

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

September 6, 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 September 6, 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  
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones  
Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst  
Village Residents – Ray Deveraux – 48 Ondaora Pkwy; Gus Koutsourades – Owner,  
West Point Motel, (156 Main Street), Bonnie Snow -41 Ft.  
Putnam Street, Col. Kobylski – Laurel Lane, Tony Galu – 14  
Cedar Lane,  
Town Residents – Ann Marie & Sal Fiducia-Corbin Hill, Ft. Montgomery  
West Point Boy Scout Troop #23 and Scout Leaders

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

a) Regular Meeting – August 15, 2011

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Resolution  
Certiorari Proceedings

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 August 2011 was presented to the Board for review.

Trustee Gunza motioned to approve new Fire Department member, Sandra May, effective 9/6/11.  
The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

The Building Department report for August 2011 was presented to the Board for review.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Mayor signing the Civil Rights Certification Form as requested by Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc., to be submitted to HUD.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Ana Sierra and Account Clerk, Margaret Lewis to attend the New York State Health Insurance Plan Regional Meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am – 3:00pm, in Suffern, NY at no cost for the training, and that all necessary and actual expenses be reimbursed.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Recreation Department Softball Tournament to benefit the Leary Family be rescheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at Roe Park.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$154,481.93 from the following listed funds:

FY 11-12	General Fund	\$28,749.72
	Section 8	\$54,515.15
	Water Fund	\$47,162.34
	Sewer Fund	\$13,231.57
	Capital Fund	\$10,823.15

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio and the Board of Trustees applauded the Village and Town Departments for their preparation and actions taken before, during and after the Tropical Storm Irene hit our community last weekend. They were impressed with how the entire community came together under the emergency situation.

The Mayor reported that the inspection of the bridges went well and all could remain open, with some needing repairs that hopefully will be funded with the help of FEMA.

The Mayor shared a thank you to the Board from the Garden Club for the Board support of the rebuilding of the tier gardens.

The Mayor reported to the Board that the Building Department would be sending notices to the people who live on Mountain Ave & Eagle Valley, along the Highland Brook, that any repairs should be done before another storm comes and possibly increases the damages. The notices will also let property owners know that the Village Engineer could come out and help them to assess what work needs to be done, however, the repairs are the property owners responsibility.

Trustee McCormick read the water report, highlighting that the reservoir is at 100% at this time. Trustee McCormick read a report of the damages that the Bog Meadow area and Water Plant facilities and surrounding areas sustained.

Trustee DiSalvo reported that he & Trustee Brown are working with the Building Department on how to make the property violation notices and remedies process more effective.

Trustee Gunza reported that the inspection report of the Village facilities, prepared by the Villages' Insurance Company, has been received and the Village will respond to the findings in writing before the end of the month.

Mr. Gus Koutsourades asked if the Village will consider a 15 minute parking sign in front of Village Hall for customers to be able to run in and pay bills. The Mayor responded that the Village will look into it.

Mr. Ray Deveraux asked what the status of televising meetings is and the Mayor responded that there is no update.

Col.Kobylski asked about the wording on the sewer bill and the Mayor responded that the December bill will be worded as such: "bill is based on the November 2011 water bill."

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss specific employees and contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:36pm.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:25pm.

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

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk