

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on August 3, 2020, 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
Jamie Gadway, Trustee
Dale Menard, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
John Cooper, Code Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Sullivan, 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. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2020 regular meeting and the July 30, 2020 special meeting; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: \$49,186.79 **CHECK** #26653 - 26689

No additions or deletions. Trustee Menard made a motion to accept and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Library Board appointed Anne Paulson as Library Director effective August 3, 2020.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

1) Resolution 2020-4, Inspectors of Election. Mayor Batha made a motion to reauthorize the resolution for the September 15, 2020 election. Seconded by Trustee Menard; Roll call vote: Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Dart – AYE, Trustee Gadway – AYE, Trustee Menard – AYE, Mayor Batha – AYE. AYE CARRIED

2) Resolution 2020-10, Polling place, hours, and nominees. . Mayor Batha made a motion to reauthorize the resolution for the September 15, 2020 election. Seconded by Trustee Gadway; Roll call vote: Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Dart – AYE, Trustee Gadway – AYE, Trustee Menard – AYE, Mayor Batha – AYE. AYE CARRIED

3) Resolution 2020-26, Water Rate Change. Mayor Batha made a motion to approve the water rate resolution. Seconded by Trustee Menard; Roll call vote: Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Dart – AYE, Trustee Gadway – AYE, Trustee Menard – AYE, Mayor Batha – AYE. AYE CARRIED

4) Mayor Batha gave an update on the remaining telephone poles in the Village. There were old poles on Church/276 that ran alongside newer poles. The electric department cut 8 feet off the top of the old poles allowing Champlain Telephone to move the wires to the new poles easily and remove the remainder of the old poles. Placing the wires underground along Chapman Street is still being planned. Mayor Batha recommends considering placing the wires on Rt 276 from Pratt and Church Street north to the Village boundary underground next year.

5) Mayor Batha gave an update on the Shuffleboard court. The rec center employees have removed the sod and placed the gravel for the court and 2 bench sites. Ethan Goslin is working with Deso to schedule a time to pour the concrete. After the concrete has set, volunteers will wax and stripe the court.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno would like to thank the Rec Center employees for their work in clearing vegetation along Lake Street and the Public Works employees for their work on Academy Street.
- 2) Trustee Arno reported that a bench at the corner of Lake and State Street is being over grown by a vine. Mayor Batha will have village employees cut it back.
- 3) Trustee Arno asked about Line Worker applications. Administrator Sullivan reported that 5 applications have been requested, 3 returned so far. The ad just ran in the MEUA monthly publication starting August 1, 2020.
- 4) Trustee Arno reported that he is still attempting to obtain a second quote to replace the library door.

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

Trustee Gadway presented a proposal from Livebarn to offer live streaming of games in the hockey arena. Residents can obtain a subscription to the service and the Rec Center would get a portion of the proceeds. Treasurer Letourneau questioned whether the exclusivity clause would prohibit Hometown Cable from showing the games as has been done for years. Trustee Gadway will look into this with Rec Center Manager Ethan Goslin and get back to the board at the next meeting.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator Sullivan presented the Covid-19 Reopening Safety Plan for the Village office. Trustee Menard made a motion to approve the plan. Trustee Arno seconded; AYE CARRIED.

Administrator Sullivan updated the board on 2 reimbursement programs she is working on the recoup some of the money being spent on Covid-19 PPE and cleaning supplies. The North Country Chamber awarded Rouses Point \$250.00. FEMA will reimburse 75% of Covid-19 expenditures for sneeze guards, cleaning supplies, and PPE.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

John Cooper informed the board that he is following up on violations. Most residents have corrected the issues. He continues to follow up with the rest.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Letourneau reported that second quarter sales tax revenue for the village is down approximately \$29,000.00 due to the Covid shutdown.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

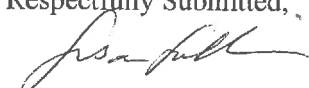
VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mayor Batha to adjourn at 7:26 PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Clerk/Administrator