

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, December 19, 2016 at Halstead Hall commencing at 7:00pm.

**PRESENT:** Daniel H. Letourneau, Mayor  
John A Mott, Deputy Mayor  
Arvil J. Moore, Trustee  
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee  
Thomas M. Dart, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jean LaBombard, Administrator  
Becky Pelkey, Deputy Treasurer  
Brian S. Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor  
Clifford Sterling, Codes Enforcement Officer

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor Daniel Letourneau called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Public Hearing is open to discuss the Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal year 2017-2018. Open to the public for comments.

No action by Public Body taken during the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing closed at 7:03pm

**REGULAR SESSION:** 7:03pm

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments from the public

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2016; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE CARRIED

**BILLS**            **VOUCHER NOS:**    **15877-15982**            **\$244,936.54**

No additions or deletions

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Rouses Point Fire Department requesting permission to apply for the 2016 FEMA Fire Act Grant.

Motion by Trustee Mott to approve request; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

## **REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR AND BOARD:**

### **a. MAYOR DANIEL LETOURNEAU:**

- 1) Appointment of Michael Casey to the Zoning Board of Appeals.  
Motion by Trustee Moore to approve appointment; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Re-advertisement of Notice to Bidders for the Articulated Loader for the WWTP.
  - Specs incorrect, therefore bids were rejected
  - 2 bids received (1 received via email – rejected per bid policy, 1 received without bid bond – rejected per bid policy)
  - Discussion: whether or not to re-advertise with correct specs
    - Further discussion and research indicates Village owns 3 skidsteers
    - WWTP uses skidsteer every other month for 5 days
    - Rollover money to the next fiscal year for a new skidsteer
    - Previous discussion of purchasing a skidsteer or piece of equipment that would have a dual purpose to be used within more than 1 department
  - Consensus is not to re-advertise

Motion by Trustee Dart to NOT purchase new equipment/loader for the WWTP  
Seconded by Trustee Arno; ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Mott – AYE; Trustee Moore – NAY; Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE. MOTION CARRIED to NOT purchase new equipment/loader.

- 3) NYMPA – REC & ZEC information directed by Governor Cuomo  
Mayor Letourneau explained ZEC (Zero Emission Credit) and REC (Renewable Energy Credit) siting information from the December 5, 2016 letter from NYMPA.
  - This is not an optional increase but mandated by the state government to increase 3/10 cent per kWh.
  - There will be an increase in REC over the next 4 years but the amount is not known at this time
  - These are unfunded mandates
- 4) NYPA – allocations of hydropower
  - For informational purposes – a letter from NYPA (New York Power Authority) was read regarding the review of unutilized Municipal and Rural Electric Cooperative Industrial Economic Development Program (IEDP) allocations.
  - Allocations of hydropower are granted to an electric system on behalf of businesses within their service territory in exchange for a commitment of new jobs at the facility. (Wyeth-Ayerst at 70 kW)

- The amount of the IEDP Power allocation contract will be reduced from 70 kW to 30 kW effective November 1, 2016 based on reduction in workforce at Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories.
- 5) Fourth Quarter water testing results have been received and we passed successfully. We are asking to be removed from monitoring.

**b. TRUSTEE MOORE:**

Nothing to report

**c. TRUSTEE MOTT:**

Nothing to report

**d. TRUSTEE ARNO:**

- 1) Water Plant: Noted that the new compressor has been installed and inquired about placement of other items. Brian Pelkey stated that he is waiting on the footprint of the water plant from the engineers for placement of new pumps and equipment away from electrical.
- 2) Trustee Arno reported that approximately 60 kids participated in the Annual Fire Department Christmas party/fire truck rides.

**e. TRUSTEE DART:**

Nothing to report

Trustee Dart wishes the resident a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**OTHER REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Electric Department: stray voltage testing complete and reported to PSC
- In the Spring, the public works and electric crews will be working with residents to eliminate remaining vegetation around transformers
- Working on the construction and installation of a roof over the ramp at the library

**DEPUTY TREASURER:**

Nothing to report

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

Wishes everyone a Great Christmas and a safe New Year

Water Plant Project – project is underway. The designs from AES have been received and have been forwarded to IEEP for consideration and bidding.

**VILLAGE CLERK:**

Nothing to report

**TREASURER:**

Nothing to report

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Moore to request an Executive Session to discuss the potential promotion of a particular person(s); Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Moore to enter into Executive Session at 7:30pm; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Moore to enter into Regular Session at 8:37pm; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Moore to adjourn at 8:38pm; Seconded by Trustee Mott; AYE CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil  
Village Clerk