

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

December 5, 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 December 5, 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 Joseph McCormick

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Police Sergeant, Ken Scott  
Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst  
Fire Captain, John Rush  
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus  
Village Residents – Norman DeYoung –11 Walker Rd, Barbara Murphy-27 Webb Lane, Kathy Jones- 17 Catherine Street, Ken DeCarlo – 17 Catherine Street, Gus Koutsourades – 160 Main Street, (West Point Motel), Ray Deveraux- 20 Ondaora Pkwy

The meeting opened with the Mayor appointing and “swearing in” Mr. Richard Parry, 39 Webb Lane, as a Village Trustee to replace Trustee Gunza, until April 2011. The Mayor stated that Mr. Parry will run for the position in March to complete Mrs. Gunza’s term to April 2015.

The Mayor presented a certificate for twenty years of dedicated service to Mr. Kevin Hurst, Chief Water Plant Operator, and thanked Kevin on behalf of the Board and the Community for his dedicated service.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – November 21, 2011
- b) Special Meeting – November 22, 2011

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Police Department Report for November 2011 was presented to the Board for review.

The Building Department Report for November 2011 was presented to the Board for review.

The Fire Department Report for November 2011 was presented to the Board for review.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the request of the Village Clerk to attend the NYCOM Village Election Workshop to be held in Fishkill, NY on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at a cost of \$60.00 and that all necessary and actual expenses be approved.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Parry and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Resolution  
Vehicle & Traffic  
Village of Highland Falls

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Brown motioned to cancel the December 19<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting with the understanding that in the event a special meeting is needed, proper notification will be given.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request of the Village Clerk to change the upcoming Village Board meetings in January from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays to the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays because of the New Year Holiday and Martin Luther King Holiday, and allow for proper notification.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$412,054.34 from the following listed funds:

FY 11-12	General Fund	\$286,241.69
	Section 8	\$ 58,928.60
	Water Fund	\$ 29,280.86
	Sewer Fund	\$ 32,999.19
	Capital Fund	\$ 4,604.00

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick read the Water Plant report for the month of November.

Trustee DiSalvo reported to the Board that the security camera to be installed near Cooks Lane and Mountain Avenue should be installed by week's end or early next week.

Mr. Ray Deveraux asked the Board for any update to televising meetings and if there is any update to the 911 system and the Village participation of it. The Mayor responded that there is no update to televising meetings. Trustee McCormick responded that the County expects the 911 system to be up & running by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. He commented that he looks forward to the testing of the system and moving in that direction.

Trustee McCormick commented that the Village should look at passing a motion to override the 2% tax cap as the Village prepares to hold its budget meetings. The Mayor reported the Village Attorney is aware of the local law that would need to be approved and he assured the Mayor that there is time for that before the budget process is completed.

Mr. Koutsourades questioned the Board if a State audit was in progress. The Mayor responded it was and that he looks forward to a positive report.

Trustee Brown motioned to enter executive session to discuss specific individual personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:25pm

Trustee DiSalvo motioned out of executive session at 7:50pm The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried. The Regular meeting reconvened at 7:50pm.

Trustee Brown motioned that Officer Adam Bruce is determined to be on a 207c injury from the date of his injury, November 6, 2011. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the report of the Chief WWTP Operator and not complete the probation of David Hurst in the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and restore Mr. Hurst to his former position as Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Worker, effective 12/22/11.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:00pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk