

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on Monday, August 15, 2022, at Halstead Hall, Civic Center, 39 Lake Street scheduled to commence at 7:00 PM.

**PRESENT:** Dale M. Menard, Deputy Mayor  
Benjamin J. Arno, Trustee  
Brian S. Pelkey, Trustee  
Joseph E. Rodriguez, Trustee  
Rebecca Pelkey, Deputy Village Treasurer

**ABSENT:** John J. LaBonte, Mayor  
Arsene F. Letourneau, Village Treasurer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Christopher W. Latremore, Village Clerk/Administrator

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

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

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comments from the public.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Arno made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2022, meeting, Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ALL VOTED AYE**

**BILLS:** \$154,822.56    **CHECK #** 28824 - 28875

Deputy Treasurer Pelkey provided supplemental list of bills Excellus Health Plan \$40,965.42, Simply Prescriptions \$6,145.88, and Verizon Wireless \$5.70.

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by Trustee Arno. **ALL VOTED AYE**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Administrator/Clerk Latremore advised the board that a resident went to the village office requesting that the intersection of Pine Street and Maple Street become a four way stop sign intersection. Administrator/Clerk advised the board that he reached out to New York State Department of Transportation and spoke to Arron. Arron indicated that if the village would like to move forward with the request it falls under Section 2B.07 of the Federal Highway Administration, which would require an engineering study. The village could hire its own engineer, or the village could try to have the New York State Department of Transportation do the engineer study at no cost. Arron said he could not guarantee that New York State Department of Transportation will do the study, but the village could put in a request. After discussion, the board asked the clerk to send a request to the New York State Department of Transportation, to see if they would provide the engineering service free of charge to the village.

## **REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND TRUSTEES:**

### **MAYOR JOHN J. LABONTE:**

Absent

### **Deputy Mayor Dale M. Menard**

1) Deputy Mayor Menard read a letter of resignation effective August 26, 2022, from Line Worker Jared LaValley.

Trustee Pelkey made a motion accept the resignation with regret. Seconded by Trustee Arno. **ALL VOTED AYE**

2) Deputy Mayor Menard read a letter of resignation effective August 10, 2022, from Rec Maintenance Worker Dan Yakey.

Trustee Rodriguez made a motion accept the resignation. Seconded by Trustee Arno. **ALL VOTED AYE**

3) Deputy Mayor Menard presented the CSEA union contract from June 1, 2022, to May 21, 2026.

Trustee Arno made a motion accept the union contract as presented. Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ALL VOTED AYE**

### **TRUSTEE BENJAMIN J. ARNO:**

1) Trustee Arno indicated that he attended the library board meeting and that the handrails have been installed and they look good. Also, wanted an update on when the pillars were going to be painted. The library is looking for volunteers for the friends of the library and anyone interested can call Anne. The library has a new website [rousespointlibrary.org](http://rousespointlibrary.org) and can be found on the village website. The library is looking for a donation for a new sign.

2) Trustee Arno advised the board that shuffleboard will need painting next year. Shuffleboard is free to play. The pucks and sticks can be picked up at Sandy's Deli or Lakeside Coffee.

**TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:**

- 1) Trustee Pelkey advised the board that he spoke to Bryon Gelineault, in the water plant and the DE cost has doubled. Bryon did increase the amount budgeted from the prior year to \$17,000 but the total cost is \$21,000. With the cost of everything going up, this was something that could not have been predicated. Trustee Pelkey indicated that the daily operation is going well.
- 2) Trustee Pelkey told the board that the Public Works Department is installing a new dumping station in the wastewater facility. They are using material the village already has, which is saving the village a lot of money.
- 3) Trustee Pelkey advised the board that he spoke to Dan Guay and the chlorine cost has doubled as well.
- 4) Trustee Pelkey said that he was happy to see the telephone company was working on the telephone poles on Chapman Street.
- 5) Trustee Pelkey advised the board that Public Works will start working on Smith Street next week.

**TRUSEE JOSEPH E. RODRIGUEZ:**

- 1) Trustee Rodriguez advised the board that interviews for the Public Works Department MEO II have taken place, and that he would like to recommend Travis Brunell to fill the position. Trustee Rodriguez made a motion hire Travis Brunnell as MEO II. Seconded by Trustee Pelkey.  
**ALL VOTED AYE**

**OTHER REPORTS:**

**CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**

- 1) John Cooper stated things are picking within the village and that the contractors have started doing a lot of work and that he is issuing a lot of permits.

**CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR:**

No report

**OPEN MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

No comments from the public.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Arno to adjourn at 7:14pm. Seconded by Trustee Rodriguez.  
**ALL VOTED AYE**

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W. Latremore  
Village Clerk/Administrator