

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Rouses Point, New York held on March 21, 2022, 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  
Tom Murnane  
Code Enforcement, John Cooper

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Christopher Latremore, 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:**

**I. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Marlene Beal had concerns about her utility bill. Ms. Beal advised the board that at the last meeting the board agreed to petition the commissioner on the high electricity bills. Ms. Beal ask Mayor Thone if he made any contact so she could get a refund. Mayor Thone told Ms. Beal that he did reach out and the process was going to be so long, he was going to let the mayor elect LaBonte handle it.

**II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2022, regular meeting, March 9 & 16, 2022 special meetings, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

**III. BILLS: \$538,916.06 CHECK # 28400-28450**

Treasurer Letourneau indicated that there was one change to the bills. The bill to Midstate should be \$118.47 rather than \$123.47.

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Trustee Arno. **All voted AYE**

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Thone advised the board that the Engineering Planning Grant Requisition submitted totaling \$15,000 for the Inflow and Infiltration Study Project will be wire transferred to the village account. Treasurer Letourneau confirmed payment was received.

Mayor Thone read a memo from NYCOM asking members to sign a letter to Governor Hochul calling for an inflationary adjustment of \$210 million in the AIM funding. NYCOM asked municipalities to enter a resolution to express the municipality's support for additional state aid. Trustee Menard made a motion for a resolution to increase AIM Funding, seconded by Trustee Rodriguez. **All voted AYE**

Chris Latremore advised the board that on March 21, 2022, Treasurer Letourneau presented the 2022-2023 Tentative Budget to the Village Clerk before the deadline of March 21<sup>st</sup>. Pursuant to Village Law 5-508(1). The Village Clerk presented the Tentative Budget to the board of trustees and advised the board of trustees to review the tentative budget and make changes and revisions as it deems appropriate in accordance with Village Law 5-508(2).

Mayor Thone made a motion to schedule for a public hearing on April 4, 2022, seconded by Trustee Arno. **All voted AYE**

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

### **a. MAYOR THONE**

1) Resolution 2022-10 Budget Modification

Mayor Thone made a motion, seconded by Trustee Arno. **All voted AYE**

2) Mayor Thone thanked the residents for their support during his time serving as mayor. Mayor Thone presented Mayor Elect LaBonte the gavel and offered his assistance.

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

1) Trustee Arno sent his condolences to Greg MacCallum for his recent loss.

2) Trustee Arno thanked the people for their votes and support.

3) Trustee Arno indicated that he attended a historical meeting at the Welcome Center, and the bricks on the building need to be pointed.

### **c. TRUSTEE DALE MENARD:**

1) Trustee Menard thanked the civic center crew for being so cooperative, and for all their work maintaining the facilities.

### **d. TRUSTEE BRIAN S. PELKEY:**

1) Trustee Pelkey wanted to let everyone know that the Rouses Point Stars and Stripes Committee will be holding a comedy fund raiser at the American Legion Post 912 on Friday April 1, 2022, starting at 7:30PM. Tickets can be purchased at American Post 912, Lakeside Coffee, Best Friends Diner, and West Liquor Store. Tickets are \$20.00 each, and tickets purchased after March 26, 2022, will be \$26.00. All proceeds will benefit the Stars and Stripes.

### **e. TRUSTEE RODRIGUEZ:**

1) Request for executive session

Trustee Arno made a motion, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **All voted AYE**

## **VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

1) Clerk Latremore advised the board that the village received a request to purchase an old skate sharpener. The skate sharpener is classified as surplus equipment and it does not need to go out to bid. The skate sharpener has been out of service for many years. The individual that would like to purchase the sharpener has made an offer of \$20.00.

Trustee Menard made a motion to accept the offer, seconded by Mayor Thone. **All voted AYE**

**VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No comment

**VIII. RECESS:**

Trustee Menard made a motion to recess at 7:18PM, seconded by Trustee Arno. **All voted AYE**

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Trustee Menard made a motion to enter executive session at 7:30 PM, seconded by Trustee Pelkey. **All voted AYE**

Trustee Menard made a motion to exit executive session at 7:37PM, seconded by Trustee Arno. **All Votes AYE**

No action was taken in executive session.

**X. REGULAR SESSION:**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

Trustee Pelkey made a motion to adjourn at 7:37PM, seconded by Trustee Arno. **ALL VOTED AYE.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher W Latremore  
Village Clerk/Administrator