

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on October 21, 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:

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, October 7, 2019 meeting and special meeting of October 11, 2019; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: CHECK #

No additions or deletions

Motion by Trustee Arno to accept and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Menard; Discussion: Trustee Dart posed a question concerning the bill for \$3,2224 for light fixtures. PWS Pelkey explained that is for bulbs (head and eye) for downtown. AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of Resignation from Deputy Clerk/Registrar Patricia Garrand effective COB October 31, 2019

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

1) Moratorium on Electric Boilers:

The public hearing was held on October 7, 2019.

This Moratorium is for an 18-month period banning new electric boilers. This does not affect existing or replacement boilers. The Moratorium in 2008 expired.

Motion by Trustee Menard to implement the 18-month Moratorium banning electric boilers; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

2) Mayor Batha reviewed and summarized the PLM Study for projected power costs at the ERS Property, dependent upon usage of tenants. There is potential, based on usage, that there could be additional revenue to the Village of \$180,000 - \$500,000 per year. The question posed, based on the results of the Study, is: Can the additional revenue be used to lower rates?

Discussion: Elevate 518 has proposed researching, through PSC, this matter at a rate of \$75/hr. Trustee Menard inquired if a "carve out" of the ERS Property were viable. Mayor Batha stated that in this scenario, PSC would have total control of the usage of the revenue. However, "carve out" is always an option.

Motion by Trustee Menard to hire Elevate 518 to research how additional revenue can be spent, based on the results of the PLM Study, not to exceed 10 hours; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

- 3) Trustee Gadway made a motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise for a FT Seasonal Rec Maintenance Worker, not to exceed 6 months; Seconded by Trustee Menard; Discussion: currently there are 2 FT employees working. AYE CARRIED
- 4) Email from Glenn Cutter, Clinton County Planning Board regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Discussion: After discussion with PWS Pelkey, the Board stated that there is no need to send an employee to these meetings; however, they would like to be kept apprised of updates and future meetings.
- 5) Request an Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the Taylor Law; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED
- 6) Update on shuffle board.
Lisa Turner, CCHD, reported to Mayor Batha that the installation of the shuffle board will be Spring 2020.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Request an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 2) For informational purposes: Clifford Sterling's name and phone number are still on the website as Code Enforcement Officer.
- 3) Trustee Arno inquired if the Village has contact information for a wildlife control officer. A fox has been seen on the school property. Administrator Boumil will get the information to Trustee Arno.

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

No report.

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Trustee Menard inquired as to the status of the new controller at the Rec Center. Mayor Batha explained that IEEP will pay for it and a PO has been issued. The controller will take 1 week to arrive once ordered and 2 weeks for the installation.

e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

- 1) Request an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Gadway thanked Mike Lemieux for his help and advice in putting the ice down at the Rec Center.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR:

DEPUTY TREASURER:

Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

1) Updates:

- Fall clean-up has begun
- paving is caught up

LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Library Director Susan Sullivan reported:

- The Route 11 Traveling Poet did a presentation. It was very well attended. Ms. Sullivan is hopeful that she will be able to have a program next year where the Traveling Poet can share his experience traveling Route 11.
- Linda Laneau won the \$100 Visa gift card, completing the library survey
- The library is willing to house and lend shuffle board equipment

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

CEO Cooper will be in training for the next 3 days.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Tom Brilotti inquired on the status of the Anchorage Motel. Mayor Batha explained that he is working with Clinton County Sheriff's Office and the Village Attorney.

Mr. Brilotti expressed concerns:

- The building across from Stewarts becoming residential (no application on file)
- Downtown Revitalization
- Cleaning up the village (commercial buildings). Mr. Brilotti purposed that the Village mandate property owners to establish a commercial business within a timeframe of purchasing their property.
- Economic Development – reiterating that the Village needs a plan

Ron LeBlanc – voiced his opinion that the downtown should be all residential

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Arno to recess for Executive Session at 7:42PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard
AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:45PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

Motion to exit Executive Session by Trustee Arno at 8:18PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

No action taken in Executive Session.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Gadway to increase the Administrator's salary to \$69,000/yr effective October 1, 2019;
Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to advertise for a Line Helper at a salary range of \$15-\$20 depending upon the results of current negotiations; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Menard to advertise for WTP & WWTP Superintendent at a rate of \$25-\$28 depending upon the results of current negotiations; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:23PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk/Administrator