

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on July 6, 2020, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Thomas D. Batha, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Jamie Gadway, Trustee
Dale Menard, Trustee

ABSENT: Thomas M. Dart, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
John Cooper, Code Enforcement

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Sullivan, Clerk/Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Thomas Batha called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR SESSION:

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2020 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: \$192,256.82 **CHECK #** 26564 - 26605

Treasurer Letourneau stated there is one addition to the bills; Champlain EMS annual contract \$93,000.00.

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept and pay the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter form Colin Duffy requesting that the village provide him with a written acknowledgement that he can hook up a subdivided parcel of his property in Champlain to the Rouses Point water system. Administrator Sullivan will provide the letter.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

1) Mayor Batha made a motion to accept resolution 2020-25, Water Treatment Plant Type 1 Action: No Adverse Impact on Environment, Seconded by Trustee Menard. Roll Call vote: Trustee Arno AYE; Trustee Gadway AYE Trustee Menard AYE; Mayor Batha AYE. **Resolution Carried**

2) Mayor Batha presented an amended sewer engineer contract. There was an error in the amounts in the contract approved last month.

3) Ethan Goslin passed the certification exam for Rec. Facility Manager. Trustee Gadway made a motion to make Mr. Goslin permanent, Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

4) Greg MacCallum's probationary period is up. Trustee Gadway made a motion to make Mr. MacCallum a permanent Rec. Maintenance Worker, Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

5) Mayor Batha requests an executive session to discuss the employment of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

1) Trustee Arno obtained a quote to replace the library door and is seeking a second quote. Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the lesser quote as long as it is not over \$675.00. Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

2) Trustee Arno brought the boards attention to an area of sidewalk near the train station that has crushed stone along side it which is scattering and will create a hazard for the sidewalk plow in the winter. Mayor Batha will go and look at the area and will discuss what needs to be done with the public works supervisor.

3) Trustee Arno asked about progress obtaining land near the water tower for the new water plant. Mayor Batha informed the board that we are still in the process of obtaining 3 to 3.5 acres. Core boring is scheduled for the end of July but will be moved up if any time opens up.

4) Trustee Arno informed the board that there is a tree on State Street that appears to be dying. Mayor Batha will look at it and let public works know if it needs to be cut down.

5) Someone in the village has expressed an interest in purchasing village owned land that runs behind his property. Mayor Batha said we could look into it and address it further at a future meeting.

6)..Trustee Arno asked why a portion of the new sidewalk on Montgomery street was left unbroomed. Mayor Batha reported that it matches the sidewalk already along the park and it will serve as an experiment to test the stability of unbroomed surface compared to the broomed sidewalk placed in other areas After discussion Trustee Arno and Trustee Menard stated that they would prefer to see all sidewalks broomed in the future.

7) Trustee Arno questioned whether the village could hold elections earlier than September 15, 2020. Mayor Batha stated that this date was set by the governor and we have no ability to change it.

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Would like to recognize and thank the fire department and the 4th of July Committee for the great job they did on the stay at home car parade. The parade traveled every street in Rouses Point.

e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

1) Trustee Gadway reported that the floor gymnastics program had two sessions that ran for a week. Everyone was social distanced and the program was well received by the kids and the parents.

2) Trustee Gadway was able to get one estimate Ryan Striping, a local company, for painting the lines on the new parking lot. The quote is for \$506.00, which is \$7.00 over the limit where we would need a second quote. Trustee Gadway made a motion the contract be awarded to Ryan if they will drop the estimate by \$7.00. Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

No other reports

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

Motion by Trustee Menard at 7:26 PM to recess; Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:28 PM; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Regular Session at 7:37 PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

1) Motion made by Trustee Gadway to move Bryant Trim back into the MEO II position. Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

2) Motion made by Mayor Batha to instruct the Clerk to research placements and advertise the Line Helper/Line Worker position. Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:40PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Clerk/Administrator