

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, January 4, 2010 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
Dennis F. Roberts, 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.

OATH OF OFFICE:

The Village Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Dennis F. Roberts.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No one chose to address the Board.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

Trustee Jefferson made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2009 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

BILLS: VOUCHER NOS: 13387-13420 \$24,459.88

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 a letter from Donna Coughlin notifying the Board of her resignation from the Planning Board. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to accept her resignation with deep regrets; Seconded by Trustee Birtz; AYE CARRIED

The Clerk read a letter from Geri Favreau notifying the Board of her resignation as the Chairperson of the Planning Board but will continue to stay on as the Secretary and a member of the Planning Board. Trustee Jefferson made a motion to accept this resignation with deep regrets; Seconded by Trustee Roberts; AYE CARRIED

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:

MAYOR GEORGE A. RIVERS:

Mayor Rivers presented an Election Resolution setting forth Registration Day and the Clerk read it in its' entirety. Mayor Rivers made a motion to approve this resolution; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Rivers stated that he has to amend his Mayoral Commission Appointments. He removed Trustee Cooper and replaced his commissions with Trustee Roberts. This does not need board approval. (SEE ATTACHED)

Mayor Rivers made a motion to appoint Donald Gladd as an alternate and John Cooper as a full member of the Planning Board effective immediately; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Rivers asked PWS Pelkey about the Christmas decorations and was told that the decorations will be removed after the 6th.

TRUSTEE JEFFERSON

Had nothing to report.

TRUSTEE BIRTZ:

Trustee Birtz stated that the six or seven months ago the Board discussed about going out to bid for our Village Insurance package that we now have through the LaBarge Agency. The LaBarge Agency does an excellent job but we should see if we can get the same coverage at a cheaper cost. Treasurer Letourneau explained that the Village will have to hire an insurance broker who will be looking out for the Villages' interest so that when comparing companies and coverage you are comparing apples to apples and not apples to oranges. We will need to hire a qualified broker who can review the items in the package. The Village insurance renewal is July 1st. Discussion followed. Trustee Baker made a motion to go out to bid for our insurance; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE BAKER:

Trustee Baker requested an Executive Session to discuss the Civic Center; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; ROLL CALL VOTE All Ayes

TRUSTEE ROBERTS:

Trustee Roberts thanked John Cooper for recommending him to fill his position and thanked the Mayor for appointing him and the Village Board for approving the appointment. He is looking forward to working with the Board, the Village Employees and serving the Village Residents. The Mayor thanked Trustee Roberts and welcomed him aboard.

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

No one chose to address the Board

OTHER REPORTS:

VILLAGE CLERK:

The Village Clerk welcomed Trustee Roberts aboard and told John Cooper that he will be missed.

TREASURER:

The Treasurer stated that he was hoping to have a rate on the Bond for the Civic Center but will not get it until Wednesday. He then stated that if we are going out to bid for the insurance that the first thing to do is hire an insurance broker and set a fee to be paid. This will be the first thing they will ask you is how much we are going to pay them. There is no money in the budget for this. Discussion followed.

PWS PELKEY:

PWS Pelkey gave an update on the work schedule. One crew will be picking up Christmas trees tomorrow; the other crew will continue on the storm drain project behind Beechwood which should be completed within two more days; the line crew has all their wires stripped off Academy Street and the telephone company is supposed to start pulling the poles tomorrow.

RECESS:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to recess at 7:17 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was taken during Executive Session regarding the Civic Center.

RECONVENE:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to reconvene at 7:43 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Birtz made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk