

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on March 16, 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
Susan Sullivan, Library Director
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 March 2, 2020 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Arno;
AYE CARRIED

III. BILLS: CHECK # 26293 – 26351 \$ 240,114.15

Treasurer Arsene F. Letourneau provided a supplemental list:

Business Card	\$ 45.42
NYMPA	42,900
Excellus Health Plan	39,513.66
Simply Prescriptions	6,842.33
Konica Minolta	309.47

Mayor Batha made a motion to accept and pay the bills as amended. Also, to hold payment of invoice #01058; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THOMAS D. BATHA:

1) Resolution 2020-11: Delegate for MEUA Conference

Motion by Trustee Arno to approve Jason Juneau as delegate for Village of Rouses Point;
Seconded by Trustee Menard; ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Dart – AYE;
Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Gadway – AYE; Mayor Batha – AYE MOTION CARRIED

2) Reminder: Village Elections are March 18, 2020 noon – 9PM

Village Clerk/Administrator explained the precautions being taken during the elections because of COVID-19
There will be hand sanitizer at the entrance to Halstead Hall, signs in the hallway about social distancing,
disinfectant wipes at each voting booth and around the room, hand sanitizer at the election inspectors table,
a supply of pens to be used, the voting booth and pens will be disinfected as often as possible, and the
traffic will be one way. (enter from the lobby of the Rec Center and exit out the south door of Halstead Hall)

3) Resolution 2020-12: Capital Project Closeout Railroad Station

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

4) Resolution 2020-13: Rouses Point History & Welcome Center Repair Reserve Fund

Mayor Batha explained there is \$108,000 left from the Railroad Station Capital Project which would
normally go into the general fund. He would like to have a Repair Reserve account set up in the
event the History & Welcome Center is in need of repairs.

Mayor Batha made a motion that \$50,000 be put in a Repair Reserve Account for the History &
Welcome Center; Seconded by Trustee Gadway; AYE CARRIED

b, TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Public Works update: working on Academy Streeting cutting Planning on picking up sand the 1st week in April
- 2) Trustee Arno asked that Clerk Donna Boumil contact Comp Alliance to see if training is still being offered
- 3) The Library has reported that they will remain open.
- 4) Trustee Arno asked what the plans are if people cannot pay their light bill if they lose their job. Mayor Batha suggested that we wait for someone to request this before taking action.
- 5) Trustee Arno asked Mayor Batha about a letter that was sent to NCCS Superintendent Robb Garrand regarding reimbursement of the cost of crossing guards. Trustee Arno stated that he and the Board were not aware of this letter. Mayor Batha stated that this type of reimbursement is provided for in a change of law and he believes this falls under the school. Trustee Gadway stated that this should have been discussed with the Superintendent. Trustee Menard read the letter that was sent to Superintendent Garrand.

c. TRUSTEE THOMAS M. DART:

Water Plant and Wastewater Plant updates: Both departments are running smoothly

Personnel: The search continues for Village Administrator and Village Clerk. The deadline is 3/27/20. Trustee Dart recommends that the new board conduct the interviews.

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

Trustee Menard made a motion to send a letter to Superintendent Garrand to ask for a discussion regarding the reimbursement of costs relating to crossing guards; Seconded by Trustee Arno; Discussion: Mayor Batha asked Trustee Menard to write the letter; ROLL CALL VOTE – Trustee Menard – AYE; Trustee Arno – AYE; Trustee Dart – AYE; Trustee Gadway – AYE; Mayor Batha – NAY MOTION CARRIED

e. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

Trustee Gadway reported that the North Country Skating Show had a good turnout. The ice will be taken out next Monday. The hockey tournament scheduled for this weekend is cancelled.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:**ADMINISTRATOR:****TREASURER:**

Treasurer Arsene Letourneau reported to the Board that there is no plan in place, as a result of COVID-19, for Village Administration. The Board discussed contact with the public and determined that glass will be placed in the front office at the counter between the public and employees. Also, a sign will be posted.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

Things are running smoothly. CEO John Cooper asked the Mayor about the status of a letter that he requested regarding the site inspection of the demolition of the ERS Property.

LIBRARY:

Library Director Susan Sullivan reported that the Library Board made a decision to remain open this week. The library provides a critical service to Rouses Point. Services and hours may have to be changed in the future. Programs are cancelled. For people who are self-quarantining they may call or order books on-line. Susan will provide delivery and pick up of materials. She is taking precautions with regard to wiping the surfaces of materials being returned to the library.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:43PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard; AYE CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna J. Boumil
Village Clerk/Administrator