

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

May 2, 2011

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on May 2, 2011.

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 James DiSalvo
Trustee June L. Gunza
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Police Sergeant, Ken Scott
Fire Captain, John Rush
Village Resident – Ray Deveraux – 48 Ondaora Pkwy; Gus Koutsourades – Owner,
West Point Motel, 361 Main Street

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the below listed minutes as follows:

- a) Regular Meeting – April 18, 2011
- b) Special Meeting – April 26, 2011 budget
- c) Special Meeting – April 26, 2011 planning bd
- d) Special Meeting – April 29, 2011 budget

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to adopt the Village Budget with the following changes:

Eliminate \$3,000.00 from A1210.0110 for Mayor's secretary and reduce A3020.01 by 50% in anticipation of the Village utilizing the 911 dispatch system by October of this year.

There was no second to the motion.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution
Adoption of the Budget

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

	Ayes	Nays
Trustee Brown	x	
Trustee DiSalvo	x	
Trustee Gunza	x	
Trustee McCormick		x
Mayor D'Onofrio	x	

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

Trustee Gunza responded that she would like the Village to make a determined effort to look into the 911 system in November. She would like any savings in the budget, if dispatch is reduced, to go towards reducing the 2012-2013 tax rate.

Mayor D'Onofrio responded that there have been ongoing talks with Sergeant Scott, Trustee DiSalvo and the 911 people. Mayor D'Onofrio reminded the Board that the representative who came here, said they were not ready for the Village yet.

The Police Department Report for April 2011 was presented to the Board for review. Sergeant Scott added that he is waiting on Orange & Rockland for the security camera to be operational.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Fire Chief's request to take E429 and Rescue 430, to Ft. Montgomery Fire House on May 3, 2011 for department training. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve Sacred Heart School Field Day at Roe Park, May 24th (raindate – May 26th) from 8:00am to 3:00pm pending all necessary paperwork and insurance certificates are provided prior to the event.

Trustee Gunza motioned the following:

Resolution to Relevy
Unpaid Sewer Bills
June & December 2010

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes.)

Trustee Brown motioned to approve WWTP Operator, John Jones and WWTP Maintenance Worker, David Hurst, to attend NY Rural Water Association training session "Laboratory", July 28, 2011 in Newburgh, NY at a cost of \$75.00 per person.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve WWTP Operator, John Jones and WWTP Maintenance Worker, David Hurst, to attend NY Rural Water Association training session "Nitrogen Removal", August 4, 2011 at the Orange County Fire Training Center, in New Hampton, NY at a cost of \$14.00 per person.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to accept the recommendation of the Village Engineer and approve the bid of \$33,200 from BOSS Construction Company, Inc. for the WWTP roof replacement project.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

The Mayor acknowledged a memo from the Village Treasurer recommending that because there was no increase to the May water rates, the Village Board increase the current sewer rate from 181% to 185% and that the applicable Town sewer rates also increase by 4%. The Mayor reported that a public hearing must be held before any sewer rates can be increased.

Trustee McCormick motioned that a public hearing on the proposed sewer rate increase of 4% for the Village and Town rates be held on May 16, 2011 at 7:00pm at the next regular scheduled Village Board meeting.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$209,481.03 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$18,448.04
Section 8	\$70,417.40
Water Fund	\$2,020.35
Sewer Fund	\$11,664.34
Capital Fund	\$106,930.90

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Mayor reported to the Board of some disorderly conduct and quality of life issues that occurred the past weekend along Main Street. He informed them of several Police calls to local bar establishments. The Mayor asked any Board member with suggestions to speak to Sergeant Scott and to rest assured that a plan is in place to deal with these matters.

The Mayor reminded the Board that a public hearing will need to take place before any Community Development money is spent.

Trustee McCormick reported that due to the terrible accident on Mountain Avenue this past weekend, he had reached out to Senator Larkin regarding a possible street light at the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Stony Lonesome. He also inquired if there might be grant possibilities for Wastewater Treatment repairs that are needed.

Trustee Gunza reported that she is curious about the petition that is circulating regarding dissolution of the Village instead of sharing services. Trustee Gunza reminded everyone that the Village has different amenities than the Town and therefore costs more for maintenance and upkeep.

Trustee DiSalvo reported that the paving project is moving along and asked for the continued patience of the residents as it continues. Trustee DiSalvo reported we are waiting for power from Orange

and Rockland for the security camera to be installed. He expects progress by end of the week or early next week.

Mr. Ray Deveraux asked the Board what their plan is for televising meetings now that the budget has been adopted. Mayor D'Onofrio responded that the plan has not changed and that the Village will work with the school district on this matter and the school budget must be passed also.

Mr. Koutsourades asked the Board about meeting times and how much notice for meetings must be given.

The Clerk responded that it is good to have at least 48 hours to notice a meeting, however, that it sometimes is not possible. The Clerk said she notifies the press, and posts notices around town, in Village Hall and on the website as soon as possible.

Mr. Koutsourades mentioned that he saw a picture of the Library on the Village's website and said it has been discussed at their Board meetings and asked if a disclaimer could be put on it saying it is funded by the Town of Highlands. The Mayor reminded Mr. Koutsourades that the Village residents also support the Town.

Trustee Gunza responded to Mr. Koutsourades that as a member of the committee that developed the website, the Library picture was selected because it is such a jewel in the Community.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss specific employees of the DPW and Police Department.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:53pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:10pm.

Trustee Gunza motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk