

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on October 5, 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 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 September 21, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Gadway. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$61,019.78 **CHECK #** 26835 - 26874

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

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:

- 1) Mayor Thone reported he has spoken with ERS and they agreed to keep the area between their fence and Academy Street mowed.
- 2) Mayor Thone made a motion to appoint Michael LeBlanc as delegate and Shawn LaBombard as alternate to the Clinton County Fire Advisory Board. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.
- 3) Mayor Thone made a motion to approve the appointment of Adam Gokey to the Rouses Point Fire Department for a six-month probationary term. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.
- 4) Mayor Thone made a motion to update the procurement policy by adding Joshua Ashline and removing Aaron Babbie. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno reported that the water plant has installed new valves, and the sewer department has begun replacing 900 feet of pipe.
- 2) Trustee Arno has requested that the department heads provide a list of surplus items to the board so they can be disposed of.
- 3) Trustee Arno asked for an update on the lights in the park. Mayor Thone reported that the upgrade was almost done and if we decided to cancel that order there will be a restocking fee. He has called but has not yet heard back on what that fee would be and will continue to follow up.

c. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

- 1) Trustee Gadway reported that the fencing is almost completed in the park. The resurfacing and repainting of the courts is underway.

2) Trustee Gadway informed the board that the village clean up will be performed from October 26 through 30.

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1) Trustee Pelkey discussed a noise complaint that he received from a resident of the village. Code Officer Cooper stated that he was aware of the issue and went to speak with the owner of the property where the noise was generated. Mr. Cooper also spoke with the County Sheriff and the State Police who were both also called on different days. The police declined to pursue the issue as they did not think there was a violation at the time and place where the noise occurred.

2) Trustee Pelkey reported that the bins for drop off of leaves were moved to the end of the blue building and were still available for residents to utilize.

3) Requested an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Code Office Cooper reported that there was a large number of roofing permits requested this year and reiterated that noise complaints are handled in the best way possible for all involved.

Treasurer Letourneau reported that the third quarter sales tax receipts are down \$11,695.91 from this time last year. This is an improvement over last quarter. Also, our meter reading software will no longer be supported in 2021. The replacement system has been ordered. This was a budgeted item and will not require additional funds.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter executive session at 7:24 PM, seconded by Mayor Thone. All voted AYE.

Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 7:37 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 7:38 PM; Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Sullivan
Village Clerk/Administrator