

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, March 12, 2012 commencing in the upstairs meeting room of the Village Office at 139 Lake Street at 4:45 P.M.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian Pelkey, PW Supervisor

ABSENT: Carol Hanfield, Village Clerk

RECORDING SECRETARY: Tracy L. Graves, Deputy Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Rivers called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. and explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

Mayor Rivers and the Trustees discussed the salary of the mayor as it currently stands. It was originally changed to reflect the amount of hours the sitting Mayor works. It was agreed by the board that the mayor's salary be reinstated to the previous amount.

The Treasurer passed out copies of the tentative budget outlining the different departments. He then highlighted the areas below and asked for approval to proceed with the budget as outlined.

GENERAL FUND: Removed \$480 for Justice Cell Phone, removed \$5000 for Engineering Services (Earth Science Engineering Contract), Added \$9,145 to Industrial Appraisal Services (Fixed Assets is no longer available), removed \$7600 for a Speed Trailer in Police Department, removed \$50 from Repairs to Office Equipment in Police Department, removed \$7800 for Rope Bailout in Fire Department, removed \$50 for physicals & shots in Fire Department, reduce cost of Contract for Professional & Technical Service from Town of Champlain for Building Inspection to \$10,937(per motion), reduced paving services for Village Streets to \$33,700, removed \$50 for power tools brooms and rakes under Street Maintenance, removed \$9500 for Top Coat of Village Parking Lot, remove \$1200 for red clay project at Civic Center, remove \$1200 for miscellaneous Paving Services around Civic Center, removed \$3500 for furniture and computer hardware for the Museum, removed \$1500 for miscellaneous supplies for the Museum, removed \$50 for scrapbook and miscellaneous supplies for the Historian, removed \$95 for hand brooms and miscellaneous tools from the Street Cleaning Budget, added \$4205 to the Ice Time Budget to balance,
WATER FUND: removed \$250 for an external hard drive for backups, removed \$500 for a Chlorine Analyzer, removed \$200 for two eye wash stations, removed \$100 for two phones, removed \$75 for an Annual Operation Permit Fee,

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removed \$1000 for miscellaneous tools, paint and pump packing, removed \$4000 for two Auto Flushing Units, removed \$1000 for a Complete Water Analysis, SEWER: removed \$6500 for a video system, removed \$2000 for Aerator Shafts, removed \$1000 for Sludge Disposal, removed \$1000 for Spare Parts in the Main Plant; LIBRARY: Removed \$54 for miscellaneous office equipment, removed \$200 for computer equipment, removed \$200 for books, removed \$40 for repairs to office equipment, removed \$1000 to repairs to building equipment; ELECTRIC: removed \$500 for miscellaneous materials, added \$29,001 for Pratt Street Underground Project, removed \$500 for stone, removed \$500 for miscellaneous parts and insulators for substation, removed \$40,000 for NYPA, NYMPA and NYSEG charges, removed \$1000 oil testing and sampling, removed \$2000 for CPR Training, removed \$1000 for MEUA special assessments, removed \$1000 for Temporary State Energy & Utility Service, removed \$50 for hard hats and safety glasses, removed \$100 for Chain Saw Parts & Oils;

Trustee Penfield made a motion to reduce the Code Enforcement Contract costs by fifty percent; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Baker made a motion to reduce the Engineering Costs to Earth Science by \$5000; Seconded by Brian Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

Treasurer Letourneau informed the Board that \$7000 would have to be eliminated further from the budget to keep taxes from increasing and balance the budget. Trustee Penfield felt that we should reduce that amount from the July 4th Celebration. A Motion was made by Trustee Roberts to reduce the July 4th Celebration by \$7000 to balance the budget; Seconded by Trustee Baker; AYE CARRIED

A discussion took place regarding the Board reducing their salaries. Trustee Roberts made a motion that the Board take a 5% salary reduction; Seconded by Trustee Jefferson; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Rivers made a motion to adjourn at 6:03 p.m.; Seconded by Trustee Penfield; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Tracy L. Graves
Deputy Village Clerk