

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Tuesday, September 18, 2017 at Halstead Hall, 39 Lake Street, Rouses Point, NY commencing at 7:00 PM

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

ABSENT: Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor
Clifford Sterling, Codes Enforcement Officer

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 September 5, 2017; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

II. BILLS: Voucher 17150 - 17209 \$ 242,281.80

Additions: Business Card in the amount of \$38.78 for four (4) employees for lunch at Water School.

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

III. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Informational Purposes - Letter from the Rouses Point Dodge Memorial Library regarding resignation of Susan Sullivan as Cleaner effective immediately.
- 2) Information Purposes – Letter from the Rouses Point Dodge Memorial Library regarding the appointment of Stephanie Ajmo as Cleaner effective September 1, 2017

IV. REPORTS:

MAYOR:

- 1) Presentation of plaque to Kim Bennet for 20 years of service to the Village
- 2) Update of Recreation Program by Jan Letourneau, Recreation Leader (See attachment A)

- 3) Discussion regarding letter from Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Brockway request for modification to Local Law Animals (Fowl) 120-25:
- They would like to have chickens in their yard
 - The current Village Codes doesn't allow for this
 - If the current Code is changed to accommodate, there will have to be a change in the Local Law

Motion by Trustee Menard to modify the Local Law; Seconded by Trustee Dart; Discussion: comments from random number of residents resulted in no positive response. Such a request is generally submitted with a petition. No petition was presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Arno – NAY; Trustee Batha – NAY; Trustee Menard – NAY; Trustee Dart – NAY; Motion to modify local law denied.

- 4) Kiosk Display at the Montgomery Street Boat Launch –
- Trustees received an email with drawing of display
 - There is a webcam overlooking the boat launch
 - Depicts the history of the lake elevation
 - No cost to the Village
- 5) Resolution 2017-36: Budget Modification
- For an outstanding P.O.
- Motion by Trustee Batha to approve the Budget Modification Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Menard; ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Batha – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED
- 6) Update on the FT Temp Civic Center position:
- The applicant who was selected did not complete the pre-employment physical and screening
 - The Clerk received another application this date, waiting for qualification status from Civil Service
 - The Mayor referenced an email sent to the Board of Trustees regarding making ice and WWTP Personnel assisting.
 - If there is no candidate, the Mayor may ask Civil Service for a residency waiver
- 7) Status of Water Plant Upgrade
- The Clerk spoke with John Kanoza regarding approval of the plans.
 - A letter of approval from Mr. Marshall should be forthcoming with two (2) minor changes
- 8) The flagpole at the Memorial Park has been installed
- 9) Cameras are installed and functioning at the Civic Center. Monitoring is from the Civic Center.

TRUSTEE ARNO:

- 1) Public Works did a good job with the paving on Chapman and Clinton Streets
- 2) The Electric Department is working on lights and pulling wires

TRUSTEE DART:

- 1) Update on the NYS Revitalization Program –
 - Mr. Ron LeBlanc said he found the information on the NYS Website and he would help anyway he can.

Discussion:

- Letter of Intent to File deadline is 10/13/17
 - Grant writing falls on the Village, not the resident
 - Mayor Letourneau asked if any Board member is interested in attending webinars and workshops regarding this program. Trustees Dart and Batha are on the Planning/Development Committee
 - There are no volunteers from the Board to take on this grant writing
- 2) Discussion regarding the decommissioning of the last police car
- Take the car off the Village's books (maintenance, repairs, insurance costly)
 - Put out to bid for sale

Motion by Trustee Dart to put the Crown Victoria out to bid; Seconded by Trustee Arno; Discussion:

- Use the money to repair John Bernard's truck and fender wells of the PWS truck
- Repair the trucks at WWTP and Public Works
- The Crown Vic would be an extra vehicle for the Village
- There is no cost to re-brand and decommission unless sold, then the Village would have to pay to decommission through the Restructuring Fund
- A minimum bid would be set if sold
- Discussion of replacement schedule of vehicles

ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Menard – NAY; Trustee Batha – AYE.

Minimum bid and authorization to advertise tabled until the October 2nd meeting.

TRUSTEE MENARD:

Nothing to report

TRUSTEE BATHA:

- 1) Update on the IEEP meeting attended in Syracuse.
- Trustee Batha provided background of the Village's IEEP Process
 - Proposed guidelines were distributed to the Board
 - Discussion ensued

Motion by Trustee Arno to approve the Proposed Guidelines with amendment; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

2) OTHER REPORTS:

TREASURER:

- Treasurer's Report put in the Boards mailboxes this afternoon
- Thanked the Board for authorizing him and the Clerk to attend the NYCOM Fall Training School in Saratoga Springs.

CLERK:

- Agreed with the Treasurer regarding the NYCOM Fall Training School. Very informative.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

Absent

CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Absent

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Dart to recess for an Executive Session at 8:09PM to discuss matters leading to the employment of a particular person and matters leading to the discipline of a particular person; Seconded by Trustee Batha; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 8:14PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in Executive Session


REGULAR SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Regular Session at 8:57PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:57PMPM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,


Donna J. Bounie
Village Clerk