

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

January 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 January 17, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:05P.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 (8:00pm)
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune (8:10pm)
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
Barbara Mennite, EDC representative
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 4 community members

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

Dan Malarky, Ft. Montgomery, updated the Board on the upcoming St Patrick's Parade.

Barbara Mennite reported that the next Chamber of Commerce meeting would be on Friday, February 3rd at the West Point Ski Lodge and that the Chamber is discussing the possibility of starting a Junior Chamber mentoring program. Ms. Mennite reported that the next EDC meeting will be February 13th in Village Hall from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Ms. Mennite reported that the Restore NY grant recipients have not been announced yet and gave a brief synopsis of a recent survey they performed with community input.

Trustee Murphy presented the Fire Department report for December 2016 and a year-end summary.

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

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve that all Village employees who are required to attend Public Employee Safety and Health (PEOSH) training seminars are authorized to do so in the calendar year 2017.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve Trustee Aylward, Trustee Mellon and Treasurer Magryta to attend the Association of Towns training school in NYC with fees, transportation and meals not to exceed \$400/day per attendee.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the permission slip and any other necessary paperwork for L.I.F.E. Inc. to administer lake management of Roe Pond during the summer of 2017.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$92,276.18 from the following listed funds:

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| FY 16-17 | General Fund | \$ 76,720.40 |
| | Water Fund | \$ 5,031.43 |
| | Sewer Fund | \$ 10,524.35 |

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon updated the Board on the Street Lighting Project. Trustee Mellon reported that he had spoken with an Attorney who worked with the Town of Clarkstown on a similar project. Trustee Mellon recommended to the Village Board that this Attorney be hired to facilitate the purchasing of the lights from Orange and Rockland and ensure the project moves along.

Trustee Mellon motioned to hire Daniel Duthie, as the Attorney to represent the Village of Highland Falls in the negotiation of purchasing the street lights from Orange and Rockland at the cost of \$285/hr, not to exceed \$5,000.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon gave the Board an update on different areas of the Wastewater Treatment Plant that need to be looked at. Trustee Mellon reported that new belts for the belt press are needed now, the methane burner has been cited in reports from the DEC and the generator is the original one from when the plant was built and is ready for replacement. Trustee Mellon reported these are items to be addressed more in depth during the budget sessions that will be held next month.

Mayor Flynn brought up the need to continue to look for grants to help offset these expenses in the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Flynn introduced the idea of sidewalk districts and explained that this is something he would like to explore further. Mayor Flynn reported that he invited the Town Board members to the next Village Board meeting on February 6th for a review of the consolidation study by Tim Weidemann of Rondout Consulting. Mayor Flynn asked the Village Attorney to work with the School's attorney on possible intermunicipal agreements regarding a parking area on Ficken's Field and shared services for facilities. The Mayor asked the Village Attorney to work with the School's attorney on ownership of the water line to the High School.

Trustee Farina gave an update on the Recreations programs currently running and reminded residents to sign up for text alerts on the Town website for any cancellations to scheduled recreation events.

Trustee Murphy gave an update on the Art Walk being planned this year and confirmed this Board's supports by its application of a \$5,000 Orange County Grant to assist with marketing the event. Trustee Murphy reported that there has been no announcement yet on the awards.

Discussion was held on the Vacant Store Registration proposal. The Village Attorney reported to the Village Board that there is already a strong property maintenance law on the books. No action was taken.

Trustee Farina motioned to hire Christopher DeYoung as a full time laborer at the rate of \$14/hr with maximum probation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to go into executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 9:02P.M.

Trustee Farina motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 10:50P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned that the service of Konstantinos Fatsis as Special Council to the Mayor is terminated immediately, but he may be engaged by the Village Board on the recommendation of Village Counsel and Village Board approval.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 11:00P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk