

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York, held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at Halstead Hall, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Brian B. Jefferson, Deputy Mayor
Jean L. Birtz, Trustee
Francis J. Baker, Trustee
Dennis F. Roberts, Trustee

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

ABSENT: George A. Rivers, Mayor

RECORDING SECRETARY: Carol A. Hanfield, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor Jefferson called the meeting to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one chose to address the Board

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Birtz stated that a change is needed on the minutes of February 1, 2010. Page 2 under Trustee Baker it should read that the 'fee for the Civic Center of \$350 per day was set for non-profit only'. The fee of \$500 was imposed at the previous meeting on use by profit organizations. A motion was made by Trustee Birtz to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2010 meeting as amended; Seconded by Trustee Roberts; **AYE CARRIED**

BILLS:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that there was one addition to the list of bills from FIA Card Services for \$55.88 - \$26.23 for Safety Training for Electric and \$29.65 for the Mayor for the Fire Chiefs meeting expenses. Deputy Mayor Jefferson moved to approve the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Baker; **AYE CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk read an invitation from the Plattsburgh Chamber of Commerce for the 2010 New York State Legislative Forum featuring Senator Betty Little; Assemblywoman Janet Duprey and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward to be held on Friday, March 5th from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30a.m. at the West Side Ballroom, 253 New York Road, PARC, Plattsburgh. The cost is \$17 per person. A full breakfast buffet is included. Deputy Mayor Jefferson stated that the Mayor wishes to attend and made a motion authorizing two (2) to be able to attend this forum; Seconded by Trustee Baker; **AYE CARRIED**

The Clerk read an invitation from the Plattsburgh Chamber of Commerce for the 52nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast to be held on Wednesday, March 17th at 7:30 a.m. at SUNY Angell

Center Ballroom. The cost is \$24/person. Deputy Mayor Jefferson stated that he may attend. Trustee Jefferson stated that Mayor Rivers wishes to attend this and made a motion authorizing two (2) be allowed to attend this breakfast; Seconded by Trustee Roberts; AYE CARRIED

The Clerk read a letter from Chaudry S. Khan that was received certified mail notifying the Village of his intent to apply for an On-premises License for Johni Sports Bar on 84 Champlain Street.

The Clerk read a letter from Chazy Volunteer Fire Department thanking the Rouses Point Fire Department Cold Water Rescue Team for the quick and professional mutual aid to their district on January 31, 2010.

The Clerk read a letter from Nelson E. Barcomb Jr., advising the Board that he will be retiring from the Village effective March 27, 2010. Deputy Mayor Jefferson made a motion to accept Nelson's retirement with deep regrets and thanked him for his service to the Village; Seconded by Trustee Baker; Trustee Birtz also wished him a happy and healthy retirement and hope that he enjoys riding his motorcycle; AYE CARRIED.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Absent

TRUSTEE BRIAN B. JEFFERSON:

Deputy Mayor Jefferson read an Election Resolution naming the candidates for election and the polling place and hours and made a motion to approve this resolution; Seconded by Trustee Baker; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

Trustee Jefferson stated that the Mayor received a letter asking residents to send to Governor Patterson regarding the closing of Lyon Mountain Correctional. The Clerk has made up the letters and they are available at the front desk in the Village Office. Residents can sign and mail them out to the Governor.

The next item to be discussed was the quotes received for the Cleaning and Internal Condition Assessment of the Village Sewer Lines and turned it over to Trustee Roberts.

Trustee Roberts read the following results:

National Water Main Cleaning Co. Canton, MA	Cleaning \$19.50 / lf CCTV \$ 3.00 / lf
New England Pipe Cleaning Co. Watertown, CT	Cleaning \$ 4.46 / lf CCTV \$ 4.46/ lf
Hartigan Company Middlesex, Vt.	Cleaning \$ 4.00/ lf CCTV \$.72 / lf

Trustee Roberts stated that the Village Engineer Douglas Ferris recommends that we accept the quote from Hartigan Company and made a motion to accept the quote from Hartigan Company; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

TRUSTEE JEAN L. BIRTZ:

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

Trustee Birtz made a motion to authorize the Village Historian and members of the Historical Society to attend the Northern New York Library Network Archival Conference in Canton on April 9, 2010. Donna Racine stated that lunch is included, four (4) speakers and a \$10 registration fee. A total of ten (10) individuals will be allowed to attend; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE FRANCIS J. BAKER:

Trustee Baker had nothing to report.

TRUSTEE DENNIS F. ROBERTS:

Trustee Roberts had nothing else to report.

OTHER REPORTS:

TREASURER LETOURNEAU:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that would like to schedule a budget meeting for Thursday, February 25th @ 3:00 upstairs at the Village Office.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

PWS Pelkey stated that the street crew replaced the roof on the gazebo, repaired the plywood, put all new tin and did a new fascia. They did a good job. They have also been working on replacing the windows in the Civic Center. The line crew is working at the substation trying to get the work done for this spring getting cable pulled across the substation and have been trying to do some building maintenance and repairs that have to be done.

Deputy Mayor Jefferson asked Geri Favreau about the boxing off of the front of the stage. Geri told him when they get the money and that it is very expensive and will run \$2,000 - \$4,000. He asked about putting an 8' chain linked fence that they bring together and wrap it and lock it. Geri stated that it was a concern having one like that because of being able to throw stuff inside through the openings. They still have to put a handicapped ramp on and they may have enough money for that. The committee has met to work on getting entertainment together and hope to be able to have a hat passed around for donations. The priority is the ramp and they also have to put up a plaque giving recognition to the state agencies that we received the money from.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Geri Favreau stated that we are still looking for a chair for the 4th of July, someone to take over her responsibilities that she did last year. In speaking for herself and the Clerk she stated that we

will still do the background work ie; working on the sponsors and participants in the parade, etc. it is somebody basically to handle the weekend. A meeting of the July 4th committee is being held on Thursday at the fire station. They had talked about changing a few things but it will probably stay the same as it has in the past. The 4th of July is on a Sunday this year so we may run into some problems with the bands.

Geri announced that they are in the planning stages of holding another Fort Montgomery Days – September 25 – 26. It will be easier if they stay away from all of us if we stay away from Plattsburgh. They will be doing some things that same but will be working on making a few changes this year. Discussion followed.

Geri also asked for clarification on the fee at the Civic Center being \$350 for non-profit. The Regional Theater will be coming back this year and they normally don't charge because they asked Wyeth or the Village to pay for this event so will they still have to pay this fee. Deputy Mayor Jefferson stated that this will be discussed and will get back to her.

RECESS:

Trustee Birtz moved to recess at 7:22 p.m.; seconded by Trustee Baker; 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 Baker made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk