

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

March 7, 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 March 7, 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
2nd Assistant Chief, John Rush
Village Resident, - Ray Deveraux-48 Ondaora Pkwy, Gus Koutsourades- WP Motel
Owner-361 Main Street

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

- a) Regular Meeting – February 7, 2011
- b) Special Meeting – February 24, 2011
- c) Special Meeting – March 1, 2011

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

A Public Hearing, as duly advertised, was opened at 7:00P.M. for the purpose of receiving public comment to consider adoption of Introductory Local Law entitled "Repair and Maintenance of Sewer Laterals." Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the original Notice of Hearing, Affidavit of Posting, Affidavit of Publication have been presented before the Board and are ordered to be filed. The Mayor stated that this law would ensure that property owners are responsible for maintenance and repairs of sewer laterals from the sewer main to the building and that the regulations governing street and sidewalk openings contemplate sewer lateral connections, repair and maintenance. All comments being heard, the public hearing closed at 7:06pm on a motion from Mayor D'Onofrio, seconded by Trustee DiSalvo.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution of Adoption
Local Law No. 2 of 2011
"Repair and Maintenance of Sewer Laterals"

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

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

Trustee Gunza motioned to accept the recommendation of Officer Scott and complete the probationary period for Part Time Dispatcher John Seymour

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Mayor signing the 2011 Worker's Compensation Claims Runoff Management Agreement with Wright Risk Management.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Mayor signing an amended contract with Joseph Mastrianni, Inc. for the Housing Choice Voucher Program that approves the Village Clerk to be the liason to the program due to the recent retirement of Eileen Koppenal.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve Water Plant Operators, Kevin Hurst, Jack Sibley and Jim McDonald to attend class on chlorination chemical feed pumps and laboratory training, on March 9th and March 16th from 7:30am -3:30pm, at West Point, NY, at no cost to the Village.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the recommendation of Street Superintendent Gary Boyce and complete the probationary period for Part Time Laborer John McCarthy and Full time Laborer Tim Doherty.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the recommendations of Village Clerk Regina Taylor and WWTP Operator John Jones and complete the probationary period for Purchasing Clerk Sue Bunte, Part Time Clerk Stella Root, Maintenance Worker James Patterson and PT WWTP Operator Joseph Murphy.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$163,210.24 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$83,374.07
Section 8	\$59,290.25
Water Fund	\$ 8,857.19
Sewer Fund	\$11,688.73

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Mayor informed the Board that during the weekend rainstorm, the retention pond on 9W failed and a lot of water made its way down through Mearns Avenue, through the Little League Field and down Roe Park and Villa Parkway.

The Mayor commented to the Board that he would like the Village and Town Boards to hold a discussion on the water agreement and according to the agreement, the Village must notify the Town Board of this intention.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned that a letter be sent to the Town Board asking for a discussion on the Water Agreement before the agreement terms are expired in 2013. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Updates from the Mayor included information that the demolition of 6 Sweezy Ave was progressing nicely, the West Point Cadets that hold an annual "Relay for Life" event would like to hold it at Roe Park this summer and he would provide more information as he gets it and that the DOT was surprised at some of their findings while looking into the wall replacement on Mt Ave, which isn't scheduled for construction until 2013.

The Mayor reminded the Board that meetings need to be set with the Planning Board to discuss the Moratorium that is in place for conversion of single family homes to 2-family or multi-family and also to review the survey of Highland Street the Village had completed before the winter.

Trustee Gunza reminded the Board that the DAM plan needed to be discussed as well as the painting of water tanks project, mapping of catch basins, storm sewers and piping, and the roofs in the WWTP.

Mr. Koutsourades offered to the Mayor the use of the Library to hold meetings with the committee, formed by the Mayor, to help discuss Village and community issues.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss PBA Contract negotiations and specific employees.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:35pm. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:29pm.

Trustee McCormick motioned for the Police Negotiations to be forwarded to the Village Attorney for presentation to the PBA.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:31pm.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk