

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on February 16, 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
Jamie L. Gadway, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee

ABSENT Dale M. Menard, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
John Cooper, Code Enforcement
Adam Menard, Public Works Supervisor

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Sullivan, Clerk/Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Deputy Mayor Arno called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance, due to Mayor Thone working on the video streaming.

REGULAR SESSION:

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mayor Thone made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$222,636.05 CHECK # 27219 - 27273

Treasurer Letourneau reported there is one addition to the bills. Simply Subscriptions for \$6,503.79. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to accept and pay the bills as amended, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Administrator Sullivan reported that she received a letter from FEMA stating that they would pay 100% of acceptable costs on our grant instead of 75%.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:

- 1) Mayor Thone presented Resolution 2021-04, Polling Place, Hours and Nominees. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. Roll call vote: Trustee Arno - AYE, Trustee Gadway - AYE, Trustee Pelkey - AYE, Mayor Thone - AYE.
- 2) Mayor Thone presented Resolution 2021-05, Complete Streets. Seconded by Trustee Arno. Roll call vote: Trustee Arno - AYE, Trustee Gadway - AYE, Trustee Pelkey - AYE, Mayor Thone - AYE.
- 3) Mayor Thone presented Resolution 2021-06, Budget Modification. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. Roll call vote: Trustee Arno - AYE, Trustee Gadway - AYE, Trustee Pelkey - AYE, Mayor Thone - AYE.
- 4) Mayor Thone presented a plan to replace a village vehicle by selling the current vehicle and purchasing a new vehicle. After discussion it was determined that Mayor Thone would look into financing for the difference in cost.
- 5) Mayor Thone stated that several of the village codes are out of date. The board agreed that the codes should be updated over time based on a schedule of importance, then update the published code book at one time.
- 6) Mayor Thone informed the board that the Zoning Board has funding in the budget to hire a consultant to work on the comprehensive plan. Barton and Loguidice has a planning section that will make a presentation to the Zoning Board.

7) The village received the Phase One testing done by KAS on the land for the new water plant. The Executive Summary, Opinion and Conclusions were provided to the board members. The entire plan document (444 pages) can be reviewed at the main office. Nothing was found to be a concern on the property.

8) Mayor Thone request 2 executive sessions to discuss the employment histories of employees. Seconded by Trustees Gadway and Arno. All voted AYE.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

1) Trustee Arno extended his thanks to Jarred Turner for putting up paintings in the windows of his currently unoccupied building. It looks very nice.

2) Trustee Arno requested an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee. He requested that Adam Menard stay for the executive session. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

c. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

1) Trustee Gadway reported that the new skate sharpener has arrived and is being used by the Civic Center staff.

2) Trustee Gadway requested an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Absent

e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1) Trustee Pelkey reminded the board that the village has a moratorium against electric boilers that will expire in April. Mayor Thone stated we need to do a study before making this into a local law. The board will discuss extending this at the next meeting.

2) Trustee Pelkey requested an executive session to discuss a potential lawsuit against a local utility user. Seconded by Trustee Arno. Trustees Arno, Gadway, and Pelkey voted AYE. Mayor Thone voted NO. AYES carried.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Thone made a motion to enter executive session at 7:25 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 8:32 pm, seconded by Trustee Gadway. All voted AYE.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

No action taken in executive session.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:34 pm; Seconded by Trustee Gadway. All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Village Clerk/Administrator