

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on June 15, 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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Arsene Letourneau, 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 public in attendance.

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Dart; AYE CARRIED

**III. BILLS:** \$196,061.10      **CHECK #**      26518 - 26562

Treasurer Letourneau presented three addition to the bills: Konica Minolta \$309.47; NYPA \$45,643.73; Twinstat Technologies \$202.46.

Trustee Dart made a motion 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) Mayor Batha gave an update on the Parks Grant and an amended bid by Fuller. The original grant is for \$213,000 plus an in-kind contribution from the village of \$78,000; which can include any combination of labor, use of equipment, material, and funds. To date we have completed the engineering study, playground purchase and installation, and awarded a bid for the tennis and basketball resurfacing. This leaves a balance of approximately \$103,000.00 in the grant.

We received only one bid for fencing, field grading, ball field renovations, completion of fitness trail, and the parking lot expansion. That bid was from Fuller Construction for \$390,000.00. Mayor Batha discussed alternatives with our grant consultant Steve Peters. Mr. Peters reworked the scope of the project with Fuller and recommends we contract with them to soccer and ball field renovations for \$67,750.00 and all the fencing for \$60,000.00. This totals \$127,750; which is \$24,750 over the remaining grant balance.

The village will do the parking lot expansion, and remainder of the fitness trail; and will contract for the remaining dugout and two figurines to complete the front of the building. All of this will count toward our \$78,000.00 in kind contribution.

To get this completed during this season we need to contract with Fuller for the described work. We also need to commit approximately \$35,000.00 in village funds to complete the overall project.

Trustee Dart made a motion to accept the amended bid and approve Mayor Batha signing the contract. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED

2) Mayor Batha presented Resolution 2020-23, Budget Modification to correct and error in a listed salary. Seconded by Trustee Menard. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Arno AYE; Trustee Dart AYE; Trustee Menard AYE; Trustee Gadway AYE; Mayor Batha AYE; RESOLUTON CARRIED.

3) Mayor Batha presented Resolution 2020-24, Return Flag to full staff. Seconded by Trustee Arno. Roll Call Vote: Trustee Arno AYE; Trustee Dart AYE; Trustee Menard AYE; Trustee Gadway AYE; Mayor Batha AYE; RESOLUTON CARRIED.

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

1) The pilot water filter is now doing very well after a part was replaced

2) Trustee Arno asked about progress on land for the water plant. The Mayor reported that the survey was done, and core boring is scheduled for next month.

3) Trustee Arno asked if ERS was contacted about the issue with fencing brought up at the last meeting. Mayor Batha followed up with ERS. They will replace the temporary fencing with a permanent fence and move it back from the sidewalk.

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

1) Made a motion to approve Jason Juneau move to permanent as his probationary period is over. Seconded by Trustee Gadway. AYE CARRIED.

2) Requests an executive session to discuss the employment of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Arno; AYE CARRIED

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

1) Discussed what will be done after paving in the front lot is finished. Trustee Arno will get quotes to stripe the first two rows.

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

1) Reports that Jan Letourneau is going ahead with summer programming. Gymnastics is 6/29 – 7/3; Tai Kwan Do 7/20 – 7/24; Lacrosse 8/10 – 8/14.

2) Asked if there was any update on the theft from the library. Everyone who had access to a key was questioned. The issue is considered closed.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

John Cooper informed the board that he is dealing with multiple resident complaints.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No public in attendance.

Motion by Trustee Menard at 7:25 PM to recess; Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Executive Session at 7:26 PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard AYE CARRIED

No action taken in Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Arno to enter into Regular Session at 7:51PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

**IX. REGULAR SESSION:**

1) Motion by Trustee Dart to approve Bryant Trim's application for the Line Helper position, effective July 1, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:54PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan  
Deputy Clerk