

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on October 16, 2017 at Halstead Hall, 39 Lake Street, Rouses Point, NY commencing at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Daniel H. Letourneau, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Thomas D. Batha, Trustee
Thomas M. Dart, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Daniel H. Letourneau called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Arno to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2017 and Special Meeting of October 10, 2017; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

II. BILLS: Voucher 17269 - 17323 \$ 130,401.68

Additions: Bank Card \$ 3,260.11 (IEEP meeting for Trustee Batha, School expense for the Clerk and training for the Water Plant)

Motion by Trustee Menard to approve and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Batha with discussion; Trustee Batha asked that Voucher 17298 to NYS Division of Homeland Security be tabled for further discussion later in the meeting. AYE CARRIED

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

IV. REPORTS:

MAYOR:

1) Local Law 3-2017:

- Reference made to 10/2/17 letter from Clinton County Real Property Office regarding the Extension of Cold War Veteran's Exemption
- Reference made to the amended Local Law Cold War Veteran's Exemption Section 104-21

Motion by Trustee Arno to amended said Local Law as stated; Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED

- A Public Hearing is required
Motion by Trustee Menard to hold a Public Hearing at the beginning of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2017 and to authorize the Clerk to publish; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Discussion: County Vacuum Excavator
 - Information regarding the Vacuum Excavator was distributed to the Board and Public Works Supervisor Pelkey
 - A description of this machine and its capabilities was explained
 - This is of no cost to the Village
 - Other services provided free of charge include hydro-seeding and bank stabilization.
- 3) Discussion: Public Works Maintenance Person position:
Board discussion determined to change the advertisement on the website to an open recruitment
- 4) Sewer backup at Civic Center
For information: Public Works was called for a sewer backup problem which was in the service line. Responded quickly and fixed.
- 5) Crown Victoria bids:
 - There have been a few inquiries
 - Closing for accepting bids is COB October 23, 2017

TRUSTEE ARNO:

- 1) Welcome Center: Ice Stops
Trustee Arno provided an estimate to the Board
Discussion followed:
 - Estimate from Chazy Hardware include: Ice stops – 3” high, staggered placement and glue; Village crew to install; Estimate - \$2028.90
 - Discussion:
 - Other estimates haven’t been obtained
 - Using ice strip instead of individual stops over the entryways
 - Try for this season
 Motion by Trustee Menard to authorize Trustee Arno to spend up to \$500 on ice strips for the Welcome Center; Seconded by Trustee Batha; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Reference made to the Out of Service hydrant on the corner of Pearl and Maple
 - It is repaired
 - Public Works Supervisor to notify the Fire Chief of all out of service hydrants
- 3) Discussion regarding cleaning up around the smoke trailer at the Fire Department. Public Works will do so in their spare time.
- 4) Trustee Arno would like to thank Public Works for the blacktopping job at the Welcome Center

TRUSTEE DART:

Nothing to report

TRUSTEE MENARD:

Nothing to report

TRUSTEE BATHA:

1) Discussion regarding the Fire Truck Loan:

Trustee Batha recommends paying off the loan in the amount of \$54,325. There is a cash surplus in the general fund and Public Safety funds from the police department Discussion ensued.

Trustee Batha made a motion to retire the loan in the amount of \$54,325.73; Seconded by Trustee Dart; Discussion: Treasurer Letourneau was asked his opinion – there will be a savings of \$3,408.02 in interest for FY 2018-2022. AYE
CARRIED

OTHER REPORTS:

CLERK:

Nothing to report

TREASURER:

Treasurer and Clerk have been working on obtaining proposals for the updated website.

- Budgeted item
- 4 proposals received
- Update to ADA compliant
- Software improved
- Within the \$10,000 budget

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

- Update on Water Plant upgrade
 - Meeting with AES tomorrow
 - Final details
 - Chlorine skids options and recommendations
 - Once pump is online, second pump will come out within one week
- Finishing up storm drain project on Smith Street (budgeted item)
- Patchwork paving (black top plant closing around Nov. 15-20)
- County sprayed the bike trail with emblems
- Reminder: Fall Pick-up is Oct. 23-27th
- Next year talk to county about freshening up the crosswalks

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- John Cooper, Pine Street. Information purposes to the Board of Trustees: The Mayor, Treasurer Letourneau, Jan Letourneau and Linda Fredette attended a Youth Commission meeting at the town last week.
 - Last contract with the town and village of Champlain was 1984
 - Rouses Point drafted a plan that is more equitable for the town and 2 villages

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Menard to recess for an Executive Session at 7:27PM to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person; Seconded by Trustee Batha; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:30PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Arno to close Executive Session at 8:17PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Regular Session at 8:17PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:17PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk