

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on May 6, 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  
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer  
Susan Sullivan, Library Director

**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:**

Ron LeBlanc – CRN News

Mr. LeBlanc expressed concern over the recent increase in property assessments. Mr. LeBlanc asked the Mayor to research the increase and asked the Board to grieve the increases.

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2019 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

**III. BILLS:           VOUCHERS   25388 - 25412       \$ 25,412**

No additions/deletions

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

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence

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

**a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:**

- 1) Mayor Batha requested an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee (s); Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Update on RFP's (Water Plant Study)  
Two proposals have been received. The deadline has been extended

3) Grants:

Mayor Batha requested authorization to sign contracts (grants and PLM Study) with Elevate 518; Seconded by Trustee Arno; Discussion: Mayor Batha state that the Village Attorney would review/re-write the contracts; AYE CARRIED

REDC (Regional Economic Development Council) Grant - \$213,000 parks and rec grant. This grant is for improvements at the Civic Center (playground, level soccer fields, re-surface tennis courts, etc.) Mayor Batha requested that Elevated 518 be hired to oversee this grant; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; 4 AYE, 1 NAY. Trustee Dart stated that there are contractors within the Village that are capable of this work. MOTION CARRIED

4) NBRC Grant Application Resolutions 2019-21 & 2019-22

Mayor Batha presented and read Resolutions required as part of the grant application  
Mayor Batha made a motion to approve the resolutions as read; Seconded by Trustee Arno;  
ROLL CALL vote resulted in 5 AYE's, 0 NAY's

5) PLM Electric Study

Trustee Menard summarized the purpose of the Electric Study being performed by PLM.  
A study to assist in estimating the power supply cost of a large spot load.

6) Fire Department Resolutions for volunteer service

The Village Board of Trustees wish to recognize 25 years of volunteer service for Michael LeBlanc and Donald Deso. ROLL CALL vote resulted in 5 AYE's, 0 NAY's

7) Discussion to hire a seasonal public works maintenance person

Motion by Trustee Menard to hire Kim Bennet (retired village PW employee) as a public works maintenance person not to exceed 23 weeks at a rate of \$19.50 and to begin as soon as feasible;  
Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

8) Letter of Intent from ERS Investors

Motion by Trustee Menard to authorize Mayor Batha to sign the letter of intent with ERS Investors;  
Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

**b. TRUSTEE ARNO:**

1) Trustee Arno made a request for an executive session to discuss the employee history of a particular Employee; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

2) Reminders:

The Village Wide Yard Sale is June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8AM - ?  
Spring Clean Up – May 5 – May 10, 2019

**c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:**

1) Trustee Dart inquired as to the status of the specs for the WWTP truck that was approved to purchase as of the new budget beginning June 1, 2019.

Discussion:

who will draw up the specs  
what type of truck is needed  
4 wheel drive or not  
crew cab or not

look into the state contract specs  
proposing to trade in or sell on a 3 year turn around

2) Trustee Dart inquired as to the status of a meeting with Mark McCullough  
The Village Clerk/Administrator will confirm

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

Trustee Menard complimented the village crews on the clean up of the Village.

**e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:**

Trustee Gadway summarized the Civic Center Report emailed to the Board by  
Rec Facility Manager Jessica Shields

- 2 bleaches at ball field until dugout is complete
- Major repairs inside complete
- maintenance on all equipment
- outside lawn care
- outside bathrooms open
- pickleball

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**TREASURER:**

Nothing at this time

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:**

Absent

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR:**

Susan Sullivan will be attending training for the 2020 Census  
Storytime continues on Thursday mornings

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

CEO John Cooper reported that 2 more buildings have been demolished on the Pfizer Property

There are complaint forms available at the Village Office, on the website and from the Code  
Enforcement Officer for code violations or concerns.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments from the public

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Menard to recess at 7:43PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into executive session at 7:56PM; Seconded by  
Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in executive session

Motion by Trustee Arno to exit executive session at 8:27PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

Motion by Trustee Menard to enter into regular session at 8:27PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno

**IX. REGULAR SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Menard to authorize the Clerk to advertise for full-time Recreation Maintenance Worker position (s); Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to authorize Jr. Moore, who volunteered, to build the dugout; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:28PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna J. Boumil  
Village Clerk/Administrator