

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

January 3, 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 January 3, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:06P.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
Village Labor Attorney, Bryan Goldberger
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
Chairman Police Commission, Dan Ricci
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.

Trustee Farina motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter and asked that everyone, including the Mayor, step out until the regular meeting resumes.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:07P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned for the regular meeting to resume with everyone welcome to return, except the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:52 P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution Appointing Hearing Officer

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain 0 Absent
motion carried.(A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution Appropriating Funds For
Section 75 Disciplinary Hearing

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain 0 Absent
motion carried.(A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

Public Comment on agenda items:

James Ramus, 29 Liberty Street, asked what part of the budget would be financing the disciplinary hearing. The Treasurer responded that the contingency fund would finance the hearing, up to \$15,000.

Trustee Murphy reported that under new business, the newly elected Fire Chiefs would be recognized by the Village Board.

Trustee Aylward presented the Police Report for December 2016. Mayor Flynn provided an update on what the interm Police Chief has been doing since he started in the Department.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Village Treasurer Ed Magryta and included the following updates:

- a. Monthly Financial Update-Revenue and Expense Control Reports available for review.
- b. Investment Policy Review
- c. 2017/2018 Annual Budget preparation to begin in mid-February. Schedule TBD.
- d. NY Class Accounts (Reserve Funds)-Statements are available for review.

Trustee Farina reported that youth baseball had a meeting last week and are looking to rejoin the Cal Ripkin League. Trustee Farina also reported that youth basketball started this week.

Barbara Mennite, EDC Representative, reported that the EDC will be meeting on Monday Jan. 9th in Village Hall from 7:00pm -8:30pm and they will continue their review of the surveys so that project priorities can be set.

Barbara Mennite reported that the LDC will be hosting a roundtable for business owners at Ermirio's Restaurant from 7:30am-9:00am tomorrow morning.

Mayor Flynn reported that there will be a Martin Luther King parade down Main Street from Sacred Heart Church to St. Mark's Church on Monday, January 16th starting at 11:00am. Mayor Flynn commented on the Town on Highlands Ambulance Corp members who would be recognized at a dinner this weekend for their life-saving efforts over the past year. Mayor Flynn thanked Phil Galu and his crew and the Highland Falls Fire Department for the holiday floats and Santa float that made rounds during the holiday season.

Mayor Flynn asked the Village Board members to review a draft local law regarding Abandoned and Vacant Building Registration and to get any comments or suggestions to the Village Attorney so at the workshop meeting the law can be formally introduced.

Discussion was held on the policy for renting out the Senior Center. Mayor Flynn asked the Board members to review the documents regarding rental of the Senior Center building and get any comments or suggestions to the Village Clerk so that hopefully a final document can be approved at the workshop meeting.

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

- a) Regular Meeting –December 19, 2016

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve Ed Dunn to a (4) year term on the Consolidated Planning Board and Matt Johnson to a (2) year term on the Consolidated Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to recognize that the position of Fire Chief is held by Erik Smith, 1st Assistant Chief is held by John Rush and 2nd Assistant Chief is held by Andrew Patterson from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 following elections held on December 5, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the Village Clerk to attend an Election Training Workshop at the Board of Elections in Goshen, NY on Wednesday, January 25th from 9:00am -12:00pm with mileage reimbursement.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve a website upgrade with Belsito Communications Inc. for a cost of \$3,250.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve Frank A. Lilos a part time Police Officer recruit, at a salary determined in the PT Police Collective Bargaining Agreement, and maximum probation, pending final approval from Orange County Civil Service.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$133,801.38 from the following listed funds:

FY 16-17	General Fund	\$ 48,136.63
	Section 8	\$ 66,340.00
	Water Fund	\$ 9,935.60
	Sewer Fund	\$ 9,389.15

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

James Ramus, 29 Liberty Street, asked when the next reorganization meeting would be held, when the next Police Commission meeting would be held, how much is in the contingency fund and if the interm Police Chief would be giving a monthly report.

The Mayor responded that the next reorganization meeting has not been determined yet, the Chairman of the Police Commission would be able to answer when the next meeting would be held, the Treasurer can answer how much is in the contingency fund and they are evaluating the best use of the interm Chief's time right now as he is only part time.

Daniel Malarky, Fort Montgomery, updated the Village Board on the progress being made towards the next St. Patrick's Day Parade and to confirm a flag raising on March 4th before the start of the parade. Mr. Malarky reported that the event form should be turned in next week.

Sharon Guy, Pellwood Lake, came before the Board to explain an event in her neighborhood recently regarding an intruder in her yard which led to her witnessing drugs being dealt in the neighboring motel parking lot. Ms. Guy complained that she did not believe the Police took her seriously in her complaint and wanted the Board to answer when the drug situation would be dealt with more seriously.

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 8:51P.M.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:10P.M. No action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 9:10P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk