

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on November 4, 2019 at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Rebecca Pelkey, Deputy Treasurer
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer
Susan Sullivan, Library Director

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village 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. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Ron LeBlanc –

Mr. LeBlanc questioned the financial situation of the Civic Center. He asked for a financial report.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2019 meeting and special meeting of October 25, 2019; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: CHECK # 25892 – 25922 \$15,346.08

No additions or deletions

Motion by Trustee Menard to accept and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder regarding their Annual Children's Christmas Party on December 7. They are asking permission to use the fire trucks to give rides during the party.

Motion by Trustee Gadway to allow the use of the fire truck for rides during the Christmas Party; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

- 1) Mayor Batha provided a brief summary of his attendance at the NYMPA Conference last week:
- 2) Mayor Batha requested an Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the Taylor Law
Motion by Trustee Arno to approve an Executive Session; Seconded by Trustee Menard;
AYE CARRIED
- 3) Mayor Batha requested an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular employee (s). Motion by Trustee Menard to approve an Executive Session; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

- 4) Resolution 2019-29: General Election Offices and Terms
Motion by Mayor Batha to approve; Seconded by Trustee Arno; ROLL CALL: Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Gadway – AYE; Mayor Batha – AYE; AYE CARRIED
- 5) Mayor Batha made a motion to add Ethan Goslin, Rec Facility Manager, to the procurement policy; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

b, TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno stated that there is a volunteer fireman that is interested in volunteering at the village to paint hydrants during the summer months.

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

- 1) Trustee Dart provided a brief summary of a recent WWTP Inspection report. The WWTP passed the inspection with the exception of only having 1 certified operator. Mr. Jerry Pivetta has passed required classes and is scheduled to take the certification test shortly.
- 2) Trustee Dart made a motion for an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED.

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Nothing to report

e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

- 1) Report from Jan Letourneau, Rec Leader, on participation of Fitness in the Park:
Karate: Ages 4-7: 22-25 kids; Ages 8-18: 18 kids
Pickleball: Ages 10-18: 5-8 kids
Archery: Ages 8-11: 7-8 kids; Ages 12-18: 8 kids

Support received from the Foundation of CVPH

Trustee Gadway thanked Jan Letourneau for all of her hard work.

- 2) Thank you to Brian Pelkey for getting the dehumidifiers at the Rec Center up and running.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR:

DEPUTY TREASURER:

Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

1) Updates:

- Electric Department: inspections on transformers for stray voltage. This is a requirement of PSC. This will involve 1 night.
- paving is done
- plow equipment is in order

LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Library Director Susan Sullivan reported:

- Will attend training for the 2020 Census during the NYLA meeting on 11/13 – 11/16/19. She will be inquiring about grants, possibly for computers.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Maintaining.

CEO Officer John Cooper commented that the contractors working in the Village have been very cooperative.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Tom Brilotti inquired about ERS Investors owning the Pfizer Property, not filed with Clinton County Concerns:

- filling in basements. Trustee Menard clarified that there are only 2 basements. These will be filled in and capped off for building of new buildings on a slab.
- Mr. Brilotti asked if the Village Board is aware of the covenants

Jedidiah Thone – asked for an explanation of the Taylor Law. Mayor Batha provided an explanation

Mayor Batha closed the public comment session of the meeting due to an outburst from the public.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Arno to recess for Executive Session at 7:20PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard
AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:22PM; Seconded by Trustee Gadway

Motion to exit Executive Session by Trustee Arno at 8:16PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

No action taken in Executive Session.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Gadway to terminate a probationary employee effective November 16, 2019; Seconded by Trustee Menard; ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Dart – NAY; Trustee Gadway – AYE; Mayor Batha – AYE; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to promote Jason Juneau to Chief Line Worker with a 3% pay increase (negotiations may alter this rate) with a 6 months probationary period effective December 1, 2019; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED


Motion by Trustee Dart to hire Bryant Trim as an MEO II effective as soon as possible at the CBA rate of \$16.23/hr with a probationary period of 8 weeks and to be added to the procurement policy; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Gadway made a motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise for 1 or more Rec Maintenance Worker positions; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:20PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE
CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,


Donna J. Bourmil
Village Clerk/Administrator