

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on November 2, 2020, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Jed F. Thone, Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Jamie L. Gadway, Trustee
Dale M. Menard, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
John Cooper, Code Enforcement

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Sullivan, Clerk/Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Jed Thone called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Thone presented past Trustee Tom Dart with a plaque and thanked him for his years of service to the village.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2020 meeting, seconded by Trustee Gadway. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$221,271.75 **CHECK #** 26928 - 26964

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept and pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:

1) Resolution 2020-33, Offices and terms for the March 16, 2020 village election. Motion by Mayor Thone to approve, seconded by Trustee Menard. Roll call vote: Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Gadway – AYE, Trustee Menard – AYE, Trustee Pelkey – AYE, Mayor Thone – AYE. AYE CARRIED.

2) Mayor Thone presented the surplus list as provided by the department heads. Motion to mark items surplus made by Trustee Menard, seconded by Trustee Gadway. All voted AYE.

3) The mayor requested an executive session to discuss a matter pursuant to the Taylor Law. Motion to approve by Trustee Menard, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

4) The mayor informed the board that he had a discussion with Mike Zurlo. The village will soon receive the shared services payment owed to the village from the disbanding of the police force.

5) The mayor informed the board that a public hearing will be held by Clinton County Industrial Development Agency to discuss the ERS property on November 11, 2020. He will distribute copies of the notice to the board. The information is on the village website.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

1) Trustee Arno mentioned that the newly planted trees should be staked and have a tree guard applied to protect against being cut during weed whacking around the trees.

2) Trustee Arno informed the board that the Champlain Board would like to have a meet and greet, just to get to know one another not a meeting.

3) Trustee Arno requested an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

c. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

- 1) Trustee Gadway informed the Board that the mold remediation in the civic center locker rooms has been completed.
- 2) Trustee Gadway informed the Board that the Park rehabilitation grant work has been completed.
- 3) Trustee Gadway informed the Board that the civic center had a problem with humidity when they began making ice, the issue has since been resolved.

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

- 1) Trustee Menard reminded those present or watching at home that there will be no voting at the civic center this election. Rouses point residents will have to go to the Champlain Town Office.

e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

- 1) Trustee Pelkey asked the mayor for an update on the semi-annual NYMPA meeting. The mayor explained that there was discussion of clean energy requirements and budgets. Trustee Pelkey asked that the board be informed of these types of meeting in the future so they can attend to inform themselves of current issues.
- 2) Trustee Pelkey asked that a document updating the board on the current state of all grants be provided to the board in light of how past grants ran over budget and to be able to keep up with what payments the village has due on each.
- 3) Trustee Pelkey pointed out that the usual \$500.00 in the budget from grinding tree stumps was taken out. The village employees just cut down a couple large trees and we will need to find the money somewhere to get the stumps removed.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Code Officer John Cooper reported that permit requests are falling off with the change in the weather. Treasurer Letourneau reported that the village is now set up to process autopayments for utilities. He has put the form on the website and will get an announcement out to the public soon. Administrator Sullivan informed the board that she will compile a report on all village grants for the next meeting.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Gadway made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:32 PM, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE. Motion made by Trustee Arno to return to regular session, at 7:56 PM, seconded by Trustee Gadway. All voted Aye.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

No action was taken in executive session.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:59 PM, seconded by Trustee Gadway. All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Clerk/Administrator