

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on June 21, 2021, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Dale M. Menard, Deputy Mayor
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee

ABSENT: Jed F. Thone, Mayor
Joseph Rodriguez, Trustee

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Sullivan, Clerk/Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

REGULAR SESSION:

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 7, meeting, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$335,342.37 **CHECK #** 27591 - 27643

Treasurer Letourneau presented one addition to the bills, Amazon \$891.25 for books for the library. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to accept and pay the bills as amended, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Montgomery Hose, Hook & Ladder appointed Cody Lamoy as a probationary member of the Fire Dept. Trustee Arno made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. DEPUTY MAYOR DALE MENARD:

1) Deputy Mayor Menard reported that the village lawyer, Thomas Murnane, wrote a letter to the owner of 43 Chapman Street requesting updates on the demolition and clean up of the property. Code Enforcement Office John Cooper stated that he is trying to contact the owner to tell him to take down the tree on the property line.

2) The lights on the pier have been fixed.

3) The board reviewed and discussed the village code regarding fire pits and Plattsburgh's code. They are essentially the same. The board authorized Code Enforcement to contact legal council if a violation letter is not complied with to issue a citation and have the homeowner appear in court. The board agreed that they do not want to shut down everyone with a fire pit but do want to enforce what is in our code.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

1) Trustee Arno requested an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Menard. All voted AYE.

2) Trustee Arno requested an executive session to discuss a pending investigation. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Menard. All voted AYE.

3) Trustee Arno made a motion to cut down the tree in Veterans Park rather than bolt the trunks together. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

c. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1) Trustee Pelkey discussed the property on Rabideau Way. He spoke to the assessor who recommended selling the property as one parcel and letting the interested parties go to the Zoning Board to divide it. The village will have to have the property assessed prior to selling it. This will be discussed with the village attorney before proceeding.

2) Trustee Pelkey brought up concerns that residents of Montgomery Street have expressed about the sidewalk along Delagard being very close to the street and traffic driving down the street very fast. It was discussed and decided

that when the street is paved this summer it will be fully striped with yellow down the middle and white along the side. If this does not calm the traffic, we can put bollards in or discuss other options.

Trustee Pelkey reminded residents about the Stars and Stripes celebration this weekend.

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

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Administrator Sullivan reported that we received the last of the money due from the DASNY grant and that she will close out the grant next week.

Administrator Sullivan reported that she has spoken to two people at the Department of Social Services and is awaiting a call back from the Director or Assistant Director regarding the Anchorage and all of the complaints the village is receiving about noise, outside drinking, children running around in the parking lot in danger of being hit by cars, and dogs running loose. She will keep the board apprised of any updates.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Scott Richner, Pratt Street, informed the board that there have been complaints on social media about trucks on Maple Street. Currently trucks are restricted from Malpe Street. Administrator Sullivan will look into placing better signage.

Bryon Gelineault, Chief Water Plant Operator discussed the construction options for the new water plant. He and Dan Guay, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, prefer option 3, stone up to 3 feet then wood construction above. Trustee Pelkey reviewed all of the options for the board and residents. Motion made by Trustee Arno, seconded by Deputy Mayor Menard to select option 3. All voted AYE.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter executive session at 7:35 pm, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 7:47 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

No action was taken in executive session.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

Trustee Pelkey made a motion for Zack Roberts to begin cross training at the sewer plant four days per week as long as he covers absence or vacation at the water plant, so overtime is not incurred. Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Village Clerk/Administrator