

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, September 4, 2018 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 Menard, Trustee
Ron R. LeBlanc, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Peters, Administrator
Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor

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.

REGULAR SESSION:

II. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No comment from the public

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Menard made a Motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of August 20, 2018 and special meeting of August 28, 2018; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: **VOUCHERS** 24684 – 24710 \$ 76,074.16

No additions/deletions

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

1) Update on letters for the front of the Civic Center:

- The letters have been ordered
- Silhouettes are approximately \$500 each
- The rebate on the paint (which was not used on the civic center building) in the amount of \$1,000 will be used to offset the purchase the silhouettes. An estimate on the amount of paint needed was provided by the vendor. The unused paint will be used for future paint jobs throughout the Village.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Paving on Pine and Academy Streets:
 - Broken curbing will be repaired this fall
 - Over the winter the streets will be re-engineered
 - A plan will be discussed this winter while working on the budget
- 2) Smith Street paving:
 - Discussion ensued:
 - Moving catch basins into the street
 - Re-do sidewalks as needed
 - Water and sewer lines are relatively new
 - A plan will be worked on over the winter
 - Paving jobs can be completed in phases
- 3) Library update:
 - A grant has been secured for the asbestos abatement
 - There are approximately 500 boxes of books to be removed
 - Dick Ward from Plattsburgh will look at the books to see if he has an interest
 - There was a company that previously picked up used books and paid the library for what was sold. The treasurer and clerk will look into this.
- 4) Safety:
 - The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free snowplow refresher course which public works employees will be attending

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

Nothing to report

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Trustee Menard thanked PWS Pelkey and the Village employees for all of their hard work over the summer.

e. TRUSTEE RON R. LEBLANC:

- 1) IT Infrastructure:
 - A quote has been received from a supplier to consolidate and fortify emails. This would be a single source. Approximately \$1,800. This is a non-budgeted item.
 - More concrete information will be brought to the next meeting

f. OTHER REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR:

- 1) Pfizer:

Pfizer has been keeping the Village updated on their progress. They are positive for its' future.
- 2) Gutters for the Civic Center:
 - Waiting for our credit application to be processed
 - Administrator Peters will follow up

- 3) Administrator Peters spoke with the North Country Chamber of Commerce regarding marketing and media and the gaps with the Rouses Point/Champlain area.
 - The Chamber will be hosting a breakfast for business owners, the public and trustees in the Rouses Point area
- 4) Most on the Coast –
 - Event is on 9/29/18
 - This is a Market Day with regional artisans
 - As of this date, there are approximately 25 vendors registered with more inquiries

TREASURER:

Nothing to report

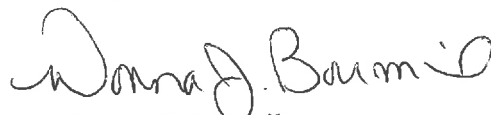
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

- 1) Updates paving:
 - Paving is complete and came in under budget
 - CHIPS requirements met for reimbursement
- 2) 2 power outages over the past week
 - Friday afternoon on the North end (a cut on failed on the Bridge Rd.)
 - Thursday at 1:30am on Smith Street. It took approximately 3 hours to fix. A cable connection had been compromised
 - Discussion ensued:
 - There is money in the budget for fault indicators
 - All of the streets, except 2, are underground
- 3) Repairs on the Village Office will begin shortly. It is anticipated that the back of the office will be repaired before winter
- 4) Salt: 290 tons of salt has been ordered for the winter.
- 5) Sidewalks:
 - Finishing up sidewalk repairs
 - Cobblestone being finished up in front of the liquor store
- 6) Tree trimming:
 - Waiting for leaves to fall off the trees
 - Trees will be trimmed before winter
- 7) CP Rail contacted regarding the pavement near the tracks on Chapman Street
 - CP Rail expressed they would like to remove the 1st set of tracks
 - CP Rail will cold patch what they can

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Dart to adjourn at 7:28PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk