

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on April 22, 2019 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

**ABSENT:** Jamie L. Gadway, Trustee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer  
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer  
Susan Sullivan, Library Director

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Comments from the public regarding the increase of sewer rates for the Village of Rouses Point beginning June 1, 2019

Mayor Batha explained that the increase in the rates.

No comments from the public.  
Public Hearing closed at 7:04PM

**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 April 1, 2019 meeting and Special Board Meeting of April 8, 2019; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

**III. BILLS:**           **VOUCHERS    25326 - 25386        \$ 208,756.36**

No additions/deletions

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

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1) Letter regarding a dog park  
Mrs. Lori Langlois was present to answer any questions

Discussion ensued regarding the potential to have a dog park located in the Village.

- Possible location – vacant lot owned by the Village located behind Border Runners
- Should be fenced in
- Mrs. Langlois stated that residents may be able to fundraise

Trustee Dart will meet with Mrs. Langlois to discuss further

- 2) Letter from Montgomery Hose, Hook & Ladder – Election of Officers  
Motion by Trustee Arno to approve the slate of officers; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 3) Letter from the American Legion Auxiliary regarding Poppy Sales  
Motion by Trustee Menard to approve the request to sell poppies; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED
- 4) Email from Mrs. Trudy Murphy requesting to obtain sewer service.  
Mrs. Murphy is not considered in the Village but purchases water from the Village

The Board discussed this request and determined that Public Works Supervisor Brian Pelkey would talk to Mrs. Murphy.

## **V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:**

### **a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:**

- 1) Mayor Batha requested for an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee (s); Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Grants: Review and discussion  
The Board received a summary of grants that Mr. Steve Peters was working on before he left employment. Mr. Peters submitted a letter to the Board introducing his business, Elevated 518.

Trustee Menard made a motion to hire Elevated 518 to complete the grant application to the Northern Border Regional Commission in the amount of \$500,000 for public services enhancements; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

Further discussion on the following:

PLM Electric Study – The Village is waiting on the results of the study

REDC (Regional Economic Development Council) Grant - \$213,000 parks and rec grant. This grant is for improvements at the Civic Center (playground, level soccer fields, re-surface tennis courts, etc.) Mayor Batha suggested that Elevated 518 be hired to oversee this grant. Mayor Batha and Trustee Menard will meet with Mr. Peters to discuss this grant. Tabled until the May 6, 2019 meeting

- 3) Surplus: Sander  
PWS Pelkey is requesting that the sander be declared surplus  
Mayor Batha requests that the sander be declared surplus; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

- 4) SWEET Program –  
Mayor Batha provided a summary of this program offered through One Work Source  
- for young people ages 14-20  
- 6 week program  
- no cost to the Village

These “employees” will be utilized at the Civic Center  
The Board is in agreement to apply for this program

- 5) RFP (Request for Proposals)  
Water Plant Study

The deadline is 4/26/19. So far 2 RFP’s have been received.

- 6) Resolution 2019-21: NYMPA Annual Meeting (Proxy)  
Motion by Mayor Batha to approve the Resolution by Proxy for the Annual NYMPA Meeting; Seconded by Trustee Menard; ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Mayor Batha – AYE; Trustee Gadway – Absent.

- 7) Civic Center Update:  
Mayor Batha provided an update on the activities at the Civic Center:  
- Pickleball will begin April 24<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday’s and Saturdays  
- The blown down dugout has been removed  
- sanding/scraping/painting of locker room doors  
- spring cleaning  
- maintenance on the Kubota  
- began working on Most on the Coast with the Administrator  
- received quotes for a walk behind pressure washer

Board discussion regarding the dugout:

- 1) Rebuild as it was
- 2) Chain linked fencing and reuse the roof
- 3) Wood bottom and chain link fencing on the top.

The consensus of the board is #3. Mayor Batha will convey to the Rec Facility Mgr.

**b. TRUSTEE ARNO:**

- 1) Trustee Arno made a motion to authorize the Clerk to go out to bid for the Maintenance of the Transformer; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Fire Department – informational  
#303 the air pump needs repair at @ \$4,000. The fire department has the money in the budget, but will need to have a budget modification approved.
- 3) Trustee Arno made a motion for an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 4) Fire Department – informational purposes  
The pump on the tanker needs repair but will wait to fix it.

5) Trustee Arno wishes to extend the Board's condolences to Water Plant Operator Jerry Pivetta who's brother died suddenly.

**c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:**

Nothing to report

**d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:**

Trustee Menard requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

**e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:**

Absent

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**TREASURER:**

The audit report has been received. The Board has been given copies

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:**

Absent

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR:**

Egg Hunt – approximately 300-400 people attended.  
The library received a grant for \$580 to help with the summer program.

Public Works is working on the installation of the new furnace.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

CEO John Cooper reported that things are quiet

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments from the public

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Menard to recess at 7:54PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into executive session at 7:56PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in executive session

Motion by Trustee Arno to exit executive session at 8:35PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

Motion by Trustee Menard to enter into regular session at 8:35PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno

**IX. REGULAR SESSION**

Motion by Trustee Arno to raise the ice time rates by \$2/hour; Seconded by Trustee Menard; Discussion: This will make the ice time \$138/hour beginning June 1, 2019; AYE CARRIED

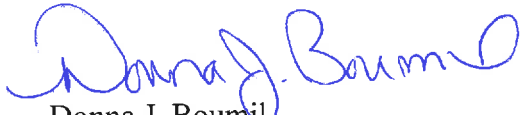
Motion by Trustee Menard to charge \$3.00/person for indoor pickleball; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to approve LWOP for Aaron Babbie while on medical leave; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:37PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil  
Village Clerk/Administrator