

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

July 18, 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 July 18, 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

Member Absent was:

Trustee June L. Gunza

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Officer in Charge, Sergeant Ken Scott
2nd Assistant Chief, John Rush
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Police Officer, Anthony Kuhn
Village residents – Gus Koutsourades – 156 Main St. (West Point Motel), Ray
Deveraux – 48 Ondaora Parkway, Angela Fontain, 21 Prospect Street
Town Residents – Ann Marie & Sal Fiducia

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

- a) Regular Meeting – June 20, 2011
- b) Special Meeting – July 8, 2011

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Police Department Report for June 2011 was presented to the Board for review. Sergeant Scott presented a Preliminary Parking Report that dealt with concerns from the Fire Department on access through the narrow streets of the Village and parking near corners. The Mayor asked Sergeant Scott to have any Vehicle and Traffic resolutions that need to be done in order to alleviate these concerns, be brought before the Board at the next meeting or no later than the one that follows.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the resignation of Part Time Dispatcher, Jacqueline Blumfield effective June 28, 2011. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

A hearing was opened at 7:05 P.M. for a Notice of Failure to Remedy Violation issued to the property owner of 40 Church St., Tax Map No. 103-16-23, for the failure to maintain overgrowth of lawn, hedges, brushes and trees on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-6-A-4. No one was present to represent the property.

Public hearing closed at 7:05 P.M.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
40 Church St. 103-16-23

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent(Gunza)

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

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution Introducing Local Law
And Providing for Public Notice and Hearing
“Standards for Lodging Houses and Single-Family and Two Family Dwellings with Lodgers”

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo 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 McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution Introducing Local Law
And Providing for Public Notice and Hearing
“Amendment to Vehicles and Traffic Law”

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:
4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Gunza)
motion carried. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve Pat Patterson, Street Superintendent, to be reimbursed, monthly, the base amount of his cell phone, upon a copy of the phone bill and voucher being submitted to the Purchasing Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to appoint Earl Ceccotti a Part Time Laborer, (nte 20hrs/wk) at the rate of \$14.00/hr, effective 7/19/11.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to appoint Daniel Stalter, a Part Time Laborer, (nte 20hrs/wk) at the rate of \$14.00/hr, effective 7/19/11.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the change order increase of \$228,552.85 for the Street Paving Project based on the recommendations of the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the Request for Training from the Board of Trustees for any Board member to attend the Annual Planning & Zoning Workshop, August 10th in Sugar Loaf, NY at the cost of \$30.00/pp.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to ratify the MOA’s for the Full Time Police, Part Time Police and Full Time Dispatchers covering the period ending May 31, 2009 and May 31, 2010.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Mayor reported that he has acquired a piece of steel from the World Trade Center and would like permission to have the Clerk obtain the necessary insurance certificates needed in order for the Village to pick it up. The Mayor reported that the piece will go in Memorial Park.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Clerk obtaining the necessary insurance papers to allow Village employees to pick up a piece World Trade Center steel from the Port Authority in NYC and deliver it to the Village.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$215,755.44 from the following listed funds:

FY 10-11	General Fund	\$11,976.64
	Sewer Fund	\$ 8,023.30
FY 11-12	General Fund	\$61,383.60
	Section 8	\$60,028.95
	Water Fund	\$ 529.90
	Sewer Fund	\$18,891.68
	Capital Fund	\$54,921.37

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Mayor reported that Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson and the Village Engineer had inspected the wall on Oak Street, near School Street Bridge, and have determined it an emergency that the wall be fixed as soon as possible. The Street Superintendent acquired a quote of \$4,800.00 from Anthony P. Galu, Contractor and FC&C Construction Ent.,Inc. for \$13,800.00

Trustee McCormick motioned to accept the quote from Anthony P. Galu for \$4,800. and approve him doing the work, as long as all necessary liability insurance, worker compensation insurance, and proper paperwork is turned in to the Village Clerk prior to the job being started.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Mayor read an audit report that was recently conducted for the Public Housing Authority and reported that there are no significant findings in the administration of the program. The Mayor thanked the Village Staff, especially retired Village liason to the program, Eileen Koppenal, for their cooperation with the audit team and completion of a successful report.

Trustee Brown updated the Board and public on the recent successful completion of the roof repairs and belt press repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Trustee Brown also reported that a sewer lateral on Mountain Ave has been repaired.

Trustee DiSalvo thanked the public for their patience while pot holes are being repaired .

Trustee McCormick reported that all reservoirs are full. He also commented that he recently heard a derogatory remark about the Village that upset him and he would like to see the Village and the citizens work hard to clean up the image of the Village.

Angela Fontain, 21 Prospect Street, reported that the corner of Schneider Ave. and Prospect Street creates a blind spot for motorists if a car is parked on this corner. The Mayor responded that he would have Officer Scott look into restricting parking on the corner.

Ray Deveraux, 48 Ondaora Parkway, asked what the time factor was for the Village to televise its meetings. The Mayor responded that the Village is waiting to see how the school district is going to proceed, since the Village is going to partner with the school district in this endeavor. Mr. Deveraux stated that he would like the Board to respond that they will televise regardless of what the school does.

Gus Koutsourades asked how much the Village has in its reserve funds. The Mayor read a report from the Village Treasurer, emphasizing that these are preliminary numbers since we are just ending one fiscal year and beginning a new one.

Trustee DiSalvo made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 7:43pm.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk