

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on June 7, 2021, 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
Joseph Rodriguez

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
Jonh Cooper, Code Enforcement Office
Thomas Murnane, Village Attorney

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.

The meeting began with a public hearing on extending the village moratorium on electric boilers until October 21, 2021. There were no comments from the public. Trustee Menard made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Arno.

REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Thone called for a roll call vote on extending the moratorium. Trustee Arno - AYE; Trustee Menard - AYE; Trustee Pelkey - AYE; Trustee Rodriguez - AYE; Mayor Thone - AYE.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sharon Richards, Maple Street, discussed an issue with smoke from a neighbor's fire pit entering her house. Code Officer Cooper has visited the property and asked the resident to be more aware of how much smoke he is generating and informed him to only burn wood. Mr. Cooper will send our current code to the village lawyer, Mr. Murnane for review. Lori Langlois discussed the dog park. She has \$1,806.00 in donations. The village has budgeted \$2,500.00. Mayor Thone will look into any remaining issues and schedule construction.

Mayor Thone informed the residents that he spoke with Sheriff Favro regarding fireworks in the village. The sheriff asks the residents call 911 to report fireworks when they are happening and try to get a name of the person lighting them.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 17 meeting, and the special meeting of June 1, 2021. Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$60,608.72 CHECK # 27558 - 27590

Treasurer Letourneau presented an amendment to the bills. A check made out to the village for \$1,000.00 should have been made out to the Fire Department. The payment will be moved to the Fire Department account. Trustee Menard made a motion to accept and pay the bills as amended, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. All voted AYE.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:

1) Mayor Thone made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-13, Bad Debt. Seconded by Trustee Arno. Roll call vote: Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Menard – AYE, Trustee Pelkey – AYE, Trustee Rodriguez – AYE, MAYOR Thone – AYE.

2) Mayor Thone made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14, Budget Modification. Seconded by Trustee Arno. Roll call vote: Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Menard – AYE, Trustee Pelkey – AYE, Trustee Rodriguez – AYE, MAYOR Thone – AYE.

3) Mayor Thone presented an update to the village's Covid Policy allowing fully vaccinated employees who provide proof of vaccination to their Supervisor and the Administrator to discontinue wearing a mask at work. Employees

who are not fully vaccinated, or who do not wish to provide proof, will continue to follow all procedures in the current policy. Motion to accept the update made by Trustee Menard, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

4) Mayor Thone and Tom Murnane gave an update on the property acquisition. It has been completed. Mr. Murnane will file the deed when he receives it.

5) Mayor Thone requested an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. All voted AYE.

6) Mayor Thone requested an executive session to discuss a Taylor Law issue. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

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

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

c. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

1) Trustee Menard reported that the library is going to host the Farmers Market on Friday afternoons again this summer.

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

d. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1) Trustee Pelkey discussed the broken electric bollards at the Montgomery Street Pier. There are still, or again, broken plastic shields and bulbs. This needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Mayor Thone will inform the Electric Department.

2) Trustee Pelkey asked about the village property off Rabideau Way. It was voted surplus last year. Mr. Murnane informed the board that we would need an assessment or appraisal. Then if the property owners facing Lake Street want to purchase the parcel behind them, they would have to get approval to merge the properties from the Zoning Board. The village may not create landlocked parcels and that will affect who we can sell the land to. Mr. Murnane will bring more information to the next meeting.

e. TRUSTEE JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ:

Nothing to discuss.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer Letourneau provided copies of the recent financial audit to the board. Trustee Pelkey said he spoke with one of the auditors who reported that he was very pleased with how our books are kept. The board thanked Treasurer Letourneau for doing such a good job for the village.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Thone made a motion to enter executive session at 8:04 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE. Trustee Menard made a motion to exit executive session at 8:40 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE. No action was taken in executive session.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Thone made a motion to return Bryon Gelineault to full time status without further accommodations. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Menard made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Village Clerk/Administrator