

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

ABSENT: 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:

No comments from the public

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: CHECK #

No additions or deletions

Motion by Trustee Menard to accept and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) The Clerk/Administrator read a letter from Brian Pelkey announcing his retirement effective November 29, 2019. Trustee Arno made a motion to accept with regrets; Seconded by Trustee Menard.
- 2) Montgomery Hose, Hook and Ladder request acceptance of probationary member Destin Stieler. Motion by Trustee Menard to approve; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED
- 3) Letter from Assemblyman Billy Jones regarding an inquiry of property tax valuations.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

- 1) EMS Contract – Mayor Batha requested authorization to sign the EMS Contract

Motion by Trustee Arno to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

- 2) Contract with Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC)

The Board was presented with a copy of the contract. Mayor Batha requested authorization to sign the grant agreement. Motion by Trustee Menard to authorize the Mayor to sign the grant agreement; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

- 3) Mayor Batha requests an Executive Session regarding an issue pursuant to the Taylor Law; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 4) Mayor Batha requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 5) Update on the playground equipment
The new playground equipment has been installed. There will be a dedication ceremony on Friday, September 6th at 10:00AM. There has been mulch added under the swingset.
- 6) Procurement Policy –
Mayor Batha requests to add Dan Yaakey, Rec Maintenance Worker to the Procurement Policy; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED
- 7) Approval of Zoning Board of Appeals members and terms
Mayor Batha requested approval of the listed Zoning Board of Appeals Members and Terms; Seconded by Trustee Arno; Discussion: terms will be staggered from 2 years to 5 years; AYE CARRIED

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Discussion regarding advertising for Line Supervisor for the Electric Department
Executive Session topic
- 2) Trustee Arno inquired about money in the budget to pave Academy Street.
The work will get done next year. Public Works will ready the street for the winter.
- 3) Village Clock – Trustee Arno would like to discuss at the next meeting
- 4) Trustee Arno inquired about speed signs on Smith Street and Montgomery Street
Mayor Batha has been in contact with the Sheriff's Office and there appears to be an issue with a sensor.
- 5) PLM Study – Trustee Arno inquired about the results of the PLM Study
Mayor Batha stated that copies of the report will be distributed to the Board and a meeting will be set up.
- 6) Trustee Arno inquired about repairs to the sewer line
Mayor Batha stated that funding is being looked into. A grant has been submitted.
- 7) IEEP for Fire Department air conditioning units
According to PWS Pelkey, they are waiting for a 2nd quote
- 8) Trustee Arno thanked PWS Pelkey for installing the blinking lights near the school and on Montgomery St.
These lights were obtained from the former Pfizer Property.

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

Absent

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Thank you to Brian Pelkey and crews for the work they have been doing on the streets. Paving should take place within the next week or so

e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

Nothing to report

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR:

Nothing to report

DEPUTY TREASURER:

Nothing to report

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:

1) Updates:

- power outage to be scheduled for the South End of the Village. Mr. Pelkey is coordinating with local businesses as to a date and time. This is to reduce the load on the south end.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR:

Library Director Susan Sullivan

The Farmer's Market has been extended 2 weeks

The Summer Reading Program has ended

Thursday morning story time has resumed

Surveys are still coming in. Susan will prepare a report based on the surveys

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

John Cooper reported that people are complying with letters that have been sent out

CEO Cooper mentioned the moratorium on Cryptocurrency. His belief is that it should be made permanent in the Code.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Ron LeBlanc inquired about the PLM Study and asked why it is confidential.

Mr. LeBlanc inquired how many bids were received for the playground

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Arno to recess for Executive Session at 7:30PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:34PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

Motion to exit Executive Session by Trustee Arno at 8:50PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

Motion by Trustee Arno to approve the draft of purchasing work clothes and allocating personal time based on quarters; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; Discussion: this draft will be presented to CSEA for negotiations; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Menard to negotiate with CSEA and authorize the advertisement for Line Supervisor; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Menard to call for the Eligibility List for the Recreation Facility Manager; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Mayor Batha requested authorization to begin a preliminary plan on construction of the desks in the Board Room; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:53PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE
CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna J. Boumil". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk/Administrator