

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on November 16, 2020, 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

**ABSENT** Jamie L. Gadway, Trustee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer  
John Cooper, Code Enforcement

**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:**

No comments

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

**III. BILLS:** \$165,924.20      **CHECK #** 26966 - 27018

Treasurer Letourneau states there are two additions to the bills. Amazon \$471.56 for library supplies, and Excellus \$40,418.90 for December monthly bill. Trustee Arno made a motion to accept and pay the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Menard. Trustees Arno, Menard, and Mayor Thone voted AYE. Trustee Pelkey voted Nay.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Krysten Connors from the Clinton County Youth Bureau requested the use of the skating rink and fields to have a free program for skating and snowshoeing for area youth on January 16, 2021, from 130 to 300 PM. Trustee Menard made a motion that this be granted free of charge. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

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

**a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:**

1) Mayor Thone discussed the public hearing to allow ERS to obtain a tax break for developing the Rouses Point site. Trustee Menard explained that his understanding is that Rouses point will continue to receive taxes on the land and buildings that are now present but would not receive taxes on improvements for five years. After that there is a phase in until Rouses Point receives 100 % of the tax revenue. Rouses Point will still receive income from utilities used. Trustee Menard and Mayor Thone agree this is still a good deal for Rouses Point and will encourage quick development of the land.

2) Mayor Thone announced that the December Toy Parade will be cancelled this year due to Covid restrictions on event size.

3) Mayor Thone discussed the KAS contract to move ahead with phase 1 testing of the site for the new water plant. Trustee Menard made a motion that the mayor be given board approval to sign the contract. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

**b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:**

1) The Fire Department received and installed the new compressor. The old compressor will be used by the Civic Center if it can be refurbished.

2) Trustee Arno continues to look around storage areas in the village to see if there are unused items that can be added to the surplus list or sold as scrap such as pallets, shelving and an old unused safe. Trustee Arno made a motion that these items be added to the surplus list. Seconded by Mayor Thone. All voted AYE.

3) Trustee Arno discussed the new lights in the park. There are trees still interfering with getting enough light through out the park. After discussion, it was decided that we look into moving the poles or trimming the trees.

4) Trustee Arno asked that the Administrator reach out to the Village of Malone to see if they would be interested in the light poles that were made surplus last month as they have the same type of light pole in their village.

5) Trustee Arno informed the board that the Fire Department was having an issue with how long it takes for hot water to reach the restroom on the far side of the building from the tank. Trustee Menard suggested they look into getting an in-line circulator that would keep the water in the pipes hot at all times.

**c. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:**

Absent

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

1) Requests an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee.

**e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:**

1) Trustee Pelkey had several questions about the items on the grants update provided by the Administrator. These were discussed and clarified.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:45 PM. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

Trustee Arno made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:54 PM. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

**IX. REGULAR SESSION:**

Trustee Arno made a motion that the hybrid vehicle is not used every day by the Electric Department. Trustees Arno, Menard and Pelkey voted AYE. Mayor Thone abstained.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Menard to adjourn at 7:56PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan  
Clerk/Administrator