

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS  
May 21, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held at the Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on May 21, 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 James DiSalvo  
Trustee Patrick Flynn  
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Police Sergeant, Ken Scott  
Fire Chief, John Rush  
News of Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Village residents – Norman DeYoung-11 Walker Rd, Kathy Jones -17 Catherine St.

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

a) Regular Meeting – May 7, 2012

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A Public Hearing, as duly advertised, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the amendment of the proposed use of Community Development funds, was opened at 7:01pm by Mayor D'Onofrio. Mayor D'Onofrio explained that funds totaling \$69,595.12 remain from a Community Development Rehabilitation Grant, received through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mayor D'Onofrio further explained that the Village would like to use these funds for improvements to Public Facilities, Infrastructure and Public Services within the Target Area, specifically for improvements to the Center Street Park, infrastructure improvements and installation of security surveillance cameras within the target area.

There was no public comment. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:04pm.

Trustee Brown motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Resolution for Amending Proposed Use of Community Development Funds  
Within the Target Area for Public Facilities, Infrastructure Improvements &  
Public Services

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

The Mayor recommended that the Village participate in the Community Development and HOME Programs for the Federal Fiscal Years 2013-2014. The Mayor explained that this would allow the Village to apply for grants not otherwise opened to the non-members of this program.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Municipal Resolution- Urban County  
Village of Highland Falls

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERTAKING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOME PROGRAMS FOR THE PROGRAM YEAR COMMENCING FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2013-2014 (AND SUCCESSIVE THREE YEAR QUALIFICATION PERIODS) PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED AND TITLE II OF THE NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990, AS AMENDED.

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

The Mayor reported to the Board that there is currently an opportunity to apply through the Community Development Block Program for funds. He explained that the application must be submitted by May 31st and he recommends that the application be submitted for acquisition of the K of C Building for use as a Senior Citizen facility. The Mayor also explained that a Public Hearing must be held on the application and the requested use for the funds.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00pm for the purpose of receiving comments on the submission of a Community Development Block Grant application for the purpose of acquisition of the K of C Building to be used as a Senior Citizen facility, and to pay bills and claims for fiscal year ending May 31, 2012.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the resignation of Part Time Dispatcher John Seymour, effective June 1, 2012, and also to accept the resignation of Part Time Dispatcher Michael Smith, effective

immediately.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Mayor signing the renewal of the Clinical Experience Contractual Agreement between the Village of Highland Falls Police Department and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, in Goshen, NY, to offer an educational program to students in the Orange-Ulster BOCES Career & Technical Education Programs for the period 7/1/12 to 6/30/15.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees

2011-2012 Budget Amendment

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve Ana Sierra, Deputy Clerk and Margaret Lewis, Account Clerk, to attend KVS software training in New Windsor, NY on June 7, 2012 at the cost of \$20.00pp and that all actual and necessary expenses be approved.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve a Memorial Service for Pastor Jesse Clayborne in Memorial Park from 11:00am to noon on June 9th.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve a 5K race on Main Street on the 4th of July from 8:00am to 10:30am.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Mayor signing the renewal agreement with Firthcliffe

Technologies for computer services for the fiscal year June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to allow the Street Superintendent to use \$1,000. 00 in revenue received

from scrap metal recycling to offset the cost of window replacement in the DPW Garage.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned the following:

Resolution

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Storm Water Management Program Annual Report

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and on a roll call vote, the results which follow,  
5 Ayes 0 Nays  
motion carried. ( a true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the recommendation of the Village Attorney to draft a local law to take advantage of the amendment to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law that has eliminated the requirement that contracts must be awarded to the “lowest responsible bidder” if the municipality, by local law, adopts a new standard of “best value”.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$43,383.67 from the following listed funds:

FY 11-12	General Fund	\$22,947.20
	Water Fund	\$ 3,500.41
	Sewer Fund	\$15,216.99
	Capital Fund	\$ 1,719.07

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

During public comment, Mrs. Jones asked about the 4th of July Activities, to which the Mayor responded the activities would be the same as last year and even more. He commented a schedule will be available soon.

Board comments included the following:

Mayor D’Onofrio – reported Central Hudson will repave from Main & Schneider to McCullums and Schneider.

Trustee McCormick commented that the Village should get an agreement with Central Hudson to pave curb to curb whenever they tear up our streets.

Mayor D’Onofrio reported the Town and EFC are reviewing the Water Agreement for Water District II and after all parties agree with the document, it will be signed. He also thanked everyone involved in the process.

Mayor D’Onofrio read the DPW report for monthly activity, reported the CHIPS allotment to the Village and commented on all the community activities in full swing this spring.

Trustee McCormick reported that he has been working on the Capital Plan with the Water Department. Trustee McCormick questioned whether work at the 9W reservoir was included in the FEMA submissions. The Mayor commented that it was not included in what was turned in, but maybe could still be looked at. Trustee McCormick commented that the Village should look at regulations for cell towers in the Village. The Mayor commented the question to ask is if the Village wants to regulate having them or not having them in the Village. The Mayor commented that he would give copies of the Town’s law to each Board member to review and more discussion can be held at a later date. Trustee DiSalvo commented that he would like to find out if there is a Village owned property where a tower might be placed. Trustee Flynn commented he was concerned about cell towers and proximity to residences.

Trustee Brown updated the Board and the public on the Wastewater Treatment Plant activities for

the past month.

Trustee Flynn thanked the following: DUSA Organization and West Point Club for the recent grants they gave to the many organizations in the community, the local municipal departments for their assistance in making the recent Touch a Truck event a success, the O'Neill Athletes for the carnival they held for the community this past weekend. Trustee Flynn commented he heard from local residents who are disappointed that the Cable company does not have a local office anymore and asked why that was taken out during the last negotiation of the contract.

The Mayor commented that the Village Attorney is reviewing that issue and a couple more and is looking at the process in the contract to make an appeal on these matters.

Trustee DiSalvo reported that he has been working on the Capital Plan for the Street Department with the Village Street Superintendent and that he has not heard back yet from the County regarding the 911 system.

Trustee McCormick motioned to enter executive session to discuss specific personnel matters and union contract negotiations.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:50pm.

Trustee McCormick motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:12pm.

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

The meeting closed at 8:12 pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk