

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on February 1, 2021, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Jed F. Thone, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee

ABSENT Jamie L. Gadway, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Murnane, Village Lawyer
Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
John Cooper, Code Enforcement

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Sullivan, Clerk/Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Jed Thone 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 Menard asked for a correction to his comment on the ERS letter to clarify that his concern is data mining, not data mining for bitcoin. Trustee Pelkey pointed out an error in which trustee seconded the motion to exit out of executive committee.

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 21, 2020 as amended, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$62,400.34 **CHECK #** 27191 – 27217

Treasurer Letourneau report one addition to the bills. The December bill for NYSEG, \$23,423.97.

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept and pay the bills as amended, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:

1) Mayor Thone reported that he received an email from NY state stating that a company is soon going to move into the ERS property.

2) Mayor Thone made a motion for an executive session to discuss a possible lawsuit. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

3) Mayor Thone made a motion for an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

4) Tom Murnane reported that he expects to get the signed land purchase contract back from ERS in the coming week.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

1) Trustee Arno extended the condolences of the board to the families of our Village Historian Donna Racine, and Zoning Board Member Shirley Hall on their passing.

2) Trustee Arno made a motion to surplus a large piece of glass 5.5 feet by 3.5 feet by ¼ inch thick, and two 7 foot by 29-inch doors with hinges. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

c. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

1) Trustee Menard read a request from Ethan Goslin, the Civic Center Manager, outlining issues that have been occurring with the current skate sharpener and a request to move money within his budget to purchase a new one for \$1,400.00. Trustee Menard made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted Aye.

2) Trustee Menard made a motion for an executive session to discuss a possible lawsuit. Seconded by Trustee Arno. Trustees Arno, Pelkey, and Menard voted AYE, Mayor Thone voted NO. AYES Carried.

e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1) Trustee Pelkey met with Dan Guay, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, to discuss the budget, on-going projects and plans for next year. The meeting went very well.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer Letourneau reported that the Village received \$118,908.60 as the 3rd payment from the Park Grant and \$139,006.18 from the county which represents 80% of what is owed to us for shared services. The other 20% is delayed due to Covid.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Menard made a motion to enter executive session at 7:17 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE. Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 8:30 pm, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

No action taken in executive session.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:31 pm; Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Village Clerk/Administrator