

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on December 7, 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
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee

ABSENT: Jamie L. Gadway, 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:

Bridgette Calisti and Karen Weierstall discussed plans for a holiday house decorating contest. The village will put flyers on our website and Facebook page.

Lori Langlois gave an update on the dog park. She has collected \$1700.00 so far in jugs placed at village businesses and donations sent directly to her. She is continuing to raise money and is still committed to the creation of the park. Trustee Menard assured Ms. Langlois and the public that the village is still in support of the project and will help when the time comes to install it.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Menard pointed out that the Draft minutes had an error in the date. Administrator Sullivan will correct the date before issuing the final minutes. Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting as amended. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$460,561.89 \$ **CHECK** # 27020 - 27068

No additions or deletions.

Trustee Menard made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

The village received a request from the Champlain Presbyterian Church to use our conference room on Sunday 12/13 and possible 12/20 because their furnace has to be replaced. Motion by Trustee Arno, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE. The village is not supporting any particular religion, simply allowing a community group to use our space.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:

1) Mayor Thone reminded the community that the winter parking ban is now in effect between the hours of 2 am and 6 am until 3/31/2021.

2) Civic Center parking lot update. Mayor Thone met with an engineer from the county to discuss the issue of traffic in the front lot. The engineer will give us options to resolve the issue and the board will discuss them at that time.

3) Mayor Thone asked if the ambulance crew was going to use the room off the village garage. Trustee Arno informed the board that the ambulance crew made other arrangements at the fire house. Mayor Thone will then move forward with creating additional file storage in this area.

4) Mayor Thone reported that we received an unsolicited bid for the surplus light poles. Trustee Menard made a motion that we accept bids for those lights until next meeting at which we will open the bids and award to the highest bidder. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

1) Trustee Arno reported that a resident is inquiring about adding lights to Columbus Drive. The village has received information on types of poles and lights that can be ordered. Administrator Sullivan will send the document to the board members then a decision can be made.

2) Truck #3 is 23 years old and the seat is in bad shape making it unsafe to drive. A new seat will be ordered.

3) The library is looking for volunteers to do some clean up around the building.

4) Trustee Arno volunteered to contact a safe company that might want the old safe that was made surplus last meeting.

5) Trustee Arno made a motion to allow the Public Works Supervisor to take his work truck home during the winter so he can do road inspections off hours. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. Mayor Thone, Trustees Arno and Pelkey voted Aye. Trustee Menard abstained. AYES CARRIED.

c. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

1) Trustee Menard informed the board that the air packs that were ordered on the latest grant have arrived at the Fire Department.

e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1) Trustee Pelkey added that training has been completed on the air packs and the village has received the grant reimbursement already.

2) Trustee Pelkey showed the board an LED light strip that is completely encased in plastic that would be a much safer option for the downtown light poles. He can get them at half price. Trustee Arno made a motion to purchase enough to put 2 strips on each pole. Seconded by trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

3) Requests an executive session to discuss the administration of the village. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into executive session at 7:33 pm. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE

Motion by Trustee Arno to exit executive session at 8:21 pm. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

No action taken in executive session.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Menard to adjourn at 8:22PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Village Clerk/Administrator