

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on December 4, 2017 at Halstead Hall, 39 Lake Street, Rouses Point, NY commencing at 7:00 PM

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

ABSENT: Dale Menard, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Steven M. Peters, Administrator
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor
Clifford Sterling, Codes Enforcement Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

I. MINUTES:

Motion by Trustee Arno to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2017; Seconded by Trustee Batha; AYE CARRIED

II. **BILLS:** Voucher 17495 – 17526 \$ 192,544.98

III.

No additions or deletions.

Motion by Trustee Arno to approve and pay the bills; Seconded by Mayor Letourneau; Discussion: Trustee Dart – re: Voucher #17525 retirement for police. Treasurer provided an explanation; AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Informational purposes only: Ristorante Casa Capitano submitted a copy of a Liquor License Application.
- 2) Letter from the Fire Department: Annual Christmas Party.
Motion by Trustee Arno to approve giving fire truck rides during the Annual Christmas Party on December 9th; Seconded by Trustee Batha; AYE CARRIED

V. REPORTS:

a. MAYOR:

- 1) School Choice Week Proclamation
Mayor Letourneau read the proclamation
 - This Proclamation will be filed with the National School Choice Week and sent to Rouses Point Elementary School
- 2) Volunteer Interior Firefighter Cancer Disability Insurance

Mayor Letourneau summarized the recently passed law 1411B providing for Volunteer Interior Firefighter Cancer Disability Insurance

- Goes into effect 2019
- Cost is approximately \$250 per participant
- Chief LeBlanc will provide the number of certified interior firefighters

3) Update on Wyeth (Pfizer Pharmaceuticals)

Mayor Letourneau summarized letters received regarding plant closure

- Manufacturing concluded on October 17, 2017
- Closure early 2018
- Discussion ensued:
 - Tax assessment
 - utility revenue

➤ Electric rate study discussed per previous 2 audits

- 2-year study through PSC (approx. \$17,000 which is recoverable)
- Rates haven't been raised since 1982
- Discuss at the next Board Meeting

4) Bids for Chemical Skid Units

- One bid received
- The bid was twice the anticipated amount
- Motion by Trustee Arno to reject the bid; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Batha to re-advertise for a period for 3 days with a due date in 2 weeks; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

5) Water Plant:

- There is a newly certified operator – Congratulations!

6) Celebrations:

- Thank you to the Village Clerk for the work done on the Parade of Toys – it was a success
- CP Rail Holiday Train – over 600 lbs of food donated and a donation of approximately \$4,000 was received for St. Patrick's Food Shelf

b. TRUSTEE ARNO:

- 1) The newly purchased fire truck will be delivered on Saturday – no expense to deliver
- 2) Thank you to the Village Crew for installing the roof guards at the Railroad Station

c. TRUSTEE DART:

Nothing to report

TRUSTEE MENARD:

Absent

TRUSTEE BATHA:

Nothing to report

OTHER REPORTS:

CLERK:

Parade of Toys: we handed out approximately 80-90 goodie bags, the library handed out approximately 100 books. Thank you to Santa, Mrs. Claus and Joy the Elf, the Village Crews for putting up the lights and the water plant for decorating. Robbie Roberts participated with his tractor trailer all lite up. The Sheriff's Department and Fire Department provided traffic control.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- A duty statement has been submitted to Civil Service for a position in Public Works. Waiting for a determination of the title
- Motion by Trustee Batha to post the position internally once it is approved by Civil Service; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

TREASURER:

- Received a check from NYMIR (New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal) for a refund for the capitalization cost (\$1,904.08, the 1st of 4 refunds)
- Received 2 quotes for Disability Insurance
 - LaBarge - \$1,404
 - Burnham - \$1,254
 - Benefits are the same, effective the 1st of 2018

Motion by Trustee Arno to accept Burnham's quote; Seconded by Trustee Batha; AYE CARRIED

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

- Update on Water Plant upgrade
 - The Welder is on site to put the 2nd pump together

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

No report

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:40PM; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk