

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

January 5, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in the Highland Falls Library, 298 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on January 5, 2009.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:13 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Trustee June L. Gunza
Trustee Robert Mellon

Members absent were:

Trustee Harold Brown
Trustee Michael Bosch

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
Planning Board Members- Jim DiSalvo, Joseph McCormick, James Ramus
Village Resident, Jean Sharp, 11 Homestead Ave.

A motion was made by Trustee Mellon to approve the below listed minutes as written:

- a) Regular Meeting – December 1, 2008
- b) Special Meeting – December 23, 2008

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

Trustee Gunza motioned the following:

Resolution Introducing Local Law
“Penalties for Property Maintenance Violations”
And Providing for Public Notice and Hearing

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

3 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent

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

The Fire Department Report for December 2008 was presented to the Board for review.

The Code Enforcement Report for December 2008 was presented to the Board for review.

Tim Doherty, Code Enforcement Officer, reported he had met with some residents from the Pellwood Lake Area about property maintenance issues regarding the Academy Motel property. He informed the Board that there were no violations to report.

The Police Department Report for December 2008 was presented to the Board for review.

The Community Development Report for December 2008 was presented to the Board for review.

The Building Department Report for November 2008 was presented to the Board for review.

A motion was made by Trustee Gunza that all Village employees have approval to attend Public Employee Safety and Health (PEOSH) training seminars offered in the calendar year 2009.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and the roll call vote results are as follows:

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent

Motion carried.

Trustee Gunza moved to adopt the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls
General Village Election

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and duly put to roll call vote the results which follow:

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent

The Mayor declared the resolution adopted. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes.

Trustee Mellon motioned that Mayor D'Onofrio be allowed to sign the Shared Services Agreement with Town of Highlands/Highway and the Village of Highland Falls and forward document to the Town Supervisor for approval and signature.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio made a motion to table having the 1998 Jeep Cherokee declared surplus. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Gunza made a motion to remove all salvageable parts on the Water Plant's 1997 Ford Pick-up, declare it surplus and advertise for bids on remaining parts.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mellon to approve the Mayor signing the 2009 Worker's Compensation Claims Runoff Management Agreement.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mellon to approve the bills and claims for \$179,312.20 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$58,469.70
Community Development	\$53,612.75
Water Fund	\$10,947.84
Sewer Fund	\$16,589.22
Capital Fund	\$39,692.69

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the next Village Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th at 6:00pm because of the Martin Luther King Holiday on Monday, January 19th.

Trustee Gunza motion for the board to enter executive session to discuss current DPWEA negotiations, a PBA grievance and a legal issue involving the Code Enforcement Officer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:00pm

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:15pm.

A motion was made by Trustee Mellon to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 8:15 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk