

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on January 19, 2021, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

**PRESENT:** Jed F. Thone, Mayor  
Dale M. Menard, Trustee  
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee

**ABSENT** Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee  
Jamie L. Gadway, Trustee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 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:**

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

**III. BILLS:** \$232,048.36      **CHECK #** 27148 - 27189

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

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:**

**a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:**

1) Mayor Thone presented Resolution 2021-03 Inspectors of Election. Seconded by Trustee Menard. Roll call vote: Trustee Menard - AYE, Trustee Pelkey – AYE, Mayor Thone – AYE.

2) Mayor Thone informed the board that he has been in contact with the phone company regarding the remaining poles. These will be removed as the phone company lays fiber optic cable underground in the village.

3) Mayor Thone presented the NYSDOT Emergency Shared Services Contract for 2021 – 2023. Trustee Menard made a motion to approve the mayor signing the contract. Trustee Pelkey seconded. All voted AYE.

4) The library board would like to change the traffic flow through the library lot so that cars will not be making a left turn into the lot from Lake Street. Trustee Menard made a motion to allow the library board to change the direction of traffic through the lot, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

5) Letter from ERS Investors. Mayor Thone distributed a letter received from ERS regarding their plans for the property. Trustee Menard still has questions about what types of businesses are being planned, how many jobs might be created, and also would like reassurances that the data portion will not include data mining. Mayor Thone will get clarification.

6) Mayor Thone request 2 executive sessions to discuss the employment histories of employees. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

**b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:**

**c. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:**

**d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:**

Trustee Menard presented a report from the Code Enforcement Office. There were 84 permits issued in 2020, 68 are completed, 16 are still under construction. Three new houses are being built in the village.

**e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:**

1) Trustee Pelkey has met with 3 contractors about heat pumps for the Fire Department. After several attempts he only received two quotes back. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to award the contract to Gotshall Heating Service for \$10,488.00 pending IEEP approval. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

2) Trustee Pelkey informed the board that he has a contact that does cross border shipping at this time and may be able to deliver the village clock. He asked the Administrator to obtain the dimensions and weight of the clock.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

Code Enforcement Officer Cooper reports that 2020 was a good year for building and renovations in the village as stated in his report.

Treasurer Letourneau reported that the new software for remote meter reading was installed today and on-line training was provided. It will be in operation next week.

Administrator Sullivan gave an update on the grants. All grants are up to date, and all reimbursements that can be requested have been.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Trustee Menard made a motion to enter executive session at 7:27 pm, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

Trustee Menard made a motion to exit executive session at 7:37 pm, seconded by Mayor Thone. All voted AYE.

**IX. REGULAR SESSION:**

Trustee Menard made a motion to advertise for a Line Helper or Line Worker., seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Menard to adjourn at 7:38 pm; Seconded by Trustee Pelkey; All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan  
Village Clerk/Administrator