

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

June 18, 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 June 18, 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 James DiSalvo
Trustee Patrick Flynn
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Member Absent:

Trustee Harold Brown

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Police Sergeant, Ken Scott
Fire Chief, John Rush
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Town of Highlands Supervisor, Bob Livsey
Village Residents – approximately 20 audience members

Before the official business of the Board began, the Mayor awarded four members of the Volunteer Ambulance Corp, Merv Livsey, Jr, Eileen Searles, Stephen Broesler and Bill Stoppel, with Certificates of Appreciation for their rolls in the rescue of a stranded, & in distress, motorist on 9W during a snowstorm in October of 2011.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – June 4, 2012
- b) Special Meeting – June 5, 2012

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Building Department Report for May 2012 was presented to the Board for review.

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

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request for permission to take the Chief's Vehicle to the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention, from Wednesday, June 20, 2012 to Sunday, June 24, 2012, in Glens Falls, NY, and also to approve the request for permission to take E430 to the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention, on Saturday, June 23, 2012 in Glens Falls, NY.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Mayor signing the 2012 Worker's Compensation Claims Runoff Management Agreement with Wright Risk Management.

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

motion carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the bid from JAT Contracting for \$98, 724.00 for the WWTP Digester Rehabilitation Project pending the Engineer providing documentation that lists the vendors who were sent invitations to bid.

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

motion carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the resignation, with regret, of Police Officer Michael R. Lewis Jr, effective June 11, 2012. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the Men's Softball League to have a cornhole bean bag tournament in Roe Park on Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 10:00am to 4:00pm pending all insurance papers and license agreements are turned into the Clerk's Office prior to the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the bills and claims for \$70,982.45 from the following listed funds:

FY 11-12	General Fund	\$25,285.72
	Water Fund	\$ 134.95
	Sewer Fund	\$ 3,806.60
FY 12-13	General Fund	\$28,212.06
	Water Fund	\$ 5,446.74
	Sewer Fund	\$ 8,096.38

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

motion carried.

Public comments:

Sharon Guy- 13 Pellwood Lake - reported that she did not like the particular handling of a recent FOIL request and the handling of a particular incident by the police department. She commented that she would like the Board to take action against a particular officer and would like to know when she could receive the requested information.

The Mayor responded that the information would be available for her to pick up the following afternoon. He also thanked her for her comments regarding the officer.

Laura Milsom-105 Center Street – asked if there was any progress on limiting the number of Section 8 vouchers. The Mayor responded not at this time. Ms. Milsom also questioned the handling of a recent FOIL request submitted regarding correspondence with different drug agencies and asked if there was any formal information on a Police Chief. The Mayor pointed out to Ms. Milsom that the FOIL request was answered after advice from our counsel and that soon a formal announcement would be made regarding the Police Chief. Ms. Milsom also asked for an update on the status of 109 Center St.

Trustee Flynn responded regarding 109 Center Street. He reported that he had spoken to the Building Department to provide him information regarding knocking it down and the cost associated with that and that he is also looking into the possibility of getting it donated to the Village to be used as a parking lot for that area.

Ms. Milsom asked if there was a completion date for the Center St. Park and the Mayor responded that equipment has been ordered but there is no time frame right now. Ms. Milsom also commented to the Board that she has made numerous complaints about a loose pit bull located at 92 Center Street and nothing is getting done.

Sara Kelly-commented that parking tickets were given out at Roe Park to people parked in yellow striped areas and asked if signs could be put up warning people.

Kathy Jones- 17 Catherine Street-responded that Police did warn people first through the use of loud speaker.

Gus Koutsourades –156 Main Street-asked if there was an update on televising of meetings, having a local cablevision office and the status of the recent NYS audit.

The Mayor responded that he received an email last week from the corporate office of Time Warner and they would get back to him on the process he needs to do regarding the live feed for televising the meetings. The Mayor reported that he is not sure about getting a cable office in the Village. The Mayor responded that the Attorney is reviewing the contract, and the Mayor responded that the State's audit report will be out soon.

Richard Zzie – questioned whether he could be given relief for sewer charges that were relieved onto the property tax bill of a property he recently purchased. The Mayor responded that he would speak to the Village Attorney regarding this.

Mayor D'Onofrio read the FEMA awards expected from the damages sustained from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in the Village last summer. He congratulated the graduates of O'Neill HS & HFIS and the Highlander's on their 40th Anniversary. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that crack sealing will be done on east side of Main Street this week and also that the inspection of the K of C Hall with county representatives regarding the CDBG grant funds went well. He thanked the scouts for helping with the flag burning ceremony held this past weekend and read a letter of appreciation to the Street Superintendent and his crew for sprucing up Ladycliff Park for the recent reunion of Ladycliff Alumni. Mayor D'Onofrio reported the repaving from Main Street to McCullums Lane has been completed at the cost of Central Hudson. He reminded everyone that the Farmer's Market begins this Sunday and also reported that he will be attending the change of command ceremony at West Point next month. Mayor D'Onofrio read the

WWTP report and stated that the plant is operating on all DEC permits and the Mayor reported that a grant has been submitted for a sidewalk from Ondaora Park south toward O'Neill HS.

Trustee McCormick asked everyone to say something, if they see something. He reported that the PBA negotiations are awaiting a call back from the PBA to set a meeting date. He commented that he would like to see a plan for streets for this year and commented that he had gone down to the Town to watch the paving job that was being done recently with the Gorman System. Trustee McCormick suggested that a "Welcome to the New Cadets" sign could be placed in the area near the Welcome to the Village sign on the south end of the Village. Trustee McCormick reminded residents to fix leaks when they are found.

Trustee Flynn also congratulated the O'Neill HS and Intermediate School graduates. He expressed his concern for the local businesses regarding handicapped parking spaces and thanked the resident who questioned the number of spots in the Village. He thanked the local cub scout group for getting Highland Falls kids more involved. Trustee Flynn commented that the goose droppings problem in the playground area of Roe Park needs to be addressed. He read the Building Department report for the month of May. Trustee Flynn commented on a suggestion from the Building Department regarding TV dishes and reported that changes to the zoning code would need to be made to address the problem, if the Village thinks there is a problem. Trustee Flynn commented that he spoke to the Village Attorney regarding insurance certificates for events held in the Village and asked the Attorney to clarify what constitutes a meeting regarding Trustees being in the same room. Trustee Flynn commented that he thinks there are some spaces on the north end of the Village where parking meters could be installed.

Trustee DiSalvo reported that Roe Park pool will be opening this weekend. He also commented that the DPW is doing the best they can to clean up the goose droppings now, but agrees that a solution is hard to find right now.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific personnel matter and possible disciplinary procedures and DPWEA contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

The Village Board entered executive session at 8:30pm.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:55pm.

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

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk