

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on February 18, 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
Dale Menard, Trustee

ABSENT: Jamie Gadway, Trustee

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

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. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: CHECK # 26206 – 26258 \$ 237,442.41

Treasurer Arsene F. Letourneau reported 2 additions:
Business Cart \$79.99 for a blue tooth for the Rec Center auto receiver
NYPA monthly bill \$73,459.22

Motion by Mayor Batha to accept and pay the bills as amended; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Letter of Retirement from Donna Boumil to be effective May 30, 2020

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

- 1) Tree Power Program through NYPA –
Mayor Batha explained the Tree Power Program offered through NYPA (New York Power Authority) is buy 1 tree and get a 2nd of the same tree free. This program was offered to the residents of Rouses Point in the past. Trees are ordered through the Village. A consolidated order is submitted to NYPA.

Mayor Batha stated that there has been discussion among the Board to plant trees in the Rec Park and the Library.

Mayor Batha made a motion that the Village participate in this program and offer it to the residents of Rouses Point; Seconded by Trustee Arno; Discussion: Mayor Batha would like \$2500 to be put in next years budget. AYE CARRIED
- 2) Resolution 2020-10: Polling Place, Poll hours, nominees
Mayor Batha made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10; Seconded by Trustee Menard: ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Gadway – ABSENT; Mayor Batha – AYE; MOTION CARRIED
- 3) Mayor Batha requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee:
Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 4) Dog Park Location:
Mayor Batha made a motion that the tentative location of the new dog park to be located adjacent to the existing water tower; Seconded by Trustee Menard; Discussion: this tentative location will be centrally located pending acquisition of land from ERS. AYE CARRIED
- 5) Announcement of 2020-2021 budget workshop scheduled at 6pm on March 3, 2020

- 6) Resolution 2020-07: Engineering Planning Grant – Authorization for Representative Mayor Batha re-capped the Engineering Planning Grant of \$24,000 which was awarded to the Village for engineering services for the replacement of the force sewer main located on Lily Ave. Additionally, village crews will provide the labor to replace the main. Materials have been purchased and will be on-hand. Replacement is scheduled for spring.

There are three (3) resolutions required for this grant (which are boiler plate).

Resolution 2020-07 authorizes the Mayor and/or Village Administrator as representative of the Village Mayor Batha made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-07; Seconded by Trustee Menard; ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Gadway – ABSENT; Mayor Batha – AYE; MOTION CARRIED

- 7) Resolution 2020-08: Engineering Planning Grant – Authorization & Appropriation of Local Match Pursuant to the grant, there is a 20% match or \$4,800 which will be provided by the Village. The Local Match is considered labor and materials.

Mayor Batha made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-08; Seconded by Trustee Arno: ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Gadway – ABSENT; Mayor Batha – AYE; MOTION CARRIED

- 8) Resolution 2020-09: Engineering Planning Grant – SEQR Type II (Short Environmental Assessment Form) is required. Mayor Batha explained that the SEQR (Short Environmental Assessment Form) is required. Administrator Donna Boumil explained that she and Water & Wastewater Superintendent Dan Guay completed the form to determine if there will be any environmental impacts with this replacement of the force sewer main. The declaration is a negative impact.

Mayor Batha made a motion to approve the SEQR as prepared; Seconded by Trustee Arno; ROLL CALL VOTE; Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Gadway – ABSENT; Mayor Batha – AYE; MOTION CARRIED

- 9) Resolution 2020-06: Budget Modification
Treasurer Arsene F. Letourneau explained that this modification is to move items from the current budget to next years' budget.

Mayor Batha made a motion to approve the budget modification; Seconded by Trustee Menard; ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Gadway – ABSENT; Mayor Batha – AYE MOTION CARRIED

- 10) Update on Barton & Loguidice contract
Mayor Batha explained that the contract is being reviewed by the Village Attorney.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Update on the water plant
Trustee Arno reported that filters at the water plant have not had to be changed for a week.

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

- 1) Trustee Dart reported that Zachary Roberts has passed all coursework and is now a certified water plant operator.
Trustee Dart made a motion to increase Zachary's salary (in accordance with the CBA) and will be retroactive to February 5, 2020 (date of certification); Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Trustee Dart requests an Executive Session to discuss the employee history of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

- 1) Trustee Menard read a letter presented by the 4th of July Committee requesting an increase in the Village's budgeted allocation.

Discussion: the current budgeted amount is \$4,400. The 4th of July Committee is requesting an increase to \$5,000 plus \$1,130 for porta-pottys

Karen Wieirstall, Co-chair 4th of July Committee, stated that the funding would also go toward fireworks.

Mayor Batha explained that this request would be taken into consideration when he and the treasurer are working on the budget.

- 2) Information: On February 22, 2020 there will be a "Locals Day" at the Rec Center. Residents skate free with proof of residency. Skate rentals are available. This is from 10:30am-3:30pm

e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

ABSENT

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:
ADMINISTRATOR:**

TREASURER:
Nothing to report

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:
Nothing to report

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:
No comments from the public

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Trustee Arno requested a recess for Executive Session at 7:32PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard;
AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:37PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

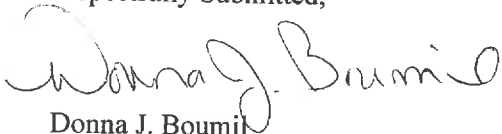
Motion by Trustee Arno to exit Executive Session at 8:13PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

No action taken in Executive Session.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Menard to adjourn at 8:13PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE
CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Boumit
Village Clerk/Administrator