

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

June 20, 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 June 20, 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
Officer in Charge, Sergeant Ken Scott
2nd Assistant Chief, John Rush
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Village residents – Gus Koutsourades – 156 Main St. (West Point Motel), Marilyn
Guzman – 15 South Street
Town Residents – Ann Marie & Sal Fiducia

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

a) Regular Meeting – June 6, 2011

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Gunza motioned to accept the retirement of Village Street Superintendent, Gary Boyce, effective June 30, 2011, with regret and thanks for his many years of dedicated service to the community. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Mayor signing the contract between the Village of Highland Falls and Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc. for services in the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Family Self-Sufficiency Program, from August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2014. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve HFIS 3rd Grade holding an “End of Year” picnic at Roe Park, Wednesday, June 22, 2011 from 9:00am to noon. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Gunza motioned to approve the 4th of July Committee to hold 4th of July Festivities from July 1-July 4, pending the necessary insurance papers being turned in to the Village Clerk, prior to the events.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to accept the quote from Hydrovac Excavating for \$2,000.00 for an 8 hour day to provide a hydro-trencher with 2-man crew to perform non-destructive fire hydrant excavations, for one day.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$323,685.07 from the following listed funds:

FY 10-11	General Fund	\$ 8,639.07
	Water Fund	\$ 3,770.05
	Sewer Fund	\$11,152.00
FY 11-12	General Fund	\$34,169.43
	Water Fund	\$ 192.77
	Sewer Fund	\$ 6,623.52
	Capital Fund	\$259,138.23

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Mayor reported he had received an announcement from West Point on upcoming closures of Mine Torne Rd and also that he had met with O.C. Emergency Services representatives who informed the Mayor that a re-evaluation of the Town of Highlands evacuation plan was being performed, after which they would notify the municipality of any changes. The Mayor also reminded the public that state law does not allow for municipalities to carry large reserve funds.

Trustee McCormick reported his disappointment that the Town now charges for the summer playground, however, the Village continues to maintain the area and the Recreation Agreement still has not been discussed. Trustee McCormick reported his concern on how Central Hudson will leave Mountain Ave and Schneider Avenue after completion of their projects to replace gas lines. The Mayor assured him that restoration will be satisfactory on both roads. Trustee McCormick would like the Village Board to review the codes relating to utility companies and replacement or restoration of Village properties after they have completed any work. Trustee McCormick responded to recent public criticism of bonding in the Village, by stating that infrastructure is a priority and that the Village has bonded in order to complete necessary repairs.

Mr. Koutsourades, responded that, as a taxpayer, he would rather pay a little higher tax each year than go out for bonds. Mr. Koutsourades also criticized the Village for not having reserves available for these repairs. Mr. Koutsourades asked about the status of the Village broadcasting their meetings.

The Mayor responded that school district is still deciding whether to broadcast by video or digital recording. No action taken.

Trustee DiSalvo made a motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 7:25pm.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk