

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on December 20, 2021, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

**PRESENT:** Jed F. Thone, Absent  
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee  
Dale M. Menard, Trustee  
Brian S. Pelkey, Absent  
Joseph Rodriguez, Trustee

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

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Christopher Latremore, Clerk/Administrator

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Electric Boilers- Trustee Menard read the local law and explained that they are going to be allowed but **MUST** be of high efficiency standard and a permit will be required. **No public comment.**

No action taken at this time for the village attorney is finalizing local law.

Cannabis Law- Trustee Menard read the local law to the public. **No public comment.**

Motion made by Trustee Menard to adopt Village Local Law 2 of the year 2021 Cannabis law 131 opting out of retail dispensaries and/or on-site cannabis establishments within the village.  
ALL VOTED AYE

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mrs. Birtz had some concerns with the special meeting held on December 15, 2021, Mrs. Birtz wants the board to verify what they are doing. Mrs. Birtz also, wanted to confirm what type of vegetation will be grown in the greenhouses. Mrs. Birtz has concerns with the power usage, wants to know and who will be paying for any additional cost.

Mrs. Deso advised the board that the server farm is against village local law. She wants to know what the board is going to do to stop the server farm. Mrs. Deso also asked the board if they have completed a background check on Hari Achuthan.

Mrs. Deso also would like the mayor to hand in a resignation for broadcasting the executive session of the December 6, 2021, board meeting.

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 6, 2021, and December 15, 2021, meeting, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

**III. BILLS: \$221,096.34 CHECK # 28132-28183**

Treasurer Letourneau reported three changes to the bills. First, the invoice from Eastern Insuring was deleted and the following bills are added New York State Retirement \$150,268 and business card \$143.47 for hotel reservation.

Trustee Arno made a motion to pay the bills as amended, excluding invoice from PLM. Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **All voted AYE**

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Trustee Menard gave an update on Local Waterfront Revitalization Program stating that the village applied for this with State Of New York and unfortunately the village was not selected. Trustee Menard updated on the Comprehensive Planning Program with State of New York. Rouses Point Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan was accepted with the village receiving \$76,500.

Trustee Menard spoke about a letter received form Rouses Point Fourth of July Committee with a request to allow them to have access and use of the Rouses Point Civic Center grounds, stage, and the community park in downtown.

Trustee Arno made a motion seconded by Trustee Rodgriguez. **All voted AYE**

Trustee Menard asked if the board would consider a donation of \$5,500 to the July Fourth Committee. Treasure Letourneau confirmed the board had the money was budgeted.

Trustee Rodriguez made a motion seconded by Trustee Arno. **All voted AYE**

Accept resolution number 2021-28, establishing a new civil service position of Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator with hourly rate of \$19.00. This is a new position for employees with dual certificate for water and wastewater to forward to attorney and CSEA.

Trustee Menard made a motion seconded by Trustee Arno. **All voted AYE**

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

**a. MAYOR THONE**

1) Absent

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

- 1) Thanked the crew for maintenance of the streets.
- 2) Thanked the fire department for the parade for lights.

**c. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:**

- 1) Thanked Sam Thorton and Ethan Goslin for the shield at the concession stand at the Civic Center.

**d. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:**

1) Absent

**e. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ:**

- 1) Sorry for missing meeting but caught COVID.
- 2) Thanked the fire department for the parade of lights.

3) Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

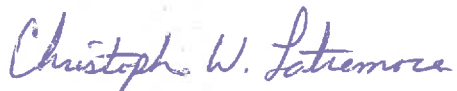
- 1) Treasure Letourneau nothing to report.
- 2) The village will not be proceeding forward with Industrial Waste at this time for the village will have to go through a permitting process.
- 3) Advised the board the clock is set up and decorated
- 4) Thanked John Bernard for his work at the village office.

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W Latremore  
Village Clerk/Administrator