

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on January 21, 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  
Jamie Gadway, Trustee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer  
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. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No comments

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2020 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

**III. BILLS: CHECK # 26110 – 26170 \$220,585.39**

Treasurer Arsene Letourneau reported an addition to the bills: NYS Unemployment \$670

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

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence

**V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:**

**a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:**

- 1) Mayor Batha read a LWOP request from employee Aaron Babbie to be extended until April 2020.  
Motion by Trustee Menard to approve the LWOP request until April 2020; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED
- 2) Resolution 2020-03: Closeout resolution for D&H Grant  
Moved to the floor by Mayor Thomas Batha; Seconded by Trustee Menard; ROLL CALL VOTE – Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Gadway – AYE; Mayor Batha – AYE. AYE CARRIED
- 3) Sewer Plant force main authorization/discussion:  
PWS Adam Menard has requested authorization to purchase materials to replace the force main (sewer) which will be installed in the spring as long as there are no leaks this winter. Additionally, he is requesting authorization to rent an excavator.

Motion by Trustee Dart to authorize PWS Menard to purchase materials for replacement of the force main not to exceed \$18,000; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; Discussion: the funding will come out of the sewer fund. AYE CARRIED

- 4) Mayor Batha requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

**b, TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:**

- 1) Electric Meter Training

Trustee Arno is requesting that Chief Line Worker Jason Juneau attend this school in Fairport, NY. Registration is by 2/21/20 and is on a first come, first serve basis.

Motion by Trustee Arno to send Jason Juneau to this training; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

- 2) Trustee Arno reported that he is hearing good things from the public regarding the plowing of the sidewalks.
- 3) Trustee Arno reported on the progress of the murals being painted by 6 local artists to be placed on the windows of the Danis Building should be ready by May 1.
- 4) Water Plant –  
Filters are being taken apart and cleaned with acid

**c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:**

- 1) Trustee Dart reported on the Community Meeting held on January 15, 2020 at the American Legion. He stated that there were many ideas discussed regarding community events. The next meeting is February 11, 2020 at 6pm at the American Legion.

**d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:**

- 1) Trustee Menard reported that Code Enforcement Officer John Cooper completed school and received certification for Code Enforcement.
- 2) Informational letter from the Dodge Memorial Library regarding the hire of Henrietta Chapman as a library page on an as needed basis.

**e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:**

- 1) Recreation Department updates:
  - Crews are working on the construction of a new girl's locker room located under the bleachers near the pro shop.
  - Crews are also working on the bathrooms in the locker rooms (closing them off)

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

**TREASURER:**

Nothing to report

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

John Cooper reported that he has coordinated with Assessor Tim Surpitski to change the filing system to make it user friendly.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR:**

Library Director Susan Sullivan reported that there has been increased usage of the library on Saturdays. The first Saturday that the library was open there were 9 people, last week there were 23. Children in different activities.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to recess for Executive Session at 7:14PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:18PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

Motion to exit Executive Session by Mayor Batha at 7:29PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno

No action taken in Executive Session.

**IX. REGULAR SESSION:**

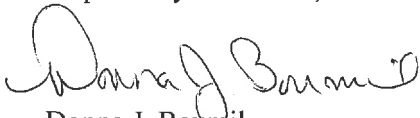
Motion by Mayor Batha to enter into Regular Session at 7:29PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno

Motion by Trustee Menard to pay Code Enforcement Officer John Cooper for mileage for attending training (1620 miles) and a \$300 stipend; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:29PM; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Bounil  
Village Clerk/Administrator