

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on September 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, Trustee

OTHERS PRESENT: Arsene Letourneau, Treasurer
John Cooper, Code Enforcement Office
Thomas Murnane, Village Attorney
Patricia Burkett, Zoning Board of Appeals Chair

RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Sullivan, Clerk/Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

REGULAR SESSION:

Mayor Thone announced that in light of the increasing transmission of the Delta variant covid, the village will be returning to requiring masks in all spaces open to the public.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments from the public.

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2021 meeting, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

III. BILLS: \$190,624.58 **CHECK #** 27824 – 27864

Treasurer Letourneau reported two additions to the bills. The copier lease for \$299.16, and tractor supply for \$246.32. Trustee Pelkey asked about the Twinstare bill for \$1,578.33. We received a quote for \$415.83 in April for an access point. Mayor Thone explained that the access point was installed and there was considerable damage to the wiring that had to also be repaired. Trustee Arno made a motion to pay the bills as amended. Seconded by Trustee Menard. Mayor Thone and Trustees Arno, Menard, and Rodriguez voted AYE. Trustee Pelkey voted NAY. Motion carries.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Jenna Seguin requested that she and the library be permitted to use the stage for an outdoor movie showing for local children on September 18, with a rain date of September 25. Trustee Pelkey made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

Administrator Sullivan reported that the village is eligible for a grant from the Clinton County Health Department Complete Streets. There was one walk through of Lake Street that resulted in recommendations for several signs to be installed. The grant will cover the signs, but we have to supply the labor to install them. Another meeting to look at other areas in the village is scheduled for Thursday September 9th. An updated project plan will be presented to the board at an upcoming meeting.

V. REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:

a. MAYOR THONE

1) Mayor Thone presented 8 resolutions for the board to review thanking volunteer fire fighters for significant years of service. The awardees are: George Rivers 65 years; Benjamin Arno 50 years; Allan Nautel 40 years; James Seguin 35 years; Brian Pelkey 30 years; Gerald Robert 30 years; Shawn LaBombard 25 years; Charles Lapan 25 years. Motion to approve resolutions made by Mayor Thone, seconded by Trustee Menard. Roll call vote, Trustee Arno AYE, Trustee Menard AYE, Trustee Pelkey AYE, Trustee Rodriguez AYE, Mayor Thone AYE. The board thanks these gentlemen for their many years of volunteer service to the village.

2) Resolution 2021-21. Mayor Thone made a motion to approve the Clinton County Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Trustee Menard. Roll call vote, Trustee Arno AYE, Trustee Menard AYE, Trustee Pelkey AYE, Trustee Rodriguez AYE, Mayor Thone AYE.

3) Resolution 2021-22. Mayor Thone made a motion to approve the resolution adding Mayor Thone and Deputy Mayor Menard to the TD Bank account. Roll call vote, Trustee Arno AYE, Trustee Menard AYE, Trustee Pelkey AYE, Trustee Rodriguez AYE, Mayor Thone AYE.

4) Mayor Thone presented the 2022 EMS contract. Approval tabled to the next meeting to give Attorney Murnane time to review.

5) The Fire Department has been awarded a grant for \$28,352.38 for equipment and a fit test machine. The 5% match requirement can be paid out of the existing budget and will require no additional funds be allocated. Mayor Thone made a motion to permit the Fire Department to accept the grant. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

6) Mayor Thone requested that the board open the part time typist job. Tabled.

7) Motion made by Mayor Thone to permit the mechanic to scrap the truck that was totaled in an accident. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. All voted AYE.

8) Window permit. A permit was issued to 106 Lake Street to replace windows in a commercial store front using smaller windows. The Zoning Board received a complaint that the windows being installed do not fit village code. Attorney Murnane requested that this be brought to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a complete set of plans for review as there also seems to be a discrepancy in the number of apartment units. Code Enforcement Officer John Cooper will contact the owner of the building.

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. Trustees Arno, Menard, Pelkey, Rodriguez voted AYE. Mayor Thone voted NAY. Motion carries.

2) Trustee Arno reported that a section of the railing on the Montgomery Pier needs to be re-welded. Public Works will be asked to fix it.

3) Trustee Arno reported that there are willow trees growing along the lake near the pier that need to be pulled out before they grow large enough to block the view of the lake. Parks and Recreation will be asked to remove these trees.

4) Trustee Arno made a motion to replace the heads on the light poles on Columbus Drive and install two new poles. Seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE.

5) Trustee Arno discuss property that the village owns on the lake front behind the business district. The village should be mowing this area and look into putting benches or a gazebo on the property. Access should also be marked so residents know it is public property.

6) Trustee Arno reported that he and the Village Historian Brandon Racine will be attending a meeting of local historians in Dannemora on 9/25/21.

7) Trustee Arno reported that the Ross family donated a speed boat built by John Ross. It is now on display at the Welcome Center.

c. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:

Trustee Menard thanked the Fire Department for obtaining the grant and congratulates the volunteers on their anniversaries.

d. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:

1) Trustee Pelkey reported that he has been in contact with PLM Engineering Company. An engineer will meet with Trustee Pelkey, Trustee Arno, and Mayor Thone on September 16th at 11 am in Halstead Hall to discuss the village's long range plans, ERS needs, tariffs, infrastructure and settings at sub-stations.

2) Trustee Pelkey reported that the wastewater program taking waste for processing from private vendors is going well.

5) Trustee Pelkey requested an executive session to discuss a contract. Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. All voted AYE.

6) Trustee Pelkey requested an executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Seconded by Trustee Menard. Trustees Arno, Menard, Pelkey, Rodriguez voted AYE. Mayor Thone voted NAY. Motion carries.

7) Trustee Pelkey requested a second executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular person. Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. Trustees Arno, Menard, Pelkey, Rodriguez voted AYE. Mayor Thone voted NAY. Motion carries.

e. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ:

- 1) Trustee Rodriguez asked if the board could request monthly reports of calls to the village from the Sheriff and the State Police. Administrator Sullivan will contact the agencies and inquire.
- 2) Trustee Rodriguez requested an executive session to discuss the employment of a particular employee. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey. Trustees Arno, Menard, Pelkey, Rodriguez voted AYE. Mayor Thone voted NAY. Motion carries.

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

Treasurer Letourneau reported that the village received \$4,270.00 for the sewer treatment contract for part of August. Also, that he and Administrator Sullivan will be attending the NYCOM meeting the week of 9/20/21.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

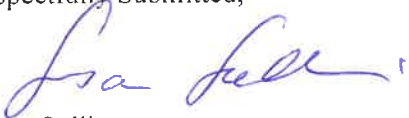
Trustee Menard made a motion to enter executive session at 8:29 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE. Mayor Thone made a motion to exit executive session at 9:14 pm, seconded by Trustee Menard. All voted AYE. No action was taken in executive session.

IX. REGULAR SESSION:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Menard made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm, seconded by Trustee Arno. All voted AYE.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Sullivan
Village Clerk/Administrator