

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

March 6, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in Town Hall, 254 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on March 6, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:00P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Brian Aylward
Trustee Anthony Farina
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
Police Chief, Robert Kwiatkowski
EDC Representative, Barbara Mennite
Chamber of Commerce Representative, Jim Modlin
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 3 community members

Mayor Flynn opened the meeting with a moment of silence for all our fallen soldiers and community members since the last meeting.

Mayor Flynn welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the owners of a new business opening on Main Street called Apothecary. One of the owners, Jenny Love, reported that the business would be dealing with all things wellness, for example selling loose herbs, essence oils & crystals.

Trustee Murphy reported that the Fire Department had its 95th Installation Dinner this past Saturday evening and Justin Lee was named the Firefighter of the Year. Trustee Murphy congratulated him and reported that the Board looks forward to a safe year for all the newly installed officers.

Trustee Aylward reported that we are still waiting on the DASNY grant and that the outlets in the Senior Center have been fixed. Mayor Flynn added that the handicap bathroom project is moving along as the bid process has begun.

Police Chief Kwiatkowski reported on things that he has been working on in the department for example working on establishing interagency cooperation with the Town of Highlands Department and other local agencies, as well as working on getting all Police Officers qualified at the range and reviewing the department policies and procedures. Chief Kwiatkowski reported that he has been working on changing the culture in the Police Department and establishing loyalties. Chief Kwiatkowski gave an update that the 911 midnight dispatch policy seems to be working well at this point. Chief Kwiatkowski reported that the department is looking to upgrade the computer server and he is looking to establish a supervisory chain of command.

Trustee Mellon reported that Orange & Rockland has accepted the Street Light proposal and that the Village Attorney will review the purchase agreement documents for the next Board meeting.

Mayor Flynn commented that he would like to renegotiate the contract with Mastrianni, Inc. and that he would like the Village to be more involved with enforcement of the program. No action was taken on the renewal of the contract.

Discussion was held on a request from a resident to waive a late charge on a December sewer bill. The Board agreed that according to the Village Code no waiver would be granted.

Discussion was held on the upcoming Census and updating the contact information in the Village. The employee who worked on the prior census has since retired. The Board agreed that Trustee Murphy will be another point of contact for the Village.

Trustee Farina reported that the recreation basketball league has just wrapped up and ponytail and baseball season sign-ups continue. Trustee Farina reported that opening day will be April 23rd and it will again be a joint event with the ponytail and baseball leagues.

Jim Modlin, President of the Chamber of Commerce remarked that the Chamber is looking for local officials and leaders to come and speak before the Chamber to discuss concerns and issues in the community. Mr. Modlin reported on some upcoming events in the Community. Mr. Modlin reported that a public meeting on the Greenway Grant for the Marina feasibility study will be held on Thursday evening at 7:00pm in the Town Hall and that

everyone is welcome to attend. Mr. Modlin commented that everyone is welcome to join the Chamber and you do not have to be a business owner to join.

Barbara Mennite, EDC Representative, gave an update on the NYSERDA project and the four steps of benchmarking that are required that will enable future grant funding opportunities. Ms. Mennite reported to the Board on the possibility of installing an electric vehicle charging station. The Village Attorney will look into the paperwork needed and prepare for any Board action at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the below listed minutes as follows:

- a) Regular Meeting –February 21, 2017
- b) Special Meeting-February 21, 2017
- c) Special Meeting-February 27, 2017
- d) Special Meeting-March 1, 2017

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustee
Accepting 2016-2017 Orange County Executive Arts,
Heritage and Tourism Grant Award

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward 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 Aylward motioned to complete the probation of PT Dispatcher Courtney Scheible.
The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Farina to approve the bills and claims for \$150,150.05 from the following listed funds:

FY 16-17	General Fund	\$ 54,960.09
	Section 8	\$ 67,710.00
	Water Fund	\$ 11,050.69
	Sewer Fund	\$ 16,429.27

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

James Ramus, 29 Liberty Street, asked if the public could get a brief synopsis of the bills and claims that are paid at a meeting. Mr. Ramus asked what the Village is doing with the Alo Property and if the EDC is involved. The Mayor responded the Village would like to see the property remain on the tax rolls and yes, the EDC is involved. Mr. Ramus had follow up questions from the last Board meeting. The Mayor responded to Mr. Ramus and reminded him that it is public comment and the best thing to do is send a letter to the Board with any questions and give the Board time to respond.

Village Treasurer Ed Magryta gave a presentation on the Village of Highland Falls, Village Board Term, Fiscal Report 2013-2017.

Mayor Flynn gave a presentation on the State of the Village.

Mayor Flynn thanked all those involved with the successful St. Patrick's Parade that was held over the weekend, particularly, Dan Malarky and his committee.

Mayor Flynn reported that a budget meeting would follow in Village Hall at the close of this meeting.

Trustee Aylward motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 9:52P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk