

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on May 3, 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
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee
Joseph Rodriguez

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer

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:

Mayor Thone gave an update to the residents present on 43 Chapman Street. The Fire Marshal has released the property to the owner. The owner is working with his insurance company to obtain quotes to tear down the building. The local caretaker has been informed that he needs to start removing cars and cleaning up the property.

Casey Boire informed the board that the caretaker had spoken to her about it and has started removing cars.

Calvin Columb asked why he only received one violation in response to his FOIL request for all violations on the property. Mayor Thone explained that there is only one registered violation in the code enforcement file.

Scott Richner asked about the village clock. Mayor Thone explained that it was ordered from the Quebec company that made the original. We have not been able to go and pick it up yet due to the border closure.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2021, meeting, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$59,213.87 CHECK # 27459 - 27492

Trustee Pelkey asked that the board be supplied with a copy of the \$28,000 bill for water plant improvements.

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Fire Department wrote that they have selected a new member, Alexander Provost. Trustee Menard made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:

1) The Mayor requested travel authorization for Dan Guay and Eric Gooley to attend a lab class that is required for their water operator license. Motion made by Trustee Pelkey to approve, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

2) Mayor Thone presented information from the engineers on gas verses diesel generators for the new water plant. Trustee Arno made a motion to approve a diesel generator, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

3) Mayor Thone requested an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

1) Trustee Arno reported that the gazebo repairs and cleaning is looking good. He requested that the picnic tables being stored in the gazebo be moved out to the lawn, and possibly move one to the Civic Center park near the playground.

c. TRUSTEE JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ:

- 1) Trustee Rodriguez is looking into getting a new grant for additional benches for the parks.
- 2) Trustee Rodriguez made a motion to increase the charge for skate sharpening from 5 to 7 dollars on the recommendation of the Civic Center Manager, Ethan Goslin. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted Aye.

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

- 1) Trustee Menard reminded residents that spring brush cleanup is this week.

e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

- 1) Trustee Pelkey reported that the water plant is doing routine inspections and maintenance and residents may see employees on the water tower.
- 2) Trustee Pelkey reported that the signs at the entrances to the village are starting to look worn. He recommends that we attempt to find a local person to repaint and seal them.
- 3) Trustee Pelkey informed the village that there will be a Fire Department BBQ this year. Whether it will be drive through or have tables has not yet been decided.
- 4) Trustee Pelkey announced the winners of the 4th of July Committee raffle. 1st place Kim Lapan; 2nd place Randy LaBombard; 3rd place Roy Cardin.
- 5) Trustee Pelkey discussed the vandalism that has been occurring on village property. The boat launch, pier, and dugouts have all been vandalized recently. Trustee Pelkey asks the residents to please call the police if they see any vandalism occurring. Trustee Rodriguez informed the board that Ethan Goslin, Civic Center Manager, has redirected security cameras in an effort to get footage of future vandalism. A door with a lock will be put on the dugouts.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Susan Sullivan, Administrator, reported that she got an email saying that the FEMA grant is still pending. Invoices have been submitted to close out the DASNY grant.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter executive session at 7:33 pm, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. All voted AYE. Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 7:54 pm, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Arno made a motion to pay out Bryon Gelineault's rolled over vacation. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:55 pm; Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Village Clerk/Administrator