

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on May 17, 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: 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.

REGULAR SESSION:

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Richner heard the discussion at last meeting about using an auction site to sell surplus property. He informed the board that there is a local company in Mooers that does this. They handle Plattsburgh's sales. Mayor Thone asked for contact information so he can contact them. The village would like to use a local company if possible. Mr. Richner will provide the contact info.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2021, meeting, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$ CHECK #

Treasurer Letourneau presented a supplemental list to the bills. Trustee Menard made a motion to accept and pay the bills as amended, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

The village has been informed that we were selected to receive another engineering grant from the Environmental Facilities Corporation to continue the work started last year on examining the condition of the sewer pipes. Administrator Sullivan will be meeting with Barton & Loguidice next week to discuss how we would implement this and will bring the information back to the board.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR JED F. THONE:

1) The Mayor made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-12, Budget Modification. Seconded by Trustee Menard. Roll call vote: Trustee Arno – AYE, Trustee Menard – AYE, Trustee Pelkey – AYE, Trustee Rodriguez – ABSENT, MAYOR Thone – AYE.

2) Mayor Thone signed the property purchase paperwork. Not all of the documents have been received so the purchase is not yet final. Mr. Murnane will notify Treasurer Letourneau when he has the documents so the insurance can be added.

3) Mayor Thone reported that the clean up of the burned property at 43 Chapman is underway.

4) The Civic Center roof is leaking in several spots. Ethan Goslin, Civic Center Manager, is looking into getting quotes for work that needs to be done to repair the roof. Trustee Arno reported that we may have several pails of roll-on rubber that can be used left over from the last time the roof was worked on.

5) In Trustee Rodriguez's absence, Mayor Thone reported that picnic benches have been placed by the park for residents to use while we continue to look for benches. Trustee Pelkey said that there are 4 benches available through the Health Department and that Lisa Turner and Jan Letourneau are continuing to look for grants. Trustee Pelkey also

reported that he has spoken to a couple residents that would be willing to donate a bench in memory of a loved one if we do not get them through grants.

b. TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:

- 1) Trustee Arno reported that the gazebo repairs and cleaning are completed.
- 2) The inspection of the water tower is complete; we are waiting for the report.
- 3) Trustee Arno welcomed the new company moving into ERS on behalf of the Board and Village.
- 4) Requests and executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee.

c. TRUSTEE JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ:

Absent

d. TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:

1) Trustee Menard reported that construction is being done at the school which led to the removal of around 1500 feet of vinyl coated chain link fence. Trustee Menard asked if the school would donate some of it for the Rouses Point Dog Park, which they agreed to do.

e. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1) Trustee Pelkey extended the Village's appreciation to John Mott and Billy Avery for diving near the Montgomery Street pier to retrieve the light tops that vandals removed and threw into the lake.

2) Dan Guay and Eric Gooley at the water plant have the option to take required training online instead of traveling and incurring hotel and meal costs. The fee would have to be paid up front by credit card. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to pay the fee of \$100.00 per employee by card, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

3) The aerators at the sewer plant that currently in use are not being made anymore. Day Guay, Superintendent, is looking into the pricing and warranty offered by a new company. The schedule is to replace one per year, there are 24 in the array that run 12 at a time.

4) Trustee Pelkey reports that Steve and Elaina Lambert have offered to clean and repaint the "Welcome to Rouses Point" signs that are at 3 entrances to the village if we provide supplies. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to purchase the needed supplies, seconded by Mayor Thone. All voted AYE.

5) Trustee Pelkey reported that Steve Lambert has offered to bring a design plan to a future board meeting to update the local businesses and clubs sign on Bridge Street to beautify the entrance to the village there.

6) Trustee Pelkey inquired about the status of the Moratorium on Electric Boilers. Mr. Murnane reported that he has been in contact with NYCOM and they will supply wording to make this a permanent law but in the meantime we should have a hearing to extend the Moratorium for 6 months while he works on it. Trustee Menard made a motion to hold a public hearing before the June 7th board meeting, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer Letourneau reported that the tax bills have been ordered and any unpaid sewer fees have been levied.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Calvin Columb questioned why village residents pay so much tax to Champlain.

It is because we are part of the Town of Champlain and have to pay the tax they levy. This would be a good question to bring to a Champlain board meeting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

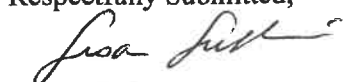
Mayor Thone made a motion to enter executive session at 7:47 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE. Trustee Arno made a motion to exit executive session at 8:17 pm, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Arno made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 pm, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Village Clerk/Administrator