

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on March 18, 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: Steve Peters, Administrator
Arsene F. Letourneau, Treasurer
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer
Susan Sullivan, Library Director

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:

Amanda Frostik, North Country Skating Club, asked for clarification regarding ice time contracts for the 2019-2020 season. The following were points of concern/clarification:

- When are contracts to be submitted for requested ice time
- Is it a first come, first serve policy
- Men's league have already received a signed contract
- Men's league will have a start time of 8:00PM
- Taking away 15 minutes from NCSC
- NCSC gave up resurfacing on Fridays
- There is no procedure in place for requesting ice time
- Ice time allocation should be fair and equitable for all

Trustees Arno and LeBlanc stated that they want NCSC to have the 15 minutes given back to them.

Administrator Peters stated that there are multiple hours of additional ice time available throughout the week.

Trustee Menard made a motion to nullify the ice time contract with the Men's Hockey Club; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Discussion continued about establishing a deadline for submission of contracts.

Motion by Trustee Dart to establish a deadline of June 1st for submission of ice time contracts and to be awarded no later than July 1; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

III. BILLS: VOUCHERS 25242 - 25289 \$ 217,128.84

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

1) Letter from the Dodge Memorial Library – re: appointment of Everet Larsen for Library Board of Trustees

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

- 1) Request for an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular employees: Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Request for an Executive Session to discuss negotiations; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 3) Resolution 2019-13: Approval of amendment to NYMPA agreement
Motion by Trustee Menard to approve Resolution 2019-13; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

b. TRUSTEE ARNO:

- 1) Sexual Harassment Training for the Fire Department: Request for the Village to pay for Sexual harassment training for members of the fire department. The Board agreed to pay for the training.
- 2) Epipens: Trustee Arno explained that the fire department must pay for all medication at the hospital. The fire department is requesting the Village to purchase 4 Epipens. Trustee Arno made a motion to purchase 4 Epipens; Seconded by Trustee Menard; Discussion: the funding will come out of this years' budget; AYE CARRIED
- 3) Recognition of Cold-Water Rescue Team: Trustee Arno requested that a Certificate from the Village Board be presented to the fire department members who recently became members of the Cold-Water Rescue Team. The Board was in agreement.

- 4) Recognition of members who passed the EMT class: Trustee Arno requested that a Certificate from the Village Board be presented to the members who recently passed the EMT class. The Board was in agreement. These certificates will be presented at the May banquet.
- 5) Fire Department Breakfast – Trustee Arno announced that the fire department will have its’ annual breakfast on May 5th from 8am – noon. This is an all-you-can eat breakfast.
- 6) Library: Trustee Arno reported that the shelving is installed at the library. Library Director, Susan Sullivan is very pleased. Trustee Arno thanked the village crew, Zack, Grant and Brian for all of their work.
- 7) Trustee Arno inquired about a kitchen stove that was surplus. Mayor Batha stated that this stove was no longer used at the Rec Center and was being stored at the blue building. Mayor Batha was able to sell this surplus stove for \$50. He stated that it was sold to a landlord in West Chazy.
- 8) Trustee Arno requested that portable speed limit signs be funded in the budget for Maple Street. They are approximately \$3,200 each.
Discussion: request the Sheriff’s Department or State Police to patrol this street

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

- 1) Clerk/Administrator contract: Trustee Dart made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the revised contract for the Clerk/Administrator; Seconded by Trustee Menard;
AYE CARRIED

Mayor Batha thanked Trustee Dart for all of the work he did on this contract.

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Nothing to report

e. TRUSTEE RON R. LEBLANC:

Nothing to report

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

TREASURER:

Nothing to report

ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator Peters reported that the Village has been approved as a Clean Energy Community. A Press Release will be issued soon. This entitles the Village to a \$5,000 grant for the purchase of LED street lights.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

Public Works Supervisor Pelkey reported that PW is working on several projects.

The Village received an electric gate opener from ERS. This was installed at the sewer plant. This facility is a secured facility and the gate must be closed at all times.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Library Director Susan Sullivan reported that they are very happy with the shelving in the basement. The lights should be installed soon.

Susan is waiting for quotes for the replacement/repair of the front stairs. She stated that she may be able to apply for a Library Construction Grant that will pay for ¾ of the cost.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

CEO John Cooper reported that the new computer is installed and running. He is working on annual inspection of businesses.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Menard to recess at 7:45PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into executive session at 7:47PM; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

No action taken in executive session

Motion by Trustee Arno to exit executive session at 9:12PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

Motion by Trustee Menard to enter into regular session at 9:12PM; Seconded by Trustee LeBlanc

IX. REGULAR SESSION

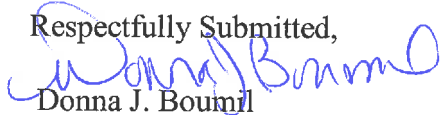
Motion by Trustee Arno to proceed with disciplinary charges; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

The Administrator is authorized to contact an electrical consultant.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Menard to adjourn at 9:13PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE
CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk