

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, November 19, 2018 at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Thomas D. Batha, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Thomas M. Dart, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Ron R. LeBlanc, Trustee

ABSENT: Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Steve Peters, Village Administrator
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Thomas Batha called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR SESSION:

I. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a Motion to accept the minutes of the regular meetings of November 5, 2018 as presented; Seconded by Trustee Menard AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: **VOUCHERS** 24896 – 24953 \$ 187,069.97

Additions: Bill for Symquest for monthly lease on the Konica Minolta Copier- \$310.00

Motion by Trustee Menard to approve and pay the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc; AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

- 1) **Resolution 2018-26: Ice time requirements** – tabled until December
- 2) **Resolution 2018-27 – Road Name Designation** – A resolution was presented for clarification on the name of Rock Ave/Street as requested by Emergency Services (911). Mayor Batha stated that it has been Rock Street and is stated so on the Village Map located at the Board Room.

Motion by Trustee Arno to officially keep the name Rock Street; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED. The Clerk will notify the various parties - Emergency Services, Real Property, Post Office and the Public Works Supervisor.

- 3) **Toys for Tots** – Scheduled for December 9th at 4:30pm at the Civic Center parking lot. Clerk Boumil provided an explanation: Amtrak is not sponsoring this event this year. There will be a convoy of tractor trailers, vans and law enforcement beginning in the Albany area and ending up at the Rouses Point Civic Center. They will provide toys to various organizations that have requested them. Law enforcement coverage has been coordinated with the Clinton County Sheriff's Office. There will be a Press Release and media event on Tuesday.
- 4) **Empire State Trail** – Administrator Peters provided an update: Hudson River Valley Greenway is seeking a response of a location of the Trail Head. As previously discussed, at the November 5, 2018 meeting, there are 2 locations that the Board discussed to have designated as the Trail Head – Civic Center and a green space located on Lake Street, which the village would have to acquire because it is private property.

Trustee Menard made a motion that the Trail Head be located at the Civic Center; Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc; AYE CARRIED

a. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno would like to thank the village crew for the clean up after the recent storm.
- 2) Upcoming events:
 - CP Train – November 27th at the Train Station – 8:45 pm
 - Annual Parade of Toys – December 7th at 6:45pm Rouse Park
 - Toys for Tots Convoy – December 9th at the Civic Center at 4:30PM

b. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

Nothing to report at this time.

c. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

1) Skate sharpener for the Civic Center –

Discussion: as discussed at the November 5 meeting, the Civic Center is in need of a new skate sharpener. It is requested that a fully automatic sharpener be purchased.

Motion by Trustee Menard to purchase a new automatic skate sharpener; Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc; Discussion: Administrator Peters has received quotes. Mayor Batha asked that the quotes are with a trade-in and without a trade-in. AYE CARRIED

Trustee Menard wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

d. TRUSTEE RON R. LEBLANC:

1) **Update on Economic Development** – Trustee LeBlanc spoke with Clinton County IDA regarding options the Village may have with Economic Development (i.e., evaluate and possibly set up our own IDA). Information is being collected.

2) **Update on Weekly Economic Development meetings** - Trustee LeBlanc and Trustee Dart continue holding meetings with the public and meeting with citizens outside of the meeting to discuss Economic Development. The first in the series of meetings was held on November 13th for the public to discuss Economic Development in the Village. The other meetings are scheduled for November 20th and 27th.

Trustees LeBlanc and Dart will provide a report after the series of meetings with the public.

3) Trustee LeBlanc inquired as to the reason that 2 requested agenda items were pulled from the agenda. Mayor Batha explained that he provided responses to emails that Trustee LeBlanc sent regarding (emails were read by Trustee LeBlanc and are part of the official record):

- a letter sent to ERS Investments inquiring if two of the buildings (#1 & #5) would be available to be purchased by the Village.
- a request of a monthly income statement from the Civic Center

Discussion ensued.

Trustee Dart, Trustee Menard and Trustee LeBlanc expressed that they would like to see a letter sent to ERS.

Mayor Batha reiterated that he will be meeting with ERS Investments in the near future and asked the Board to wait on sending a letter.

Trustee LeBlanc made a motion that the secretary draft a letter to ERS Investment inquiring about obtaining the 2 front buildings and possibly acquiring them through negotiations; Seconded by Trustee Menard; Discussion: Trustee Dart reiterated the desire to obtain these buildings for Village use and possible start up businesses. More discussion ensued.

Treasurer Letourneau stated that the Village is not in the real estate business and the village cannot rent out space.

Vote: 4 AYE, 1 NAY (Mayor Batha votes NAY)

Civic Center monthly report – Trustee LeBlanc referred to the email he sent to Mayor Batha, which Trustee LeBlanc read (the email is part of this record). Mayor Batha explained that he is in the process of discussing this with Administrator Peters. Mayor Batha also explained that there may be some personnel recommendations and would like to defer this discussion until the next meeting.

Trustee Menard explained that the Administrator is working with Rec Facility Manager Ms. Shields on a program which will monitor day to day financials.

e. OTHER REPORTS:

TREASURER:

Treasurer Letourneau stated that he's not against the Village sending a letter to ERS. He stated that it sounds like there is interest in renting or selling the property if acquired. Trustee Menard stated that is not the case.

Trustee Dart interjected that possibly building #5 can be for start up businesses where the village offers free space. Treasurer Letourneau stated that the Village cannot sell or rent property. Discussed ensued regarding the legalities of selling and renting property and possibly turning property over to an IDA.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Nothing additional to report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

John Cooper reported that he is setting up the office and getting the computer program up and running.

CEO Cooper stated that he has met with ERS regarding the demolition of buildings at the Pfizer site and said they will be providing all necessary documentation prior to demo (permits, asbestos reports).

CEO Cooper also stated that if the Village were to acquire any buildings on the Pfizer, they must remember that there is 1 central heating system for all of the buildings and it is located in the center of the complex. Therefore, a new heating system would have to be installed.

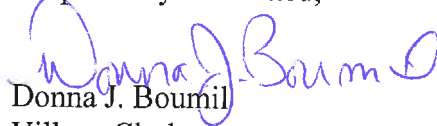
VI. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:52PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE
CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,


Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk