

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS

February 2, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on February 2, 2009.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio  
Trustee Harold Brown  
Trustee June L. Gunza  
Trustee Michael Bosch

Members absent were:

Trustee Robert Mellon

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Code Enforcement Officer, Tim Doherty  
Street Superintendent, Gary Boyce  
Police Chief, Peter Miller  
Fire Captain, John Rush  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Village Residents, Richard Branigan- 1 Walker Rd, Norman DeYoung- 11 Walker Rd,  
Barbara Fallon – 25 Main St., Mike Lewis – 1 Anaouri Rd., Jean Sharp, 11 Homestead Ave.

Trustee Brown motioned the following:

Resolution Introducing Local Law  
And Providing for Public Notice and Hearing  
“Vehicle Parking Areas”

The motion was seconded by Trustee Bosch and on a roll call vote the results which follow:

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

motion carried. ( A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Gunza motioned the following:

Resolution General Election  
Election Inspectors

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and on a roll call vote the results which follow:

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

motion carried. ( A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Brown motioned the following:

Resolution For Final Notice and Termination  
of Service for Unpaid Water Bills  
For May & November 2008

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and on a roll call vote the results which follow:

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

motion carried. ( A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

The Code Enforcement Report for January 2009 was presented to the Board for review.

Tim Doherty, Code Enforcement Officer, reminded residents that it is their responsibility to keep sidewalks clean from snow and ice.

The Police Department Report for January 2009 was presented to the Board for review.

The Community Development Report for January 2009 was presented to the Board for review.

The Building Department Report for January 2009 was presented to the Board for review.

A memo was issued by John Hager, Building Inspector, to the Village Board regarding an unsafe building located at 4 Fostoria Street, 104-6-32. Mr. Hager recommends the Board have a Notice of Hearing sent to the property owner and proceed to declare the building unsafe.

A motion was made by Trustee Gunza to proceed with the Building Inspectors recommendation and send a Notice of Hearing to the property owner with the hearing set for February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Bosch and unanimously carried.

Trustee Bosch motioned to approve the training request from the Street Superintendent for the Street Department to attend an Excavator Safety Seminar in Monticello on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at no charge to the Village.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Gunza motioned to approve the following training schedule, required by New York State, for the Water Department: February 5<sup>th</sup> in Harriman, NY for Kevin, Jack & Jim; February 9<sup>th</sup> in Poughkeepsie, NY for Kevin, Jack & Jim and March 3<sup>rd</sup> in Millwood, NY for Kevin.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Board acknowledged a letter received from the Orange County Legislative Council, asking for support of a Resolution Memorializing the Policy of the Legislature of the County of Orange in Support of Compliance with and Enforcement of the Provisions of General Municipal Law section 239-l,m, and n and Related Laws and Rules.

Trustee Gunza motioned that the Village of Highland Falls Board of the Trustees support the Orange County Legislative Council and the Resolution Memorializing the Policy of the Legislature of the County of Orange in Support of Compliance with and Enforcement of the Provisions of General Municipal Law section 239-l,m, and n and Related Laws and Rules.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Bosch and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$378,000.44 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$19,534.11
Community Development	\$59,756.15
Water Fund	\$ 4,164.20
Sewer Fund	\$ 8,616.58
Capital Fund	\$285,929.40

The motion was seconded by Trustee Bosch and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio motioned to hold the next Village Board meeting on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm because of the President's Day Holiday on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

The Mayor updated the Board on the following:

- A. The letter to Senator Larkin asking for funds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant was completed and mailed last week. He thanked the Board for coming in and signing the letter so quickly.
- B. The website is progressing and should be up & running within 3 months.
- C. He met with the Town Supervisor and representatives from Verizon. Verizon is looking to come into the Village and install Fiber Optics cable which will enable them to also offer the residents a choice in cable TV service. Negotiations will continue this month.
- D. He met with Senator Schumer to request the Village receive a fair share of any stimulus package the government might be distributing.
- E. He and the Town Supervisor are looking for a place where a communication tower could possibly be installed.

Trustee Gunza thanked the Street Superintendent and his crew for all the hard work this winter in keeping the Village streets safe and cleared of snow & ice.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bosch and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 7:30 P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk