

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, November 1, 2021, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

**PRESENT:** Jedidiah F. Thone, Mayor  
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee  
Dale M. Menard, Trustee  
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee

**ABSENT:** Joseph E. Rodriguez, Trustee

**OTHERS PRESENT :** Arsene F. Letourneau, Village Treasurer  
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Patricia A. Garrand, Deputy Village Clerk

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

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

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

1. Jason Schad, North Country Youth Hockey, asked the Board to reconsider the mask mandate for when the players are on the ice. It makes it difficult to make sure the players are wearing their mouth guards, which are mandatory. Mayor Thone stated he will contact the Health Department and see if there are any guidelines to see if the mask mandate can be relaxed for the ice only.
2. Calvin Coulombe, Village Resident, inquired about 43 Chapman Street (The property that burned). He wants to know if a deadline has been set and if letters were sent. He and the other residents around the property are getting very upset that it is taking so long. He wants legal notices sent out and deadlines given, fines assessed. Neighbors aren't happy that it is taking so long. Tom Murnane, Village attorney, will follow up on the matter.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED.

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 22, 2021, Special meeting. Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED.

**BILLS:**                    **VOUCHERS**    28008 - 28033                    \$24,395.66

Treasurer Letourneau had 1 addition to the list of bills. NYSEG for the September Transmission charges in the amount of \$7,071.46.

Trustee Arno made a motion to pay the bills as amended. Seconded by Trustee Menard.  
AYE CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Letter from Montgomery Post No. 912 American Legion. Mayor Thone read the letter. He stated that he was not too sure what to say about the letter. Afterwards stated that as a Village we are not allowed to donate to a third party. More discussion took place.
2. Notice of Public Hearing from County of Clinton Industrial Development Agency Proposed CHPE LLC Project. Mayor Thone read the notice. Some discussion took place regarding the proposal.

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:**

**MAYOR JEDIDIAH F. THONE:**

1. Motion made by Mayor Thone to request an Executive Session to discuss the history of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED.
2. Motion made by Mayor Thone to request an Executive Session to discuss the history of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED.
3. Motion made by Mayor Thone to request an Executive Session to discuss the history of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED.

**TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:**

1. Streetlights on Columbus Drive. Mayor Thone stated he submitted the paperwork on October 1, 2021 and was unsure of the timeline.
2. There is a tree in front of Jim Gero's house on State Street. The tree has split limbs and is on the Village Right of Way. Public Works/Electric will be notified to address the tree issue.
3. Trustee Arno asked when the flags on Lake Street will be taken down. After Veteran's Day they will be taken down. Stated there was one that was tattered, the Electric Crew will be notified to replace it.
4. There is a sidewalk on corner of Maple and Pine Streets that is damaged. Public Works will be notified to address the issue.
5. Trustee Arno made a motion to request an Executive Session to discuss a potential Electric Customer. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED. Mayor Thone voted NO.

**TRUSTEE DALE M. MENARD:**

1. Trustee Menard discussed the new Dog Park. Within the next couple of weeks, the fence should be going up. Lori Langlois is still working on the signage. Hopefully soon we should start seeing some progress on the new park. Trustee Menard also asked if the gate could be removed, maybe use speed bumps instead. Some discussion took place. It should be looked into for when we pave that road.

**TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:**

1. Trustee Pelkey inquired as to when the Champlain Technology Group would be taking down the poles on Chapman Street. Mayor Thone said he was in contact with them, and they are still experiencing issues with materials, but are working on it.
2. Spoke with Danny Guay the WWTP/WTP Superintendent about an Industrial Customer who would like to start dumping their wastewater at our facility. This is still in the planning stage and more research needs to be done. Mostly water, no solids. Looking to bring 2 tractor trailer loads a day. This could be a good source of revenue for our plant. Company is willing to pay for all the setup costs. They will get the information and send it to the Board and Tom Murnane, Village Attorney, to review.
3. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to request an Executive Session to discuss the Village Administrator's contract. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED.

**TRUSTEE JOSEPH E. RODRIGUEZ:**

Absent no report.

1. Mayor Thone wanted to talk about Dan Stec coming to visit the area. Trustee Rodriguez helped arrange it. Mayor Thone talked about taking him around to the Village Facilities: Water Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Fire Department. He also went with him on a tour of Fort Montgomery and Powertex.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

**CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

1. John Cooper requested a meeting with the Board after Public Session.

**TREASURER:**

1. Treasurer Letourneau requested someone to make a motion for an Executive Session to discuss a contract. Motion made by Trustee Menard. Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED.

**DEPUTY CLERK:**

No Report

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

Bob Racicot, Village resident who lives on Chapman Street, inquired about the burned house at 43 Chapman Street. Was there an asbestos check and what were the results? John Cooper, Code Enforcement, address the comment. Tom Murnane, Village Attorney, stated it was not the Village's responsibility to have it done. It is the responsibility of the homeowner or demolition company to do it. Mr. Racicot was very upset and concerned that nothing is being done about the property and it is taking too long.

**RECESS:**

Motion was made by Trustee Menard to recess at 7:40pm. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. AYE CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion made by Trustee Arno to enter Executive Session at 7:48pm. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED.

Motion was made by Trustee Pelkey to exit Executive Session at 8:45pm. Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED.

**REGULAR SESSION:**

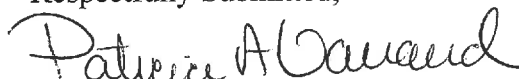
Motion was made by Trustee Menard to enter back into Regular Session at 8:48pm. Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED.

1. Motion was made by Trustee Menard to authorize the Village Attorney to draw up the necessary paperwork to start disciplinary procedures on a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED. Mayor abstained from the vote.
2. Motion was made by Mayor Thone to Authorize the Mayor to sign the Administrator's contract with the proposed modifications. Seconded by Trustee Menard. AYE CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Trustee Menard to adjourn at 8:50pm. Seconded by Trustee Arno. AYE CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia A. Garrand  
Deputy Village Clerk