

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on January 6, 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  
Jason Juneau, Chief Line worker  
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 December 16, 2019 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

**III. BILLS:                    CHECK #        26059 – 26107                    \$122,771.33**

Mayor Batha requested that PO # 20-00729 for core/battery for #5 dump truck be deleted from the list of bills. There was no charge for this.

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

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence

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

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

1) Bids for surplus 2009 F150:

Mayor Batha requested that the bid be awarded to the highest bidder at \$5,751.

Trustee Arno made a motion to reject all bids; Seconded by Trustee Dart; Mayor Batha – NAY.

AYE CARRIED

Mayor Batha requested this be tabled until after Executive Session.

2) PLM Study

Mayor Batha discussed the PLM Study and the Consultants summarization.

The future impact on the Village's electric revenue if there were to be a development/business to locate in the Village.

For a 4MW user there would be no impact on rates

For a 12 MW user there would be a slight increase of approximately \$7.50 month

There are options for use of additional revenue collected as a result of a 12 MW user:

- 1) do nothing
- 2) reduce rates (requires a process through PSC)
- 3) invest in infrastructure

The Board discussed and determined to leave this for now and discuss if and when there is an impact.

There were not questions from the public

3) Professional Service RFP for engineering of water plant:

Trustee Menard made a motion to authorize the Clerk to publish the RFP for engineering of the new water plant construction; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

4) Resolution 2020-01: Election Registration Day

Mayor Batha made a motion to NOT hold an Election Registration Day this year; Seconded by Trustee Menard; Discussion: This is due to the lack of registrants on this specific day. Residents may register at any time at the Village Office. ROLL CALL VOTE Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Menard – AYE; Mayor Batha – AYE; Trustee Gadway – Absent Motion carried

5) Resolution 2020-02: Election Polling Place

Mayor Batha made a motion to approve the Election Polling Place and date for the 2020 election; Seconded by Trustee Menard; Discussion: the place is Rouses Point Civic Center, 39 Lake Street from noon to 9PM on March 18, 2020. ROLL CALL VOTE Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Menard; Mayor Batha – AYE; Trustee Gadway – ABSENT. Motion Carried

6) Procurement Policy –

The Procurement Policy is being amended on the recommendation of NYCOM for the procurement of Professional Services. Also, the list of employees authorized to purchase is being revised.

Motion by Trustee Arno to approve the amended Procurement Policy; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

7) Holiday House Decorating Contest

Mayor Batha asked Karen Wieirstall to present the certificates and prizes

1<sup>st</sup> place – Brian and Becky Pelkey

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Dale and Shirley Hawksby

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Rose Deso

Others worthy of mentioning:

2 Elm Street

14 Pearl

The Merry Christmas Sign

The boat at Gaines Marina

There were no prizes for businesses. Hopefully next year there will be.

Also, Ms. Weirstall mentioned that there were a couple of donations for the prizes.  
Trustee Ben Arno  
Windmill Point Country Store & Bakery

The remainder of the prize money was donated by an anonymous individual.  
Thank you to everyone who participated. We hope to continue this event next year.

- 8) Mayor Batha announced that the Nominating Petitions for the 2020 Election are available at the Village Office. Ask for Amy.

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

- 1) Water Plant:  
The filters will be changed as soon as the lake freezes over.  
A motor has been ordered for the skid unit at the water tower.
- 2) Holiday Decorations  
Trustee Arno suggested that the downtown lights not be wrapped. There is a potential hazard with missing bulbs and exposed wires. Chief Line Worker Jason Juneau stated that he is working with Administrator Boumil on new downtown decorations within the budget.

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

- 1) Executive Session: Trustee Dart requests an Executive Session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee (s); Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

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

- 1) Trustee Menard mentioned that the new lights in Rouse Park appear to not be bright. Chief Line Worker Jason Juneau explained that they are the same LED bulbs as those on Pratt Street. Mr. Juneau will look into new globes.

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

ABSENT

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

**TREASURER:**

Nothing to report

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

John Cooper reported that he will be attending school for the next 3 days.

**CHIEF LINE WORKER:**

- Jason Juneau reported that the Electric Department is working on Pratt Street switching the bulbs to LED. Next will be Montgomery Street, Veterans Park and the boat launch. Trustee Arno asked about lowering the poles on Pratt Street to provide better lighting. Mr. Juneau will look into this.

- Mr. Juneau advised the Board that he has contacted 2 engineering firms that will assist in any need the Village may have for the substation. This is a result of the death of the previous electrical engineer.
- Line crew is working on replacing lights at the Civic Center. Every light has been replaced at no cost to the Village.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR:**

Library Director Susan Sullivan reported that based on the library survey, 1/3 of the respondents requested weekend hours. Therefore, the library will be open on Saturdays from 11-2pm. There is an area set up for crafts, puzzles and games for children. This will be monitored.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Todd Sterling inquired about the bidding process for the 2009 F150 and why this is being rejected. Mayor Batha explained that he did not know why they were being rejected.

Trustee Arno explained that according to the village mechanic, this truck should have been kept and the other truck surplus. Trustee Arno explained that the Village has the right to reject any and all bids.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to recess for Executive Session at 7:29PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:30PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

Motion to exit Executive Session by Trustee Arno at 8:11PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

No action taken in Executive Session.

**IX. REGULAR SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Regular Session at 8:11PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard

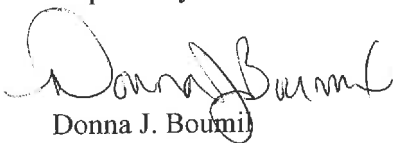
Motion by Trustee Arno to transfer David Carter to the wastewater treatment plant for training for certification. This would enable Mr. Carter to be dually certified as a water and wastewater operator. Seconded by Trustee Dart; Discussion: This is to be effective on or about February 1, 2020 after coordination between the Water & Wastewater Superintendent and Chief Water Plant Operator. If Mr. Carter is needed to work at the water plant to cover a shift due to vacations, etc. then he will be assigned there during normal hours. AYE CARRIED

Motion stands for rejecting the bids for the 2009 F150.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:12PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Donna J. Bourmi  
Village Clerk/Administrator