

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

July 17, 2017

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 17, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:03P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Trustee Brian Aylward
Trustee Mervin R. Livsey Jr.
Trustee Barbara Murphy
Trustee James M. Ramus

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Police Chief, Ken Scott
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Representative of Homeland Towers LLC, Vince Xavier,
Approximately 14 community members

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

Mr. Vince Xavier presented to the Village Board a preliminary site plan for a cell-tower on Haven's Rd near the DPW garage. The Mayor responded that the Village Board will need to do some homework before any cell tower decisions are made. Mayor D'Onofrio also suggested that he look for alternate locations because there is no room down by the DPW garage for a cell tower.

Susan Wicks of the beautification committee presented an update on what the committee has been doing and what they are looking to do in the Fall.

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

a) Special Meeting – June 15, 2017

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the below listed minutes as written:

a) Special Meeting – June 19, 2017

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the below listed minutes as written:

a) Special Meeting – June 29, 2017

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the below listed minutes as written:

a) Regular Meeting – July 3, 2017

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

4 Ayes (Aylward, Murphy, Ramus, D'Onofrio), 0 Nays and 1 Abstain (Livsey)
motion carried.

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

a) Special Meeting – July 10, 2017 (3:00pm)

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

3 Ayes (Aylward, Murphy, D'Onofrio), 0 Nays and 2 Abstain (Livsey, Ramus)
motion carried.

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

a) Special Meeting – July 10, 2017(6:00pm)

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

4 Ayes (Aylward, Murphy, Ramus, D'Onofrio), 0 Nays and 1 Abstain (Livsey.)
motion carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the below listed minutes as written:

a) Special Meeting – July 12, 2017

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

3 Ayes (Aylward, Murphy, D'Onofrio), 0 Nays and 2 Abstain (Livsey, Ramus)
motion carried.

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

a) Special Meeting – July 13, 2017

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

4 Ayes (Aylward, Murphy, Ramus, D’Onofrio), 0 Nays and 1 Abstain (Livsey) motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the request from The Center to use municipal lot#2 for a community yard sale on Saturday, August 19th from 6:00am -6:00pm.

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

4 Ayes (Livsey, Murphy, Ramus, D’Onofrio) , 0 Nays and 1 Recuse (Aylward) motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the request from the HFFMCSD to use Roe Park for O’Neill Varsity & JV and Modified baseball from March 1, 2018 through June 10, 2018, pending insurance is provided before the events take place.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the request from the Highland Falls Police Department to use municipal lot#2 on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm for a National Night Out Event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to appoint Lori Bailey a Part time Police Officer @\$25.20(step 4 of the PBA contract) and with a maximum probationary period of 78 weeks.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to appoint Robert Duffy a Part time Police Officer @\$25.20(step 4 of the PBA contract) and with a maximum probationary period of 78 weeks.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the paperwork necessary for submission of a CFA application for \$2,500.00 regarding the adoption of a Unified Solar Permit.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D’Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:34.M. for Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the Property Owners of the following properties:

- 104-3-31 22 Mountain Avenue
- 104-3-30 11 Mountain Avenue
- 102-1-31.2 128 Mountain Avenue
- 105-1-18 138 Mearns Avenue
- 102-6-2 19 Eagle Valley Road
- 104-4-5 23 Tobins Lane
- 111-1-15.4 1610 Route 9W

for the failure to maintain overgrowth of high grass, weeds & bushes on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-1 Detrimental growth prohibited. There were no representatives present for any of the properties.

Laura Milsom, 105 Center Street, if there was a way to speed up the process for repeat offenders. The Village Attorney responded that each violation is entitled to a public hearing. The Mayor commented that the Board will be looking to increase fees soon because the administrative work involved is substantial. Trustee Livsey commented that more needs to be done to prevent these violations.

No further questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:40P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance for

- 104-3-31 22 Mountain Avenue
- 104-3-30 11 Mountain Avenue
- 102-1-31.2 128 Mountain Avenue
- 105-1-18 138 Mearns Avenue
- 102-6-2 19 Eagle Valley Road
- 104-4-5 23 Tobins Lane
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The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and on a roll call vote the results which follow:
5 Ayes 0 Nays
 motion carried. (true and complete resolutions for each property are appended to these minutes)

Trustee Murphy presented the Building Department report for June 2017. Trustee Murphy reported that the Building Department is working on these property maintenance issues and reminded everyone that the process takes time.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$71,362.91 from the following listed funds:

FY 16-17	General Fund	\$ 880.78
	Water Fund	<u>\$14,050.00</u>
		\$14,930.78
FY 17-18	General Fund	\$ 34,687.78
	Section 8	\$ 7,656.00
	Water Fund	\$ 4,991.84
	Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 9,096.51</u>
		\$56,432.13

The motion was seconded by Murphy and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio motioned the appointment of McGoey, Hauser & Edsall, Consulting Engineers, D.P.C as the Village Engineers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 3 Ayes (D'Onofrio, Aylward, Murphy), 0 Nays , 2 Abstain (Livsey, Ramus)
 motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to enter executive session for the advice of counsel on a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:37P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned out of executive session at 8:59P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 8:59P.M.

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

The meeting closed at 8:59 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk