

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on October 19, 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  
Dale M. Menard, Trustee  
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee  
**ABSENT** Jamie L. Gadway, Trustee

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

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Susan Sullivan, Clerk/Administrator

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mayor Thone 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 October 5, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

**III. BILLS: \$ CHECK #**

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

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mary O'Connor, Library Board President, wrote to ask the board to approve the appointment of Natali Voitchovski to the library board for a five-year term. Motion made by Trustee Arno, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

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

**a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:**

1) Mayor Thone presented options for Emergency Medical Services coverage for the coming year. The proposal expands our current weekly coverage to include weekends with an EMS technician present at the Rouses Point Fire Department. This would normally increase cost by \$30,000 per year. We are being given the option to have this coverage until January of 2022, with no additional cost. At that time, we can decide whether to continue this option or choose another plan. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

2) Mayor Thone discussed having a Facebook and YouTube page for the village. These would provide a better way to get information out to the public, comments would be turned off. Trustee Arno said there was already a Facebook page set up by the last administrator. Mayor Thone will see if he can find it. The board also cautioned to be careful with privacy and security when posting on-line.

3) Mayor Thone presented a quote that was received from First Choice Restoration for remediation of the mold in the shower room at the Civic Center. Total cost \$2,474.87. PM Leary Restoration looked at the area today and will get a quote to us. In the interest of saving time in getting this project started, Trustee Arno made a motion to approve the remediation at a cost not to exceed \$2,475. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

4) Mayor Thone gave an update on the progress with the Park grant. The courts are done, fences are up, baseball field is done and the softball field is in process. When the fields are done and reseeded the grant work will be completed.

5) Mayor Thone brought up the possibility of hanging Heros Banners as is being done in some surrounding communities. Trustee Pelkey informed the board that we already have brackets on the aluminum poles that will hold banners. Mayor Thone will look into this further.

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

- 1) A second quote was received for the library door and the door has been ordered from Chazy Hardware.
- 2) Trustee Arno updated the board on the tree removal/trimming needs. Trustees Arno and Pelkey have toured the village and have compiled a list of which trees need attention. This will be shared with public works to schedule the work.
- 3) Trustee Arno made a motion that service plaques be ordered and presented to past employees Brian Pelkey and Donna Boumil. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

**c. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:**

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

- 1) One of the two crossing guards has resigned. We kept two guards on this year because we did not know if the Covid situation would increase the number of children walking to school. This guard reports that she only had to cross one child at the corner of Maple and Champlain. Trustee Menard made a motion that we do not fill this position at this time and go to one guard at the position in front of the school. Seconded by Mayor Thone. All voted Aye.

**e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:**

- 1) Trustee Pelkey extended the sympathies of the village to the family of Aaron Babbie, a long-time village employee who passed away recently.
- 2) Fire Dept update. While working on the air conditioning a problem was found with the compressors. Trustee Pelkey worked with John Bernard, Village Mechanic, to decide what we need and get quotes. IEEP will cover 100% of the \$5,888.00 cost of replacement. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to accept this quote, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.
- 3) Trustee Pelkey obtained quotes for signs that will tell motorists what the speed limit is and what their speed is. The funds for this will be placed in next year's budget.
- 4) The replacement of 900 feet of sewer line in the north end is completed.
- 5) A local snow mobile club has obtained the necessary permissions to groom a trail that will begin and end in Rouses Point up by Rt. 276. This could be very beneficial to local businesses as the riders will have access to our restaurants and other businesses after a day of riding.
- 6) Trustee Pelkey requested an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

Code Office Cooper presented a report showing all of the permits request year to date.  
 Treasurer Letourneau presented Resolution 2020-32 to replace the previous mayor on the bank signatory with the current mayor. Motion to accept by Trustee Pelkey, seconded by Mayor Thone. All voted AYE.  
 Administrator Sullivan informed the board that a noise meter has been ordered so that we can take reading in the future if there are continuing noise complaints. Our code states that over 61 decibels in a residential district is unreasonable.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter executive session at 7:38 PM, seconded by Mayor Thone. All voted AYE.  
 Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 8:57 PM, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.  
 No action was taken in executive session.

**IX. REGULAR SESSION:**

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 8:58 PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Sullivan  
 Village Clerk/Administrator