

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS  
AUGUST 6, 2012

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 August 6, 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 Joseph McCormick  
Trustee James DiSalvo  
Trustee Harold Brown  
Trustee Patrick Flynn

Also present were:

Deputy Clerk, Ana I. Sierra  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Police Chief, Ken Scott  
Fire Chief, John Rush  
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones  
Town of Highlands Ambulance Captain, William Stroppel  
Village Resident, Ray Devereaux – 48 Ondaora Pkwy

Mayor D'Onofrio opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the two Army Officers who recently died in Afghanistan from the Class of 2010 and the victims of the Colorado shootings.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – July 16, 2012

Motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request from Chief Scott to appoint Michael Dunlop as part-time dispatcher at the rate of \$13.55 per hour, with the maximum probationary period, 52 weeks, under O.C. Civil Service Rules & Regulations.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCormick to accept the recommendation from Chief Scott and complete the probationary period for Police Officer Paul Troy Jr. effective July 12, 2012.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

The Fire Department Report for July 2012 was presented to the Board for review.

Motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve a new member, Scott Guers, upon receipt of all paperwork by the Village Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCormick to approve the request for permission to take Rescue 430 to the Orange County Fire Training Center for EVOC training on August 21, 2012.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Resolution  
Introducing Local Law “Best Value Contracts”

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 the resolution is appended to these minutes).

Motion was made by Trustee Flynn to approve the request from Street Superintendent for completion of probationary period for part-time Laborers Earl Ceccotti and Dan Stalter.

The Motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the request from Village Clerk for completion of probationary period of Margaret Lewis effective April 14, 2012.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the use of Roe Park Field for a One Pitch Tournament by Church Pfeil on Saturday August 11, 2012 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Flynn to approve the use of water and electric from Roe Park for HFFD Carnival from August 19-27<sup>th</sup> as long as the electric and water is solely being used by the Fire Department.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the use of Roe Park Pavilion and Bathrooms for the Mayor's Back to School Picnic to be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 2pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Flynn to approve the use of Roe Park field and Bathroom from March 1, 2013 to June 10, 2013 for Modified, Junior Varsity, and Varsity baseball practices and games pending receipt of all insurance documents, by Village Clerk prior to events.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCormick to approve the request from the Village Clerk to have Account Clerk, Margaret Lewis attend the NYCOM Fall Training School in Lake Placid NY from September 10-13, 2012 with all costs totaling \$1,361.40 being reimbursed.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the request from Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works Conference in the Village of Harriman, Mary Harriman Park on August 23, 2012, from 8:00am to 2:00pm along with David Hurst, Timothy Doherty and Water Dept. Kevin Hurst, John Sibley, and James McDonald at a cost of \$30.00 per person.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Motion was made by Trustee McCormick to approve the Mayor signing the Third Amendment to Water Supply Agreement with the Town of Highlands.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Resolution  
Sewer Charges

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

4 Ayes            0 Noes            1 Abstain (Flynn)

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

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$209,958.84 from the following listed funds for FY 12-13:

General Fund	\$68,858.22
Section 8	\$61,096.57
Community Dev.	\$27,165.33
Water Fund	\$16,317.56
Sewer Fund	\$35,834.68
Capital Fund	\$ 686.48

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Ray Devereaux asked the Village Board about the status of televising the meeting. Mayor D'Onofrio advised him that cable wire has been installed and we are waiting on a part and purchasing the equipment.

Mr. Devereaux also asked why the sewer rates were so much higher than water at 185%. Trustee McCormick explained that the cost to run the Sewer Plant is extremely expensive at least twice the cost compared to amount of Water Plant.

Mr. Devereaux wanted to know if the path from the Visitors Information Center was ever going to be completed and the Mayor advised him that the job is going to be finished, quotes that had been received were too high and most likely it will be done in house.

William Stoppel thanked the Police Department for all their help during a recent incident where Orange County 911 was struck by lightening. He advised the Village Board that he had been awarded \$12,500.00 in grants and would be using monies to purchase new defibrillators and he was going to donate one of his current ones to the Police Department.

Mayor D'Onofrio thanked Chief Stoppel for all his hard work obtaining grants.

Discussion was held about the parking meters, Mayor D'Onofrio stated that out of 171 meters on Main Street 153 are working. He also stated that he would like to see free parking at all times for Seniors or look into buying an annual sticker to park on Main Street as opposed to paying meters each time. Mayor D'Onofrio would like to get rid of the meters, however, Trustee DiSalvo said they work to keep individuals from parking on Main Street for extended periods of time.

The discussion on regulating satellite dishes on buildings in the Village was that the Village cannot regulate these. Trustee Flynn stated he would like to look into this further.

Mayor D'Onofrio discussed the issues with properties in our Village that are a disgrace, some examples are 109 Center Street and Edwards Street. He feels that The Village should look into stricter laws to be sure that properties are not left unattended. He was going to talk to the Village Attorney to look into the current codes. He would like to see the process shortened with the first Notice to include the two weeks to comply or maybe just sending an appearance ticket to Court without having to come to a board meeting.

Trustee McCormick advised that Bog Meadow is currently at 91% and asked residents to avoid wasting water and check for leaks. The daily usage for July was 515,000 gallons, of which 457,000 was in the Village.

Trustee DiSalvo asked if Chief Scott could look into the intersection of Main Street and Homestead. There is only a stop sign for individuals coming off Homestead Avenue and onto WP Highway. He feels this is confusing and dangerous.

Trustee Flynn thanked Mayor D'Onofrio for the shared manpower and shared equipment of the two highway departments (Town and Village) as this is a good financial savings.

Trustee Flynn also thanked the Town Bldg. Dept for being more aggressive with property maintenance issues and praised the use of Community Service Workers to clear many properties. Mayor D'Onofrio wanted to remind everyone that this is a Town program and not a Village program.

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

Meeting Closed at 8:00 P.M.

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Ana I. Sierra, Deputy Clerk