

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on December 2, 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  
Jamie Gadway, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Dale Menard, Trustee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer

**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.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**I. OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

Ron LeBlanc asked for an update on the \$500K grant received. Mayor Batha stated there is no update at this time.

Trustee Arno clarified with Ron LeBlanc that the Board has never held secret meetings while Mr. LeBlanc was a trustee or at any time.

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting with the following corrections: The Rules and Procedures for Meetings was adopted on 12/1998 and is reviewed yearly by the Board of Trustees. The latest was April 2019; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

**III. BILLS: CHECK # 25979 – 25993 \$231,406.04**

Treasurer Arsene Letourneau reported that there are no additions or deletions to the bills.

Motion by Trustee Arno to accept and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1) A letter from Comp Alliance was read regarding a Loyalty Award. The Village received \$1198.00

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

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

1) CP Holiday Train – Mayor Batha reported that there were approximately 200 people in attendance at the Holiday Train, handing out 120 cups of hot chocolate. The Fire Department was on site collecting donations for the food shelf.

2) Parking Ban – The Village wide parking ban is in effect from December 1, 2019 until March 31, 2020.

3) Parade of Toys – The annual Parade of Toys will be held on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45PM meeting at Rouse Park.

4) Mayor Batha and the Board would like to extend their condolences to the family of Curt Wilson. Mr. Wilson was the electrical engineer for the village for approximately 20-25 years.

5) Mayor Batha requests and Executive Session to discuss the proposed lease of property; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

6) Insurance Buy-out: Mayor Batha submitted a list of employees who are eligible for the insurance buy-out per the CBA. The amount is \$19,948.81 (some of the rates are prorated).

Motion to approve the insurance buy-out by Trustee Gadway; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

7) Mayor Batha stated that there will be a public hearing on December 16, 2019 to hear comments, questions and concerns regarding the water plant feasibility study.

Mayor Batha stated that a representative from Barton & Loguidice will be present. They were hired to conduct the study. Topics: location, source of water, type of filtration system and source of funding.

8) Surplus of truck: Mayor Batha made a motion to surplus the 2009, F150 (sewer plant truck) with a minimum bid of \$2,500; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

**b, TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:**

1) Fire Department Christmas Party: December 7, 2019; noon-3PM with fire truck rides and a party

2) Gaines Marina – discussion regarding the request to trim trees on White Ave. Trustee Arno asked that a letter be sent to Gaines Marina stating that the marina will be responsible for costs incurred and to coordinate with the Public Works Supervisor.

3) EMS Clinton County Mutual Aid Plan –

Trustee Arno made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Mutual Aid Plan; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

4) Trustee Arno requests an Executive Session to discuss negotiations of a contract; Seconded by Trustee Gadway

5) Downtown Businesses: Trustee Arno announced that there will be a meeting for downtown business on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-6PM

6) Trustee Arno announced that he has been in contact with Heidi Danis regarding the painting of windows of their downtown building. Volunteers would be utilized to clean and paint a mural on the windows.

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

1) Executive Session: Trustee Dart requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee (s); Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

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

Absent

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

1) Trustee Gadway requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

**TREASURER:**

Nothing to report

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:**

Absent

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR:**

Absent

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

Absent

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Dart to recess for Executive Session at 7:28PM; Seconded by Trustee Gadway;  
AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:30PM; Seconded by Trustee Dart

Motion to exit Executive Session by Trustee Dart at 8:26PM; Seconded by Trustee Gadway

No action taken in Executive Session.

**IX. REGULAR SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Gadway to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Northline Utilities; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to hire Gregory MacCallum as a Rec Maintenance Worker, effectively immediately for a 6 month probationary period at the CBA rate of pay; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

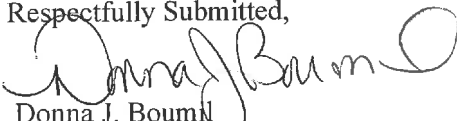
Motion by Trustee Arno to hire Dan Guay as the Water and Wastewater Superintendent in accordance with the CBA; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; Discussion: Salary in accordance with the CBA, provisional hire, competitive position  
an exam, effective day as soon as cleared with Civil Service; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Dart to hire Adam Menard as Public Works Supervisor; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; Discussion: effective immediately, salaried position \$52,000/year; includes health insurance in accordance with the Village Code, probation for 6 months, non-union position; AYE CARRIED

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Dart to adjourn at 8:33PM; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Donna J. Bouml  
Village Clerk/Administrator