

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, May 7, 2018 at Halstead Hall, 39 Lake Street, Rouses Point, NY commencing at 7:00 PM

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Bryon Gelineault, Chief Water Plant Operator

ABSENT: Steve Peters, Administrator
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor
Jessica Shields, Recreation Facility Manager
Tim Graves, Chief Wastewater Plant Operator

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) Public Hearing on Local Law 2 of 2018: Cryptocurrency/Data Mining
No comments from the public

Public Hearing closed.

REGULAR SESSION:

III. PRESENTATION:

Presentation of Resolution and plaque to Dan Letourneau, Mayor from 2016-2018.

IV. BIDS:

New Holland Backhoe

- Bids were opened on May 7, 2018 at 7:55AM in the order they were received.

The bids were opened in the presence of Treasurer Arsene Letourneau and Deputy Clerk Patricia Garrand. The bids were as follows:

Kevin Gay, Loudon, NY	\$ 16,579.57
Dragoon's Farm Equipment, Mooers, NY	16,269.00
Richard Rheahme, Middlebury, VT	19,500.00
Karl Schweikert, Peru, NY	18,887.78
William Trudo, Altona, NY	18,575.00
Town of Ausable, NY	15,000.00

Motion by Trustee Dart to award the bid to Richard Rheaume of Middlebury, VT in the amount of \$19,500; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

V. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- 1) Motion by Trustee Arno to accept the minutes of the April 16, 2018 and Special meeting of April 23, 2018; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

VI. **BILLS:** Vouchers 24304-24350 \$ 53,815.96

No additions or deletions.

Comments:

Trustee Le Blanc inquired if the Water Quality Report was required to distribute to all residents. Chief Water Plant Operator Bryon Gelineault responded that the Clinton County Health Department requires mailings.

Trustee Arno inquired about the numerous bills from Dragoon's. A majority of these parts are for servicing lawn tractors/mowers. Would it be better to take this equipment to Dragoon's for servicing? Trustee Arno will talk with the Village Mechanic.

Trustee Dart inquired about the Champlain Telephone bill. The Village pays over \$13,000 year for services. He is asking that it be looked into to seek another service provider.

Motion by Trustee Arno to accept and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) The Village Clerk summarized correspondence received from Kieran Gilroy, Co-Chair of the 4th of July Committee. Applications for the Vendor Sale and parade are available on the Village website and at the Village office. Also, a schedule of events is available on the website.

VIII. REPORTS:

a. MAYOR:

- 1) Surplus 2002 pick up truck
 - Trustee Arno made a motion to surplus the 2002 Chevy pickup truck; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

This will be advertised by signage, website and Craigslist. To be sold AS IS. Advertise in whatever media that is free of charge. Ask for sealed bids. The bid will be awarded at the next meeting.

- 2) Water Rates Resolution 2018-13:
Put to a ROLL CALL VOTE:
Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE- Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Le Blanc; Mayor Batha – AYE. AYE CARRIED

- 3) Public Hearing for Sewer Rate Resolution:
Motion by Trustee Menard to authorize the Clerk to publish a legal notice for a public hearing on May 21, 2018 for a Sewer Rate Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED
- 4) Bank Resolution:
Motion by Trustee Arno to authorize the change in signatures for the checking account for signing purposes; Seconded by Trustee Le Blanc; Discussion: the signatures are for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor; AYE CARRIED

b. TRUSTEE ARNO:

Updates:

- 1) Sewer Plant: inquiry about mowing outside the fence
 - Board discussion: agreed upon to mow twice around the outside the fence.
- 2) Street Department: The street crew continues to pick up the sand on the village street.
- 3) Public Works/Electric Department:
 - The Crews are working on brush pick up and cutting the curbing on Chapman Street.
 - The Electric Crew cleaned out the garage bays located at the Village Office. They found 13 Christmas pole decorations that are broken.
Discussion: The Board decided to reach out to the Village of Champlain and other local municipalities to inquire if they are interested. If not, then dispose of them.
- 4) Rec Center: The bathroom at the boat launch is open for use
- 5) Water Plant: AES will be here Thursday at approximately 10:00AM for a start up
- 6) Trustee Arno made a motion for an Executive Session to discuss Sewer Plant personnel; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

c. TRUSTEE DART:

- 1) Trustee Dart brought to the attention of the Board a letter that was addressed to Public Works Supervisor Brian Pelkey from Chief Water Plant Operator Bryon Gelineault regarding the call out procedure one the night shift is eliminated. Trustee Dart asked that the Board take this letter under advisement and requested that a decision be made at a later date.
- 2) Water Plant Update:
 - Trustee Dart asked Chief Operator Bryon Gelineault about the Adams Water System and the continuation of cleaning
 - Trustee Dart asked Chief Operator Bryon Gelineault about the skid units, the installation and piping. Discussion ensued.
 - The electrical department will be working at the water plant on Tuesday after 2:30PM to prep for AES' visit on Thursday.

d. TRUSTEE MENARD:

Nothing to report

e. TRUSTEE LE BLANC:

- 1) Trustee Le Blanc made inquiries to the Assemblyman and Senator's Office regarding economic grants for villages. The Village of Rouses Point is on the contact list
- 2) Mayor Batha asked Trustee Le Blanc to get involved with welcoming new businesses in the Village. There have been 4 new businesses that opened up recently. Trustee Le Blanc will meet business owners.

f. OTHER REPORTS:

CLERK:

Nothing to report

TREASURER:

- 1) The Village received \$18,000 from the Sheriff's Office for lease of the police station
- 2) The Village received \$ 8,713.56 from Homeland Security Emergency Service for damage done during Winter Storm Stella

CHIEF WATER PLANT OPERATOR:

Nothing to report

VILLAGE ATTORNEY TOM MURNANE:

- Mr. Murnane stated that he consulted with the Mayor and Administrator Steve Peters regarding the Cryptocurrency Law. He is present in the event the community has questions.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Menard to recess for Executive Session at 7:28PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

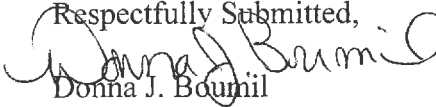
Motion by Trustee Arno to entered into Executive Session at 7:32PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Regular Session at 7:32PM; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:43M; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna J. Bounil
Village Clerk