the Mayor asked about the elections being run by the County. Discussion followed.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

The Clerk stated that it was brought to her attention that she forgot to change the opening of the minutes and that they should be “Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point was held on Monday, September 28, 2009 at the Village Office located at 139 Lake Street, Rouses Point commencing at 9:00 a.m.” Trustee Jefferson made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 21st meeting as presented and the September 28th special meeting as amended; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

BILLS:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read an invitation from the Plattsburgh North Country Chamber of Commerce for a very special Quebec-New York Luncheon I featuring Honorable Pierre Arcand, Minister of International Relations, Government of Quebec, on Monday, October 19th from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Plattsburgh. No one from the Board wished to attend this luncheon.

The Clerk read an invitation from Donna Boumil stating that Dodge Memorial Library is going to be hosting a meeting regarding a gentleman who will be giving a session on Open Meeting Sessions and if anyone wishes to attend they may do so.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers stated that he along with Trustees Cooper and Jefferson attended the annual IEEP meeting in Syracuse. It was very informative. The Mayor reviewed the listed measures associated with the upgrades of energy that are listed in the Agreement between the New York Power Authority and the Village – Concerning Energy Services Expanded Measures. The governor wants this major blitz on energy so every municipal electric is assigned to borrow a certain amount of money which depends on the amount of power they use to implement energy conservation. The amount the Village will have to borrow is \$58,000 and they are working on getting the interest rate at 0%. Trustee Cooper stated that it was explained that they are not asking us but directing us to sign this agreement. Discussion followed.

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign this IEEP Agreement concerning energy conservation between the NYPA and the Village of Rouses Point; Seconded by Trustee Cooper; AYE CARRIED (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Rivers stated that NYCOM is hosting a conference on the 9th of November 2009 at the Crowne Plaza in Albany. The purpose of this conference is to develop NYCOM's legislative program for 2010. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to attend this conference; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers stated that the Verizon Agreement is not the construction contract but the contract for Verizon on how they are going to put up their building. There are prints attached to the agreement. Treasurer Letourneau asked if this agreement addressed lease payments. Mayor Rivers said that there will be another contract before construction. The construction still has to be approved by Landmark. The Village Attorney is still reviewing this agreement. Discussion followed. This Agreement will be tabled until our attorney has approved it to be signed.

Mayor Rivers stated that we received a proposal from Trahan Construction, Inc. to replace/install new doors and enclose the front office entrance. Brian Pelkey, PWS had reviewed the proposal and was satisfied. The money is in the budget for this project. We chose to do the project inside of the building instead of the outside. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to award the proposal from Trahan Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$4,326 for this project; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON

Trustee Jefferson read a letter from Gary Molinski notifying the Board that we have completed our third quarter sampling for Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids. The test results are back and we have maintained an average below the MCL levels for Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids and we remain in compliance for both.

A motion was made by Trustee Jefferson to authorize Gary Molinski and Mike Riley to attend a one day seminar in Ballston Spa, N.Y. on 11/5/09; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE BIRTZ:

Trustee Birtz stated that he and Trustee Baker attended the Shared Services meeting in Champlain and then gave an update on the Shared Services Study that is being done.

Trustee Birtz gave an update on events taking place at the Library and complimented Donna Boumil for the great job that she is doing as our new Library Director.

TRUSTEE BAKER:

Trustee Baker gave an update on what is going on at the Civic Center.

TRUSTEE COOPER:

Had nothing to report

VILLAGE CLERK:

The Clerk thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the NYCOM training in Albany. It was very informative.

TREASURER:

The Treasurer also thanked the Board for allowing him to attend the NYCOM training in Albany.

The Treasurer stated that he and the Deputy Treasurer met with Tish Bismeyer, Burnham Financial, our health insurance broker and would like to set up a meeting with Trustee Cooper and Trustee Birtz, on October 19th to discuss our options regarding our health insurance and the proposed increases. It was agreed that the meeting will be held on the 19th at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

Brian Pelkey, PWS stated that we have received our salt allotment for the year and the town delivered our sand. It is all mixed and in the building; we are finishing the blacktopping, the sidewalks are pretty much done for the year; the electric projects are on-going; we are energizing Rose Ave. tomorrow and will start taking the lines down and cutting the houses over and then going over to State Street and then put in the street lighting on Academy.

Our mechanic, John Bernard will be out 4 – 6 weeks due to surgery. We will continue to do our mechanical work with Kim and the rest of the guys.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

No one chose to address the Board

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Baker made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson;
AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk