

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street commencing at 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Daniel H. Letourneau, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Thomas M. Dart, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Thomas D. Batha, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Jean LaBombard, Administrator
Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian Pelkey, PWS

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

Mayor Daniel Letourneau opened the Meeting at 7:00PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion by Trustee Batha to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2017 and May 31, 2017 with correction; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

BILLS: **VOUCHERS** 16705 – 16720 \$ 17,371.68

There are no additions or deletions.

Motion by Trustee Arno to approve and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Dart;
No Discussion: AYE CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Letter of Retirement from Kim Bennet – Motion by Trustee Batha to accept the Letter of Retirement with regrets and congratulations; Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED
- 2) Letter from Becky Reid was read thanking Cody O’Brian for responding to her request to remove overgrowth at the Village Pier. Also, she complimented all village employees on keeping Rouses Point beautiful.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

MAYOR:

- 1) Appointment of Patricia Birkett to the Zoning Board for a term of 5 years – Motion by Trustee Menard to approve; Seconded by Trustee Batha. AYE CARRIED
- 2) Appointment of John Cooper to the Planning Board for a term of 5 years – Motion by Trustee Menard to approve; Seconded by Trustee Batha; AYE CARRIED
- 3) Discussion of Shared Services Panel Meeting –

- Mayor Letourneau attended the 5/17/17 meeting
- 1st meeting with a presentation by the NYS Department of State
- Suggestions by panel members for shared services
 - County-wide assessing service
 - Grant writing
 - Centralized animal control
 - Health insurance – NYSHIP
 - Code Enforcement Officer – Building codes (zoning separate in each municipality &/or town)
 - IT Resource person
 - Towns (assist in snow/ice, trash removal)
 - Tax collection using banks vs. tax collector
 - Mayor Letourneau discussed the dissolution of the Rouses Point Police Department and Clinton County Sheriff's Office providing coverage 24/7. This was well received.
- Next meeting 6/7/17 10am – noon
- 4) Review of meeting with County Administrator and County Sheriff held on 6/5/17–
 - Discussion of specifics of plan
 - Create a framework of the Sheriff's Department to take over
 - The policy of the Sheriff's Department – if a community has their own police department the Sheriff's Department doesn't patrol
 - The Sheriff's Department reviewed what we have in the police department and what would have to happen to abolish the police department
 - The Sheriff's Department will be responsible for the evidence, records retention and migration of records. This will take approximately 160 hours to transition
 - The Sheriff's Department will be using the dock behind the Village Office this summer
 - The Sheriff's Department inquired about winter storage at the Village for their boat
 - Response of Sheriff's Department to Rouses Point calls – dispatched through 911, closest car will respond
 - Non 911 calls/complaints will be notated and the Sheriff's Department will be notified.
 - Beneficial for the Village
 - Save money
 - The Mayor will update at the next Board meeting
- 5) Property Lien for unpaid electric bills
 - NYCOM – A lien cannot be placed for electric charges – Article 14A
 - Discussed: Going to Civil Court to have a lien against the person
 - Trustee Batha would like more information on the procedure
 - Based on NYCOM's experience this is not feasible
 - Trustee Dart explained an Initiative other towns/states have for tax collection
- 6) May Report – CMES
 - Distributed to Trustees
 - Mayor Letourneau summarized

TRUSTEE ARNO:

- 1) Internet connections at Public Works –
Discussion –
 - Computers were purchased from the County
 - Computers will be used to get quotes online
 - Streamline business
 - Cost – internet cost – 1 connection, contract with Primelink

TRUSTEE DART:

Nothing to report

TRUSTEE MENARD:

- 1) Draft Resolution 2017-27: Dissolution of Police Department
 - Trustee Menard made a motion to begin the process to Dissolve the Police Department; Seconded by Trustee Batha;
Discussion: The Village Attorney will review the draft. Mayor Letourneau provided an explanation of the process to dissolve the Police Department.
ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Batha – AYE; AYE CARRIED

TRUSTEE BATHA:

Nothing to report

OTHER REPORTS:

CLERK:

Announcement of the Village Wide Yard/Garage Sale on June 24. Contact the Village Clerk to be put on the map

ADMINISTRATOR:

The Rouses Point Center Stage has published the 2017 Concert Series from July 6 through August 4. The brochure is available at the Village Office and on the Village Website

TREASURER:

Tax bills have been mailed

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

- Update on the Water Plant rehab project
- There will be a power interruption Monday, June 12, 2017 lasting 1-1/2 hours (approx.. 7:30am-9:30am) from State Street to Best Friends on Lake Street to change the switch located near Chazy Hardware.
- Top soil to be replaced on Chapman St and Smith St weather permitting
- The sewer project on upper Chapman St is complete
- Flag pole at the Welcome Center will be installed for the June 15th opening
- Sewer Plant – update on the switch replacement
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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Arno for an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular person; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn the Regular Session for a short recess at 7:42PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:44PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

No action taken during Executive Session.

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Regular Session at 8:33PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Menard made a motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise the Public Works Maintenance Worker position; Seconded by Trustee Arno;

Discussion: Trustee Dart asked if the position should be filled or cut? The Board determined it will be filled. AYE CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:43PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk