

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, July 2, 2018 at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 4:00 PM.

PRESENT: Thomas D. Batha, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Ron R. LeBlanc, Trustee

ABSENT: Thomas M. Dart, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Steve Peters, Administrator

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Thomas Batha called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing for the Cable Television Agreement between Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC and the Village of Rouses Point.

No comments from the public

Public Hearing closed at 4:01PM

REGULAR SESSION:

II. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Batha recognized former Mayor Bob O'Neil as being present at the meeting.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Menard made a Motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 18, 2018; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

IV. BILLS: **VOUCHERS** 24500 - 24530 \$ 13,598.00

Additions: Ducote Family Karate Club (Fitness in the Park) in the amount of \$500. This is grant funded.

No deletions:

No comments/questions from the Board.

Motion by Trustee Menard to approve and pay the bills as listed; Seconded by Trustee Arno;
AYE CARRIED

V. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

VI. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

1) Authorization to sign the Cable Agreement:

Motion by Trustee Arno to authorize the Mayor to sign the Cable Agreement: Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Batha stated that he will return to the Civic Center at 7:00PM to see if anyone was there to attend the Public Hearing since the meeting time was changed. If there is anyone present, then they can re-do the public hearing at the next Board meeting.

2) Appointment of Safety Officer:

Mayor Batha explained the need for a Safety Officer within the Village:

- Safety for all village employees
- To protect the Village's liability of preventable accidents
- Ensure that proper safety equipment is available to all employees who require it for their job & acknowledge same.
- Ensure that safety equipment is used at all times
- The safety representative will bring to the Board suggestions of improvements of safety procedures
- There has been guidance and guidelines provided by the insurance carriers

Mayor Batha appointed Trustee Ben Arno as Safety Officer for the Village. Trustee Arno has over 40 years of training with the fire department and over 30 years' experience with the village electric department.

This appointment is durational and will be reviewed by the Board.

3) Authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bids for the loader.

- This loader will replace the Gehl at WWTP.
- This is a budgeted item.
- Public Works Supervisor Pelkey has formulated the specs, accessories and trade-in
- The bid will be a couple of ways – straight out purchase and with trade-ins.

Motion by Trustee Le Blanc to authorize the Clerk to advertise for bids for a new loader; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

- 4) Mayor Batha stated that there have been numerous calls, with no result, to contact NCYH regarding the bottle donation bin. He has decided to take the overflow of bottles and donate them to a non-profit in Elizabethtown. They are doing a fundraiser for a war memorial in front of the Elizabethtown Town Hall.

Mayor Batha suggested that the bottles be picked up more often.

Discussion ensued:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that the Bottle Redemption Center is responsible for picking up the bottles on behalf of NCYH. Mayor Batha will contact the Bottle Redemption Center.

Mayor Batha stated that the additional "Blue Bin" has not arrived yet. The information he received is that the bin is being painted. The Friends of the Stage receive 10 cents per pound of items.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Thank you to the Village Crews for a job well done over the 4th of July Celebration
- 2) Trustee Arno commented on the painting job at the Rec Center. It looks very nice and he has received a lot of positive feedback.
- 3) A thank you to Kieran Gilroy for the great job with the 4th of July Celebration
- 4) Trustee Arno wishes to thank all of the volunteers who helped clean the vegetables at the Sunday BBQ at the fire department

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

Absent

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in the 4th of July Celebration

e. TRUSTEE RON R. LEBLANC:

- 1) Trustee Le Blanc is getting 2 quotes for the lettering of the Civic Center building. He received 1 today
- 2) Clean Energy Update:
Additional documentation required for qualifying. Adequate training to be provided to Codes (zoning).

f. OTHER REPORTS:

CLERK:

Nothing to report

ADMINISTRATOR:

1) 4th of July Celebration:

Administrator Peters discussed the appreciation of the Clinton County Sheriff's Office for all their work in providing coverage during the celebration. They worked with Administrator Peters, Public Works Supervisor Pelkey and Rec Facility Manager Shields.

Mayor Batha added that he is preparing a letter to Sheriff David Favro.

The Sheriff's Office also had 2 boats providing coverage.

2) Grant applications:

Administrator Peters attended a workshop in Lake Placid. He added that there will be resolutions of support at the next meeting.

On Tuesday, Administrator Peters will be attending a meeting at Lake Champlain Basin. They are a robust organization that supports initiatives in the Lake Champlain Basin. This is the first time that Rouses Point has been represented.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Arsene Letourneau that the new website was launched last week.

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Former Mayor Bob O'Neil wanted to wish the board "All the Best".

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 4:18PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk