

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, October 4, 2021, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Jedidiah F. Thone, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee
Joseph E. Rodriguez, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee

ABSENT: Susan Sullivan, Village Clerk/Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT : Arsene Letourneau, Village Treasurer
Tom Murnane, Village Attorney
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Patricia A. Garrand, Deputy Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

REGULAR SESSION:

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

David Kreutz, one of the partners from ERS Investments, spoke about the current projects and tenants that have moved into the old Pfizer site. Have an initial tenant called 2CRSi, a high-tech French manufacturer of data servers. They want to make Rouses Point their headquarters here in the USA. They are known for being “Green” and recycle the heat generated by the servers. RPNY to manufacture data center trailers. 2CRSi will make the servers and RPNY will put them in 1-megawatt trailers. They will be tested and shipped off via semi-truck to various clients. Hari Achuthan will be overseeing the 2CRSi operations. Hari is the Chief Executive Officer and owner of Convalt Energy. He will be bringing his crew and take over to make sure the permitting requirements are met and that things run smoothly. They want to have a variety of companies so that there won’t be just 1 large company/employer. Discussed the power research they had done. Trustee Menard asked about a timeline. Mr. Kreutz stated by the end of the year there should be significant progress. Mayor Thone asked for a copy of the conclusion of the power research. If more companies come and/or need to expand. ERS will move quickly

to put up new steel buildings. Mr. Kreutz said they would be built on the existing foundations. Jed asked about how many jobs would be created if they expand. He said that he felt around 40 to 60 jobs total with the different companies.

No other comments from the public.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Trustee Rodriguez made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2021, special meeting, Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2021, special meeting. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. AYE CARRIED

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2021, regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED

BILLS:	VOUCHERS	27909 - 27942	\$63,709.96
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No additions or deletions.

Trustee Menard made a motion to pay the bills as listed. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of resignation from Susan Sullivan, Clerk/Administrator whose last day will be October 8, 2021.

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the resignation. Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. AYE CARRIED

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

MAYOR JEDIDIAH F. THONE:

- 1) Resolution 2021-23 Election Date and Offices put to a roll call vote by Mayor Thone and seconded by Trustee Arno. ROLL CALL VOTE AYE CARRIED
- 2) Resolution 2021-24 Close DASNY Grant put to a roll call vote by Mayor Thone and seconded by Trustee Pelkey. ROLL CALL VOTE AYE CARRIED
- 3) NYS Troopers Report: To obtain a NYS Trooper report, go to troopers.ny.gov, select **pressroom** at the bottom of the page, select **Troop B Ray Brook** on left side, click in the center on the **zone 1** line. This will open the report for all calls in zone 1 for that date. Scroll

through to see the Rouses Point calls. If you need more information, contact Sgt. Jenkins at (518)563-3761.

- 4) Proposal for Recloser Setting Files: Our laptop was not able to pull the files. This is a proposal from Black & McDonald to pull the files for us. Trustee Pelkey asked if the company was recommended by PLM Engineering. Mayor Thone was not sure. Trustee Menard asked if he could find out before we vote on the proposal. There was additional discussion about the laptop and need of a second quote. Mayor Thone stated he will contact PLM to make sure Black & McDonald is someone they would recommend.
- 5) Champlain EMS contract: Trustee Pelkey asked the Village Attorney, Tom Murnane, if he looked over the contract. The only difference he saw was the cost increase. This covers the weekend coverage for staff at the Rouses Point Fire Station. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the contract. Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED
- 6) Requests an Executive Session to discuss a pending investigation. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED
- 7) Requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a specific employee. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Questioned if Mayor Thone had spoken to Ethan, Rec Facility Manager, about mowing the grass behind the village office.
- 2) Asked about pulling the trees out that are behind the village office and down by the Pier. Would like John Bernard to weld the railings due to several breaks.
- 3) Question to Pat Birkett regarding the Hometown Hero banners and if they would be on the downtown poles. They will not, due to the size of the banners and those poles are not tall enough.

TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

- 1) Thanked the Village employees for the great work on the sidewalks outside the Civic Center.
- 2) Made a motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise the position for Village Clerk/Administrator. Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

- 1) Had a meeting with Tish Biesemeyer, from Burnham Benefit Advisors, the brokerage for the Village's health insurance. They work to keep our insurance premiums low. Meeting went very well.
- 2) PLM Electric Power Engineering proposal: We don't have the money in the budget for this year. Would like to downscale the scope of the project and just get the necessities and then budget the remaining costs over the next few years.

- 3) Spoke to Kimberly Davis, Clinton County Treasurer, and she sent guidelines for imposing property maintenance charges onto the tax bill. Gives us some options regarding the Chapman Street property and others around the village. John Cooper did send a letter to the owner, giving him a deadline to get it cleaned up or we can take him to court and fine him daily.
- 4) It is Fire Prevention Week. We will be at Rouses Point Elementary on Friday.
- 5) Request an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE JOSEPH E. RODRIGUEZ:

- 1) Fall Clean-Up Dates are October 25-29, 2021. No more pickups after these dates. Bagged leaves, small limbs, and brush. Place near the curb.

OTHER REPORTS:

Mayor Thone spoke with Dan Stec at a convention he attended. He will be up here in the next month or so and would like to set up a day to tour the Village.

TREASURER:

- 1) Received a check for our Third Quarter Sales Tax Revenue in the amount of \$ 66,277.27.
- 2) Would like to thank the Board for allowing him to attend the Fall Training School sponsored by NYCOM and the State Comptrollers Office.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Working with David Kreutz to get their actions up to date regarding the ERS property.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR:

Absent No Report

DEPUTY CLERK:

No Report

OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

No Comments from the Public

RECESS

Motion was made by Mayor Thone to recess at 7:54pm; Seconded by Trustee Pelkey; AYE CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Trustee Arno to enter Executive Session at 7:59pm; Seconded by Trustee Pelkey; AYE CARRIED.

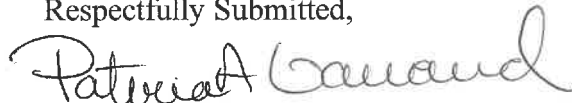
Motion was made by Trustee Arno to exit Executive Session at 8:21pm; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED.

No action was taken in Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Menard to adjourn at 8:22pm; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Garrand
Deputy Village Clerk

