

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Tuesday, February 19, 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
Ron R. LeBlanc, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee

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

ABSENT: Steve Peters, Administrator
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor

RECORDING SECRETARY: Donna J. Boumil, Village Clerk

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 Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2019 meeting;
Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: **VOUCHERS 25152 – 25205 \$ 227,196.62**

Additions – NYSEG \$61,575.24

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Informational purposes – letter from Angelos Pizza and Grill. Renewal of liquor license.
- 2) Letter from Montgomery Hose, Hook & Ladder – probationary member
Motion by Trustee Menard to approve probationary member Faith Austin; Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc; AYE CARRIED

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

- 1) Mayor Batha requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of 3 employees; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

- 2) RFP Water Study –

Motion by Trustee Menard to approve the RFP for the Water Study and to advertise; Seconded by Trustee Arno;

Discussion:

- this will be publicly advertised in the newspaper under legal notices and on the Village's website.

AYE CARRIED

- 3) Discussion and update of merging the planning and zoning boards:

Mayor Batha explained that the Village is required by law to have a Zoning Board because the Village has zoning laws. The Planning Board contributes by keeping an eye on how the Village is developed. We are allowed to merge the Planning Board into the Zoning Board and continue with the planning regulations.

This is very preliminary. Mayor Batha spoke with Zoning Chair Pat Birkett and Planning Chair Chuck Roush and they do not have any objections.

The idea behind merging the planning and zoning boards is to enable a “one stop shopping” concept. It is not the intention to dismiss members. It will also cut back on training costs.

This would require the Village Code to be changed.

- 4) Resolution 2019-11: Proxy NYMPA Special Meeting of 2/26/19

Motion by Trustee Menard to approve the Proxy; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

- 5) Pfizer Property:

An update regarding property –

Mayor Batha stated that he met with Mr. John Nichols regarding property contamination and reporting. Mr. Nichols stated that there have been 2 public sessions. The DEC contact person is Dan Eaton and he is willing to visit the Village and present to the Board the findings thus far.

Trustee Menard also spoke to the Environmental Engineer and he stated that anytime the Board has questions he is available.

b. TRUSTEE ARNO:

1) Library update:

Trustee Arno mentioned that the library is ready for the shelving units. Mayor Batha stated that a letter is needed from the library board requesting the shelving and lights.

Furnace update: A new furnace has been budgeted this year, however there has been a re-calculation of the specifications of the furnace. The original estimate was received from Hulbert Bros and was subsequently bought out by another company. The recommended furnace for the size of the library will cost approximately \$900 and will need 180 amps. The library currently has a 200 amp service. There will need to be an increase in the service.

Discussion continued regarding insulation of the library and future plans to insulate. Possibly looking into IEEP paying for insulation.

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

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

2) Trustee Dart summarized the NYCOM Conference he attended:

Summit Topic – cannabis

Transportation Aid

Grants

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Nothing to report

e. TRUSTEE RON R. LEBLANC:

1) Pfizer Property:

Trustee LeBlanc inquired as to the future liability of the Village for any contamination of the Pfizer Property.

Mayor Batha asked the Clerk to contact the Village Attorney with reference to this question.

2) NYCOM Conference:

Trustee LeBlanc provided a summary of the conference:

- State Aid is a thing of the past. Most municipalities will have to rely on grants.
- Grant writing
- Cannabis Farming. The Board needs to have a discussion regarding large scale cannabis farming.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

TREASURER:

Nothing to report

ADMINISTRATOR:

Absent

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

Absent

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Starting to get some permits and inquiries for swimming pools

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Arno to recess at 7:43PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into executive session at 7:45PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in executive session

Motion by Trustee Menard to exit executive session at 8:12PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno

Motion by Trustee Menard to enter into regular session at 8:12PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno

IX. REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Mayor Batha to approve a Resolution to Bring Disciplinary Action and Accept Terms and Conditions of a Settlement Agreement of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to approve a Resolution to Bring Charges and Settle Agreement of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Village Clerk was not present during this Executive Session. Treasurer Letourneau recorded the minutes from this point forward.

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 8:30PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in Executive Session

XI. REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Regular Session at 8:50PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

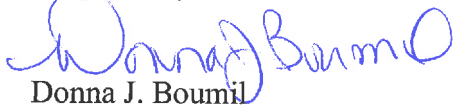
Motion by Trustee Menard to enter into negotiations with the Village Clerk to take over the duties of the Village Administrator; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Menard to advertise for a part time Senior Typist; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Menard to adjourn at 8:52PM; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk