

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on June 17, 2019 at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Thomas D. Batha, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Thomas M. Dart, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Jamie L. Gadway, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor
Susan Sullivan, Library Director
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk/Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Thomas Batha called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR SESSION:

I. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Batha stated that questions from the media are to be submitted in writing to the Board prior to Village Board Meetings beginning tonight. He will research and respond at the next meeting if not sooner.

ERS Investors –

Dave Kreutz – Managing Partner ERS Investors – Business Development

Mark Haynes – Managing Partner ERS Investors - Demolition

Mr. Kreutz and Mr. Haynes gave an update on the progress being made at the Pfizer Property.

Mr. Kreutz began by stating that ERS Investors are extremely pleased to be in the Village and this project is a priority. ERS is aware of the emotional nature of losing the Pfizer Property and they want to work with the Village.

Update on the redevelopment:

- ahead of schedule for demolition
- plan on bringing industry to the Pfizer Property
- making great progress
- has had significant conversations with manufacturers, inter-global transportation and warehousing
- planning a public session this summer
- assurance that they are within the state requirements for the decontamination.
- timeline for the completion for the demo is hopeful by the end of the year

Mr. Kreutz and Mr. Haynes encouraged anyone who has a question to go on the website at ersinvest.net and use the contact button to relay questions or concerns.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: CHECK # 25484 – 25536 \$ 116,860.16

No additions or deletions.

Motion by Trustee Menard to approve and pay the bill; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Letter of Resignation:

The Clerk/Administrator read a letter of resignation from Jeremy Guay, water plant operator to be effective June 23, 2019. Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the resignation with regret; Seconded by Trustee Arno; the Board wishes Jeremy the best of luck; AYE CARRIED

A motion was moved to the floor by Mayor Batha to authorize the Clerk to advertise for 1 or more laborers-in-training for the water plant; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

- 1) Mayor Batha requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee(s); Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Mayor Batha provided a clarification of the procurement policy with respect to hiring professional services or services requiring special or technical skill, training or expertise.
- 3) Update on the Empire State Trail Head – the anticipated completion date is September or October 2019.
- 4) Update on the Parks and Rec Grant –
The bid package and announcement for the playground has been advertised.
The Clerk/Administrator is waiting for the specs for the engineering portion of this grant and will advertise.
- 5) Insurance policies –
An update was given on quotes received from Eastern Insuring (LaBarge Agency) for Village and fire department insurance. There was a significant difference in this quote compared to the previous year's insurance bill with the same coverage or in some instances better.

A motion was moved to the floor by Mayor Batha to purchase the Village and fire department insurance through Eastern Insuring (LaBarge Agency) effective July 1, 2019 Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Arno made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with LaBarge Agency for Village and fire department insurance; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

- 6) Resolution 2019-20: Sewer Rates
Motion by Mayor Batha to approve Resolution 2019-20 for sewer rates effective June 1, 2019;
Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 7) Appointment of Flood Plain Manager
Mayor Batha made a motion to appoint John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer as the Flood
Plain Manager for the Village; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED
- 8) Playground equipment:
Mayor Batha discussed and made a motion to surplus the existing playground equipment once the work
begins on the groundwork and installation of the new playground equipment; Seconded by Trustee
Dart; Discussion: the equipment will remain in place until the area needs to be made ready for the new
equipment. AYE CARRIED

b. TRUSTEE ARNO:

- 1) Fire department:
Trustee Arno mentioned that there has been a new parking area created on the left side of the fire
station that is approximately 50' x 50'. He is inquiring if the grindings can be used to fill
this in.

Motion by Trustee Arno to authorize the use of the grindings to fill in the parking lot at the fire
station; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

- 2) WWTP pickup truck –
Trustee Arno inquired as to the status of the truck for the wastewater plant.
Discussion ensued among the Board. The Board determined that there will be prices obtained for Ford,
Dodge, Chevy; 6' and 8' box; single cab and extended cab for a 2019.
- 3) Trimming and trees:
Trustee Arno discussed the “Christmas” tree near the gazebo located at the Village Office and how
it needs to be taken down and replaced. Discussion will take place next year. Also, the trees and
shrubs need to be trimmed.

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

Nothing to report

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Nothing to report

e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

- 1) Trustee Gadway reported on the progress of the construction of the dugout
The dugout should be complete by Thursday. The Board determined that a clear stain will be
applied by the Rec Center Crew.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR:

Nothing to report

TREASURER:

Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

- 1) Grinding – PWS Pelkey would like to thank Allen Racine, Town of Champlain for providing 2 trucks to assist in hauling the grindings in addition to 2 of the Village’s trucks. Because of this shared service, this process only took 1 day.

The sewer line will be replaced this fall at the Rec Center.

Paving prep – valves, manholes, building curbs

- 2) Electric Department:
 - The lights are put up at the library.
 - working on transformer repairs

LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Report from Library Director Susan Sullivan

- Ms. Sullivan thanked the Electric Department Crew for the work on the lights. They did a great job.

Friday, June 15th was the Library Crawl. 36 people attended the library.

Friday, June 21st the Farmer’s Market will be open from 3-7pm

Saturday, June 22nd is a book sale at the library.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

CEO John Cooper is issuing notice for maintenance of properties.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Arno to recess at 7:46PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into executive session at 7:49PM; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in executive session

Motion by Trustee Arno to exit executive session at 8:40PM; Seconded by Trustee Gadway

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into regular session at 8:40PM; Seconded by Trustee Gadway

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Menard made a motion to authorize the Clerk/Administrator to advertise the following positions: Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker (salary range \$17 - \$23/hr); MEO II (salary range \$16 – \$19/hr); MEO Mechanic (\$18 - \$22/hr) and to Civil Service about establishing Line Supervisor and Public Works Supervisor positions; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

Trustee Dart made a motion to approve the request for an extension of LWOP for Aaron Babbie until August 1, 2019; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:55PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk/Administrator