

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

April 2, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held at the Highland Falls Library, 298 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY on April 2, 2012.

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 Patrick Flynn
Trustee James DiSalvo
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ralph Walters
Police Sergeant, James Lavelle
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones
Village Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson
2nd Asst Fire Chief, John Rush
Head Dispatcher, Gina Borra
Town Supervisor, Bob Livsey
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
TOH Ambulance Captain, Bill Stroppel
School Board President, Kevin D'Onofrio
Approximately 60 Village & Town residents

The Mayor welcomed newly elected Trustee Patrick Flynn to the Board. The Mayor also recognized and welcomed the Town Supervisor and School Board President to the meeting.

A Public Hearing, as duly advertised, was opened at 7:01pm. for the purpose of receiving public comment to consider adoption of Introductory Local Law entitled "Village Treasurer Residency Requirements." Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the original Notice of Hearing, Affidavit of Posting, Affidavit of Publication have been presented before the Board and are ordered to be filed. The Mayor stated that this law would require the Village Treasurer to reside within Orange County or any adjoining County within the State of New York. There were no comments or questions.

Trustee McCormick motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried. The public hearing closed at 7:02pm.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution of Adoption
Local Law No. 1 of 2012
Village Treasurer Residency Requirement

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

motion carried. (a true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes)

The next order of business was the Annual Reorganization of the Village of Highland Falls.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened the meeting at 7:05pm. and made the following appointments: (see attached).

The Reorganization of the Village ended at 7:13pm.

A Public Hearing as duly advertised for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on the Village Tentative Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 was opened by Mayor D’Onofrio at 7:13 P.M.

The Notice of Hearing of the Tentative Budget, as duly advertised, is appended to these minutes. The Mayor turned the presentation of the budget over to the Village Treasurer, Ralph Walters.

Mr. Walters read the Tentative General Fund Budget for FY 2012-2013 in the amount of \$4,419,811.00 by function. At the conclusion of reading the General Fund tentative budget, Mr. Walters reported that at this time, the amount of taxes to be raised to balance the budget is \$2,841,480.00 and in order to achieve that amount, the tax rate is \$15.61. Mr. Walters pointed out that this is a 2% increase in the tax rate of \$15.30 in the current budget. Upon the conclusion of the presentation of the General Fund questions were asked about the Mayor’s salary, going to the 911 emergency system and the televising of meetings. All questions were answered.

Mr. Walters read the Tentative Water Fund Budget for FY 2012-2013 in the amount of \$803,323.00 by function. At the conclusion of reading the Water Fund, Mr. Walters informed the people that the Water Fund is supported by collection of water rents. Mr. Walters reported that at this time he was not projecting increases in the water rates, but that it would be looked at again before adoption of the budget. Upon conclusion of the presentation of the Water Fund a question was asked if the Town rate would remain at 150% to which the Treasurer answered that, by contract, the rate would remain at 150%.

Mr. Walters read the Tentative Sewer Fund Budget for FY 2012-2013 in the amount of \$1,009,643.00 by function. Mr. Walters reminded the residents that the Sewer Fund is supported through the collection of sewer rents. Mr. Walters stated that at this time he does not project an increase in the rates. Upon conclusion of the presentation of the Sewer Fund all questions asked were answered.

Mayor D’Onofrio reported that another budget workshop will be held on Thursday, April 12th at 6:00pm in Village Hall.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to close the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. The Public Hearing closed at 7:34pm.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – March 19, 2012
- b) Special Meeting – March 28, 2012

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Police Department Report for March 2012 was presented to the Board for review.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 2, 2012, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF SAID VILLAGE, STATING THE PLAN OF REFUNDING, APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,475,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,475,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION, AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER DETERMINATIONS RELATIVE THERETO

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

Mayor Joseph D’Onofrio	x
Trustee James DiSalvo	x
Trustee Harold Brown	x
Trustee Joseph McCormick	x
Trustee Patrick Flynn	x

Motion carried. (a true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution Introducing Local Law
And Providing for Public Notice and Hearing
“Regulations of Hotels and Motels”

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 5 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion carried. (a true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following :

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
2011-2012 Budget Amendment & Transfer
For Purchase of WWTP Truck

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. (a true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes.)

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the lowest bid of \$12,550.00 for Grass Cutting Services for fiscal year 2012-2013 from Hudson Sealcoating & Landscaping of New Windsor, NY, upon the recommendation of Village Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 4 Ayes 1 Nay (Trustee Flynn) motion carries.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to surplus a non-working computer, serial number D72370227300593, upon the request of Village Street Superintendent , Pat Patterson.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$159,192.67 from the following listed funds:

FY 11-12	General Fund	\$80,181.28
	Section 8	\$63,352.30
	Water Fund	\$ 6,774.42
	Sewer Fund	\$ 8,884.67

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk