

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on March 15, 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

ABSENT Jamie L. Gadway, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Murnane, Village Lawyer
Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
John Cooper, Code Enforcement
Adam Menard, Public Works Supervisor

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.

REGULAR SESSION:

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ray Wayman, Priscilla Lane. Mr. Wayman commented that he watched the meeting with ERS and thought it was adversarial. He thinks the board has to communicate better with ERS and with each other.

Becky Reid, Rose Ave. Ms. Reid commented that she thinks it is OK to have questions, but the board should talk to each other in person and not on-line.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 1, 2021 meeting, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE. Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the Special Meeting with ERS of March 4; and the Budget Meeting of March 8, 2021, seconded by Mayor Thone. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$217,807.28 CHECK # 27305 - 27355

Treasurer Letourneau report one addition to the bills. Business Card \$149.90 for ZOOM membership.

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept and pay the bills as amended, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. 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 2021-08 to close out the Park Revitalization Grant and return \$410.57 back to General Fund. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. Roll call vote: Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Menard – AYE, Trustee Pelkey – AYE, Mayor Thone – AYE.

2) Mayor Thone made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-09 Budget Modification, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. Roll call vote: Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Menard – AYE, Trustee Pelkey – AYE, Mayor Thone – AYE.

3) Code Book Updates. Updating the code book will be looked at after the Comprehensive Plan is completed. Mr. Murnane explained that a completed comprehensive plan will guide the updating of zoning and planning taking the village residents' vision into account.

4) Mayor Thone announced that the village should be getting around \$230,000 from the Covid Aid bills. This will be distributed in two payments over two years.

5) The Mayor requested two executive sessions to discuss the employment history of particular employees. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

1) Trustee Arno made a motion to accept a quote from Hamilton Bros. Cleaning to clean the boardroom carpet for \$200.00. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

2) Ethan Goslin, Civic Center Manager, reported to Trustee Arno that he is having issues with the side door of the ice rink. Trustee Arno will speak with the Public Works Supervisor, Adam Menard, about this.

3) Trustee Arno reported that there is a new business in Rouses Point. NCGD gym has hockey training as well as Zumba, Yoga, and other classes.

4) Trustee Arno received a message from a resident interested in doing an internship in the Historian Office. Trustee Arno will get back to him to discuss.

c. TRUSTEE JAMIE L. GADWAY:

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

1) Trustee Menard responded to the public comment by Mr. Wayman, agreeing that the meeting was intense and that he will be more professional going forward. He feels that the board connected with ERS by the end of the meeting and opened a good dialog. ERS has already reached out to him regarding having another meeting. He hopes to have a good relationship with ERS through the development process.

e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1) Trustee Pelkey inquired about the progress on the moratorium on electric boilers in the village. Tom Murnane reported that he has been in contact with NYCOM about this and is drafting a 6 month extension of the moratorium so it can be made into a permanent local law. Trustee Pelkey explained to the public the reason for this is because electric boilers have a large electric pull when they are heating and if there were a large number in the village our electric lines might not be able to handle the peak demand as weather gets cold. Trustee Pelkey also informed the public that IEEP is offering rebates of up to \$1,000 dollars to residents who install energy efficient heat pumps.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Tom Murnane, Village Attorney requested two executive sessions, one to discuss acquisition of property, one to discuss personnel. Motion made by trustee Menard, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

Code Enforcement Office John Cooper stated he thinks we might have a slow year for building permits due to the increase in building materials this year.

Village Clerk/Administrator Susan Sullivan asked to move the \$150.00 budgeted for payment for helping on preparing the budget from her to Amy Lemieux, Senior Typist. Motion made by Trustee Pelkey, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Trustee Arno made a motion to enter executive session at 7:41 pm, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 8:56 pm, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

No action taken in executive session.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Trustee Menard to adjourn at 8:04 pm; Seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Village Clerk/Administrator