

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, March 19, 2018 at Halstead Hall, 39 Lake Street, Rouses Point, NY commencing at 7:00 PM

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Peters, Administrator  
Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer  
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor  
Bryon Gelineault, Chief Water Plant Operator  
Tim Graves, Chief Wastewater Plant Operator

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor Daniel 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 March 5, 2018; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

**II. BILLS:**            Vouchers            24147-24206            \$ 280,508.67

Additions:

Amazon – Books: \$115.95

Business Credit Card – Line worker safety school for the Electric Department:  
\$13.60

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

Discussion:

- Trustee Batha inquired about 2 Airgas bills – delivery charges for 2 separate deliveries on the same day (The date on the list of bills is the date of the meeting. There were 2 deliveries – 3/1 & 3/5)
- Trustee Arno inquired about the dog waste station bags – bags were purchased locally until an order could be placed
- Trustee Dart inquired about the line item for Clinton County Highway Department – this amount is for the Rec Trail.

AYE CARRIED

**III. CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence

#### **IV. REPORTS:**

##### **a. MAYOR:**

- 1) Memo and explanation from Chief Water Plant Operator Bryon Gelineault re: purchase of DE – Aftek/EP Minerals is the lowest bid. (significant savings over time)
  - 5 different bids were received.
  - All bids were same brand of merchandise
- 2) Budget Modification Resolution 2018-5:  
Treasurer Arsene Letourneau provided an explanation of the Budget Modification: Motion to approve the Resolution by Trustee Batha; Seconded by Trustee Menard; ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Batha – AYE. MOTION CARRIED
- 3) Server Farms – An article will be published in the Press Republican regarding the position of the Village with respect to Server Farms being located in the Village of Rouses Point

##### **b. TRUSTEE ARNO:**

- 1) Water Plant Update:
  - Chief Water Plant Operator Bryon Gelineault was present to update the Board on the water plant rehab project
    - Delivery of the skid units and the auto-dialer will be in approximately 2 weeks.
- 2) Trustee Arno inquired as to the status of the Fire Truck that was surplus.
  - The Village Clerk reported that Arno’s Scrap Metal paid for the truck today
  - The Bill of Sale was signed over to Arno’s Scrap Metal
  - Mr. Arno asked if the truck could stay here until the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April due to snow in his yard
- 3) The Fire Department will hold a car wash on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Donations accepted.

##### **c. TRUSTEE DART:**

- 1) Server Farms – Trustee Dart thanked the Mayor for keeping everyone informed about the Server Farms. Trustee Dart expressed that he, PWS Brian Pelkey and administration are working closely on this for the best interest of the residents.

##### **d. TRUSTEE MENARD:**

Nothing to report

##### **e. TRUSTEE BATHA:**

- 1) Trustee Batha would like to publicly commend Treasurer Arsene Letourneau and Account Clerk Patty Garrand for the exemplary work done while an employee in the accounting department was absent for an extended period of time.
- 2) Trustee Batha posed questions regarding:
  - Has the Village received reimbursement from the police car decommissioning?
    - This is in the State’s hands
  - What is the status of the Water Fund Grant
    - There is only one grant

- This is through Senator Little's Office
- \$200,000 from the grant
- \$70,000 from IEEP
- \$70,000 budgeted
- Money is spent, then reimbursement applied for
- Has the Village received payment for the sale of firearms through the Sheriff's Department?
  - The Village has not received payment
  - Trustee Batha will follow up with the Sheriff

**V. OTHER REPORTS:**

**CLERK:**

Nothing to report

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

Nothing to report.

**TREASURER:**

Nothing to report

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:**

- 1) PWS Brian Pelkey reported that there are two new LED lights (white lights, more efficient) that are being tried for a 30-day trial. He asked that the Board take note and give feedback.
- 2) Update on the heating system at the library – There is a deadline of 4/4/18 to resolve the issues indicated on the inspection report. PWS Pelkey commented that the repairs to put the boiler back in service until the end of the year will be approximately \$100.

**CHIEF WATER PLANT OPERATOR:**

Nothing to report

**CHIEF WASTEWATER PLANT OPERATOR:**

Nothing to report

**VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments from the public

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Menard at 7:18PM to enter into Executive Session to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to the Taylor Law; Seconded by Trustee Batha; AYE CARRIED.

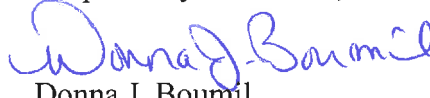
No action taken in Executive Session.

Motion by Trustee Arno at 7:41PM to enter into Regular Session; Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Dart to adjourn at 7:41PM; Seconded by Trustee Batha; AYE  
CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil  
Village Clerk