

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at the Rouses Point Civic Center commencing at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Francis J. Baker, Mayor
Brad M. Martin, Trustee
Rebecca A. Reid, Trustee

ABSENT: Brian B. Jefferson, Trustee
William A. Maskell, Trustee

RECORDING SECRETARY: Carol A. Hanfield, Village Clerk

Mayor Baker opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to have Legislator Harry McManus give an update on the proposed bike path that he has been working on.

Mr. McManus passed out copies of the proposed path (SEE ATTACHED) and addressed the Board about the creation of a bike/walk path from the railroad tracks on Chapman Street on the south side of the road west to the Hayford Road. He explained that this is an opportunity for the Village and this bike path would strongly enhance the Village. The Village needs to look at what can you build Rouses Point on and what attracts people to Rouses Point and it is being located next to the border, good schools, and having this bike/walk path is good for the Village.

Mr. McManus stated that he along with Al Rascoe, Cl. Cty. Highway, the Mayor and Brian Pelkey met today to look over the site. The project would require the moving of one pole only. There would be a 3' buffer from the road and then a 10' strip for the path. This would allow residents and tourist to walk, bike, and go play golf. This would be Phase I of the project.

Phase II would extend the path from the Hayford Road to the High School and Phase III would extend it further into Champlain. The cost for this project will possibly be between \$300,000 and \$400,000 with the Village of Rouses Point only committing to \$5000 and in-kind services. Mr. McManus stated that the Village of Champlain passed this last night. If we get the funding for Phase I he feels that they will continue to fund the other phases. The timeline for this project will probably be May – June of next year. He has been 16 years working on this and hopes that it gets approved.

There are no easements required for Phase I. The Town owns the golf course property and there is only one area for drainage that will need to be addressed. Easements will be required for Phase II and Phase III. The cost of \$400,000 would be too much to do at once and would need a match that the County cannot do. Discussion followed.

Mr. Art Bedard, Champlain, NY, suggested that the path go to the Bob Venne Park on 276 and expressed concerns about his property stating that he would like to eventually sell lots for houses and hoped that this path would not affect that. He stated that he was in agreement with this project.

Mrs. Elaine Alger, State Street, stated that she was definitely in agreement with this project.

Mr. Stanley Alger, State Street, stated that he was not in agreement with this project because of the amount of money it would cost but after discussion felt that the project would be okay because the Village was not spending a lot of money on it.

Mr. McManus stated that three (3) letters of support are required for the submission of this grant application. Trustee Martin asked if this money will come from next year's budget or over a two year budget. Mr. McManus thought that it could be broken down in a couple of budgets.

Mr. McManus explained that they will take what they need and may not have to use our \$5000.

Trustee Reid made a motion to pledge support for this project which entails "in-kind" services as required by the project that the Village can provide within its means. Our support will include a cash contribution of \$5,000 to be paid in one lump sum or spread out annually at an amount determined appropriate by the Village Board until the committed sum is reached; Seconded by Trustee Martin provided it be stretched out into at least two years; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Reid made a motion to adjourn at 5:18 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Martin; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol A. Hanfield
Village Clerk