

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on July 20, 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: Becky Pelkey, Deputy Treasurer
John Cooper, Code Enforcement

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Sullivan, 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 July 6, 2020 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: \$394,311.23 **CHECK #** 26607 - 26652

No additions or deletions. Trustee Menard made a motion to accept and pay the bills; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) The Library Board appointed Patricia Birkett to finish out the open board term ending April 30, 2021.
- 2) Amtrak presented plans to upgrade handicap access via the asphalt walkway between the station and the platform with a new concrete sidewalk and reconnect it to the sidewalk along Pratt Street. The board had no objections or comments on the plan to update the handicap access.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

- 1) Mayor Batha presented an outline of how the self-insurance fund is used, and a new report form specific to vehicle accidents. Informational only.
- 2) Mayor Batha presented an update on the Civic Center parking lot and road improvement. The side lot is now connected through to Montgomery Street.
- 3) In Trustee Gadway's absence, Mayor Batha presented an updated estimate from Ryan Striping for the front lot at \$499.00. The board has previously voted to approve the contract if it was under \$500.00.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno asked about the Marina fence 1) that is leaning over village property. After discussion it was decided that since the fence is not on village property the village will not get involved in resetting the fence to bring it upright. Code Officer John Cooper will follow up.
- 2) Trustee Arno asked if there was any update on selling village owned land to a property owner who expressed interest in obtaining it. Mayor Batha stated that while he has no objection to selling the land and getting it onto the village

tax rolls there are steps the village would have to take. The property would have to be surveyed and appraised. Then it would have to be deemed surplus and put out to bid. The minimum bid would have to include these fees plus closing costs. The first step would be to discuss this with the resident interested in the land.

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

1) Trustee Dart reported that the water treatment test filter continues to progress although there was some issue with turbidity lately. The test will continue to run until the end of August.

2) Trustee Dart received a letter of complain about burning in the village. The letter was unsigned and it did not give a location of the burning. As such, there is nothing that the village can do to address this issue.

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

1) Trustee Menard informed the board that the Busheys, who have been crossing guards for around 11 and 26 years, are retiring. There was discussion whether the village needs two crossing guards or if one would be sufficient. Mayor Batha asked Trustee Menard to meet with the school and determine what we need to provide for crossing guards going forward.

e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

Absent

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

John Cooper agreed with Trustee Dart that he needs more information in order to follow up on any resident complaint. At a minimum a full explanation and address/area of problem is required. The name of the complainant is preferable as a way to obtain more information but is not necessary.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Jedediah Thone reported sand in a water line to a private residence. The Administrator will follow up with the Superintendent of the water department.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

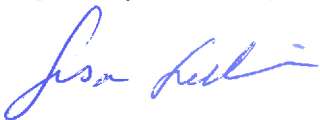
No executive session

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mayor Batha to adjourn at 7:24 PM; Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Clerk/Administrator