

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on September 16, 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  
Dale Menard, Trustee  
Jamie Gadway, Trustee  
Thomas M. Dart, Trustee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Rebecca Pelkey, Deputy Treasurer  
Brian Pelkey, Public Works Supervisor  
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.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

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

Tom Brilotti, owner of Casa Capitano and resident:

Mr. Brilotti commented on the Empire State Trailhead as being a nice addition.

Mr. Brilotti spoke of his concern of the air quality around the old Pfizer Property due to the rubble. Mayor Batha stated that DEC is the lead agency on this project. Mayor Batha will ask the Code Enforcement Officer to look into this, however he is out of town at the present time.

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2019 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

**III. BILLS: CHECK #**

Supplemental list provided by Deputy Treasurer Pelkey.

Motion by Trustee Menard to accept and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Dart; Discussion: question concerning the CTC bill for the Welcome Center. Deputy Treasurer Pelkey explained that this is due to the security system. AYE CARRIED

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

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

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

- 1) Addendum to the Procurement Policy: For informational purposes. Occasionally there will be additions and deletions to the list of employees who are authorized to purchase based on employment status.
- 2) Mayor Batha requests an Executive Session regarding an issue pursuant to the Taylor Law; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 3) Mayor Batha requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

- 4) Update on the \$500k NBRC grant:  
There is a meeting scheduled with Barton & Loguidice Friday, September 20, 2019 to discuss the status of the water plant proposal.
- 5) Eligibility List for Recreation Facility Manager. No action taken  
Mayor Batha requests authorization to advertise for a provisional Recreation Facility Manager; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

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

- 1) Library update:  
Trustee Arno made a motion to hire Linda Hiller as cleaner at the library effective 9/16/19; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Trustee Arno mentioned the shrubs in front of the old Myers Building. They are hanging over the sidewalk which may be a hazard when plowing with the sidewalk plow this winter. CEO Cooper will look into on Friday.
- 3) Trustee Arno mentioned the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor railing on the apartment building owned by Scott Yelle. CEO Cooper to look into.

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

No report.

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

Trustee Menard asked PWS Pelkey about the status of the paving. PWS Pelkey stated that the paving should be complete by Friday.

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

- 1) Trustee Gadway asked when the fall cleanup will take place. PWS Pelkey stated the week before Halloween.
- 2) Trustee Gadway inquired about Neighborhood Watch. Trustee Arno stated that Shirley Hall organized it for the Smith Street area.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

Administrator Donna Boumil reported that Coryea Staffing held a job fair at the Civic Center and was very pleased with the results. They would like to hold another job fair in the future.

**DEPUTY TREASURER:**

Nothing to report

**PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:**

**1) Updates:**

- Paving
- Sewer line at from the North End Pump Station. The pipe is deteriorating and needs replacement. Mayor Batha explained that a grant was written for this project. He will check on the status. PWS Pelkey explained that this would be approximately a 3 day project.
- After paving, the sewer line at the Civic Center will be replaced and patch work done.
- Repair of the fire hydrant at the tower
- PWS Pelkey inquired about paving the parking lot and painting lines at the Civic Center. Prior discussions determined this would be put in the budget for next year.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR:**

Library Director Susan Sullivan reported:

- SRP attendance – 164 children
- Farmers Market – approximately 870 visits
- Library attendance for the month of August approximately 1,100 people

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

CEO Cooper will be in training for the next 3 days.

Mayor Batha mentioned that Most on the Coast is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Rec Center. In the past the Rec Facility Manager, Jessica Shields and Administrator, Steve Peters organized and worked this event. Mayor Batha is requesting assistance from the Board. Mayor Batha, Trustee Arno and Trustee Dart will be out of town. Trustees Menard and Gadway will assist in any way possible.

Mayor Batha explained that there is a need in clerical support for the Rec Center during this time of transition without a Rec Facility Manager. He is requesting that Senior Typist Amy Lemieux be authorized to work an additional 9 hours per week to assist the Rec Center; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Tom Brilotti inquired if the Board has done a study to see the feasibility of a motel/hotel in Rouses Point. Mayor Batha will contact Gary Douglas or Harry McManus to inquire about assistance in a study. Mayor Batha suggested to Mr. Brilotti that he may want to consider researching how to form a Chamber of Commerce in our area.

Mr. Brilotti expressed concern regarding the Anchorage Motel. Mayor Batha explained that he is working with Clinton County Sheriff's Office.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Mayor Batha to recess for Executive Session at 7:42PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:44PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

Motion to exit Executive Session by Trustee Arno at 8:37PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

No action taken in Executive Session.

**IX. REGULAR SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Menard to begin disciplinary action of a particular employee: Seconded by Trustee Gadway; ROLL CALL: Trustee Arno – yay; Trustee Menard – yay; Trustee Gadway – yay; Mayor Batha – yay; Trustee Dart – nay. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Arno to create a WWTP Superintendent; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to create a law to prohibit Cryptocurrency and Data Mining as described in the Moratorium of May 2018; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

Electric Boilers – Motion by Trustee Arno to create a moratorium prohibiting electric boilers (exception is replacement of existing boilers) to be presented at the next meeting.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:55PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE  
CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna J. Boumfi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

Donna J. Boumfi  
Village Clerk/Administrator