

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on June 3, 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  
Jamie L. Gadway, Trustee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer  
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor  
Susan Sullivan, Library Director  
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

**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 – resident

Mr. LeBlanc inquired about the former administrator being contracted to write and facilitate grants. Mr. LeBlanc asked if this service would be advertised in the future, if needed.

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2019 and May 31, 2019 meetings; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

**III. BILLS:           VOUCHER   25483           \$1,500**

Motion by Trustee Gadway to approve and pay the bill; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1) Letter from Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder re: fundraiser (boot drop)

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

2) Letter from Fire Department regarding approval of Fire Advisory Board Delegates and EMS Advisory Board Delegates:

Fire Advisory Board – Delegate: Mike LeBlanc

Alternate: Shawn LaBombard

EMS Advisory Board – Delegate: Walter Laramie

Alternate: Patricia Birkett

Motion by Trustee Menard to approve the appointment of the delegates and alternates; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

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

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

- 1) Resolution 2019-25: Acceptance of grant funds for the Park Revitalization Project  
Mayor Batha made a motion to approve this resolution and moved it to the floor; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 2) SEQR and Resolution 2019-26:  
Mayor Batha reviewed the SEQR, which is required as documentation for the Park Revitalization Project. The proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact. Motion by Trustee Arno to approve the SEQR and Resolution; Seconded by Trustee Menard; Roll Call Vote: Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Gadway – AYE; Mayor Batha – AYE; CARRIED
- 3) Public Hearing for merger of planning and zoning boards:  
Motion by Trustee Menard to authorize the Clerk/Administrator to advertise for a public hearing on July 1, 2019 to discuss the merger of the planning and zoning boards; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED
- 4) Bid for playground equipment and groundwork:  
Motion by Trustee Arno to authorize the Clerk/Administrator to advertise the Bid for the playground and groundwork for the Park Revitalization Project; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

**b. TRUSTEE ARNO:**

- 1) Trustee Arno made a motion to authorize the Clerk/Administrator to advertise the Bid for the Padmount Switch for the corner of Chapman and Delaware St.; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Trustee Arno inquired about having money put in next years budget to construct curbing around The drinking fountain and flower garden
- 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

Flower baskets will be delivered June 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

Nothing to report

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

Trustee Menard would like to commend the Public Works crew for the work they have done with respect to water shut off at the Pfizer Property.

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

- 1) Trustee Gadway reported on the progress of the construction of the dugout

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

Nothing to report

**TREASURER:**

The accounting department began collecting taxes today

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:**

- 1) Water lines: For the past 2 weeks the water pressure has fluctuated due to shutting off water to the Pfizer Property. There was a boil water notice due to the discoloration of the water. This was for safety precautions for the entire village.
- 2) Library -- lights to be installed in the basement. There will be a new electrical entrance. PWS Pelkey will complete the purchase request

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR:**

Report from Library Director Susan Sullivan

- submitted a grant for the front stairs in the amount of \$23, 815, which should be awarded next year
- Saturday, June 15 is a Library Crawl from 10-2. Twenty libraries within CEF and Vermont are participating.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

CEO John Cooper will be issuing notice for maintenance of properties.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Ron LeBlanc inquired about the responsibility of shutting off the water to the Pfizer Property. The Village owns the valves, therefore responsible for shutting of the water.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to recess at 7:27PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Menard to enter into executive session at 7:29PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in executive session

Motion by Trustee Menard to exit executive session at 7:47PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno

Motion by Trustee Menard to enter into regular session at 7:47PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Menard to adjourn at 7:47PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil  
Village Clerk/Administrator