

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on March 17, 2020 at the Village Office, 139 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 4:00 PM.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer

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

ALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

REGULAR SESSION:

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to discuss staffing due to COVID-19 and to discuss the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget.

MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

- 1) Mayor Batha stated that each department will be provided with the tentative budget on 3/18/20
- 2) The Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget will be at the beginning of the April 6, 2020 meeting.
- 3) Staffing due to COVID-19:
 - Office employees – the front door will be locked with notification to residents regarding payment of bills (pay online, drop off payment in drop box located on the front of the building)
 - Water and Wastewater employees are essential to the operation of the Village
 - Trustee Arno stated that he spoke to PWS Adam Menard regarding staffing. Employees want to work. If staffing is reduced, it will cause a major delay on work

At the present time there will not be a reduction in staffing.

Motion by Trustee Arno not to implement changes in staff; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

REVIEW OF THE 2020-2021 TENTATIVE BUDGET.

The 2020-2021 Tentative Budget was discussed. The following are suggestions for future budgets.

- Civic Center – research leasing lawn mowers for future budgets.
 - Ethan to follow up with Parker's to fix the Zamboni (body) for advertising
- Fire Department – disposal of foam in the Village Garage. Trustee Arno to contact the Fire Chief
- EMS – contract fee has gone up for the tentative budget. Future boards may want to look into alternatives

Motion by Trustee Gadway to pay Sr. Typist Amy Lemieux \$150 for work done on the budget; Seconded by Trustee Menard; ROLL CALL VOTE Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Gadway – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Mayor Batha – AYE; Trustee Arno – NAY; MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Batha made a motion to allow Library Director Susan Sullivan to use the Hybrid to deliver books and materials to residents; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Village Board meetings:

Motion by Trustee Dart to close the meetings to the public effective this date due to COVID-19; Seconded by Trustee Menard; Discussion – the meetings are televised by Hometown Cable. For the Public Hearing scheduled at the April 6, 2020 meeting, comments and questions can be submitted with regard to the tentative budget. This will be stated on the Public Hearing Notice. AYE CARRIED

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 5:30PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk/Administrator