

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on December 21, 2020, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Jed F. Thone, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Jamie L. Gadway, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Sullivan, Clerk/Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Jed Thone 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 MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2020 meeting, seconded by Trustee Gadway. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$208,340.93 CHECK # 27070 – 27117

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Administrator Sullivan spoke with Michel Gregoire about the village clock. He is unable to deliver it due to the COVID-19 restrictions on cross border travel. To crate and ship it would cost an additional \$600.00. Trustee Pelkey said he would talk to a friend of his who is a Canadian broker to see if he could help. Otherwise, we will wait until Mr. Gregoire can deliver it.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:

1) Mayor Thone presented the Fire Fighters Enhanced Cancer Benefit program that is required for all volunteer fire departments in New York. Trustee Arno made a motion to purchase this insurance, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

2) Mayor Thone presented information on the Clinton County Complete Streets initiative for informational purposes only. This has to go to the Planning and Zoning Board.

3) Mayor Thone informed the board that he has spoken with Sheriff Favro about enforcing the parking ban on Rouses Point streets. Sheriff Favro suggest that he and the mayor issue a combined statement that this will be enforced. Trustee Menard made a motion to authorize the combined statement, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

4) We received one bid for the surplus light poles from John Mott, \$250.00 for 8 poles. The bid was awarded to Mr. Mott.

5) Mayor Thone informed the public that anyone who would like to run for one of the two open trustee positions may pick up a nominating petition on or after December 29 at the office.

6) Mayor Thone requested an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE

7) Mayor Thone requested an executive session to discuss the purchase of real property, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE

8) Mayor Thone awarded a plaque to Brian Pelkey thanking him for 37 years of employment service to the village.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

1) Trustee Arno informed the board that the library door has been installed, the attic cleared out and the new shelving installed. Library Director Anne Paulson is pleased with the work the crew has done.

c. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

1) Trustee Gadway informed the Board that issues with the Zamboni have been resolved. Stick and puck and open skate have been busy this season.

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1) Trustee Pelkey thanked the fire department for their involvement in the light parade that was enjoyed by all residents of Rouses Point.

2) Trustee Pelkey reminded the board that several months ago removing the remainder of the poles on Church St was discussed. Mayor Thone will look into this.

3) Trustee Pelkey asked for an update on the grants. Administrator Sullivan informed the board that the final submission has been made on both the Park grant and the Sewer Engineering grant. The DASNY grant cannot be used for the pilot plant since that is considered a test and the grant will only pay for items with a useable life of 5 years. An extension has been applied for and we will use the money towards the water treatment plant. The notice to proceed has been received for the NBRC grant. The contracts for the land purchase and Phase one study will soon be signed.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Code Enforcement Office John Cooper reported that 2020 was a successful year for residents following codes and permit requirements.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Menard made a motion to enter executive session at 7:21 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE. Trustee Menard made a motion to exit executive session at 8:35 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

No action was taken in executive session.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:36 pm, seconded by Trustee Menard; All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Village Clerk/Administrator