

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on June 1, 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
Thomas M. Dart, Trustee
Dale Menard, Trustee

ABSENT: Jamie Gadway

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:

Karen Weierstall from the 4th of July committee discussed possible alternatives to our usual activities in light of the social distancing requirements due to covid-19.

Four options are: Vehicle Parade with residents watching from their own property or cars, House Decorating Contest, Bike Decorating Contest with submissions uploaded to a web site, Creation of a "Thank You" video. All would honor our emergency responders, essential workers, and local seniors.

Mayor Batha made a motion to cancel all of the 4th of July events for the first time in village history and support whichever of these ideas the committee decided to implement; seconded by Trustee Dart. AYE CARRIED

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: \$90,295.68 **CHECK #** 26491 - 26516

No additions or deletions.

Trustee Dart made a motion to accept and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Jason Borrie requesting use of the community stage for his summer theater program following social distancing, maximum of 9 participants and 1 instructor. All will wear masks at all times. Mr. Borrie will get approval for this from the Clinton County Health Department and the Town of Champlain.

Mayor Batha made a motion to permit use of the stage for this program if the Health Department and Town approve, seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Resignation letters from library board members Gero, Racine, and Larsen. Informational only.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

1) Mayor Batha made a motion to accept resolution 2020-22, Bad Debt, Seconded by Trustee Arno. Roll Call vote: Trustee Arno AYE; Trustee Dart AYE; Trustee Menard AYE; Mayor Batha AYE.

Resolution Carried

2) The line helper in the electric department has resigned. Mayor Batha made a motion to advertise for a line helper/line worker and decide which to hire based on response. Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED

3) Bid results for Parks Grant General Contractor. One bid was received from Fuller Construction. Mayor Batha made a motion to table this until next meeting so he can consult with Steve Peters at Elevate518. Seconded by Trustee Dart, AYE CARRIED.

4) Village Sponsored events. After discussion of limits imposed due to covid-19 Trustee Dart made a motion to cancel all village sponsored summer events, including the Village Wide Yard Sale, Summer Concert Series, Most on the Coast. Seconded by Trustee Arno, AYE CARRIED

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

1) There are several trees in the village that are either dying or the roots are disturbing the sidewalk pavement. Mayor Batha stated he will look at these with public works and decide what to do.

2) Trustee Arno would like a call to go out to ERS to move their fences back from the sidewalks near the old Pfizer property. Mayor Batha will speak with ERS and relay the board's comments.

3) Trustee Arno asked for an update on when the flowers will be delivered. The nursery was contacted today, flowers will be delivered on June 8.

4) Trustee Arno made a motion that permanent signs relating to covid19 regulations be ordered not to exceed \$300.00; seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

5). Trustee Arno asked if Academy Street would be completed this summer. Mayor Batha stated it will depend on the funding the village receives for road work and if there is time.

6) Trustee Arno asked if it would be more functional to have the department heads report to the full-time administrator rather than the mayor. Mayor Batha would rather keep the reporting lines as they are.

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

Requests an executive session to discuss the employment of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Would like to recognize the recreation center crew for doing a good job on maintaining the grounds, the village looks good.

e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

Absent

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR:

No report

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

John Cooper informed the board that he is contacting residents regarding overgrown yards.

TREASURER:

No report

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

Motion by Trustee Menard at 7:43 PM to recess; Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:46 PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard AYE CARRIED

No action taken in Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Dart to enter into Regular Session at 7:51PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno;
AYE CARRIED

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

1) Motion made by Trustee Arno to present a plaque to Donna Boumil for her service to the village Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Dart to make Adam Menard's position as Public Works Supervisor permanent at the end of his probationary period. Mayor Batha, Trustees Arno, and Dart AYE; Trustee Menard ABSTAIN. AYE CARRIED

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:53PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Deputy Clerk