

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

May 7, 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, New York on May 7, 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  
News of Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Approximately 30 Community Residents

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

- a) Special Meeting – April 12, 2012 -budget
- b) Regular Meeting – April 16, 2012
- c) Special Meeting – April 23, 2012 - budget
- d) Special Meeting – April 25, 2012
- e) Special Meeting – April 30, 2012-budget

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

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

- a) Special Meeting – April 26, 2012 –budget

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

4 Ayes    1 Nay (Flynn)

motion carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls  
Resolution of Adoption  
Local Law No. 2 of 2012  
Regulation of Hotels and Motels

The motion was seconded by Mayor D'Onofrio and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

	<u>3</u> <u>Ayes</u>	<u>1</u> <u>Nays</u>	<u>1</u> <u>Abstain</u>
Trustee Brown		x	
Trustee DiSalvo	x		
Trustee Flynn	x		
Trustee McCormick			x
Mayor D'Onofrio	x		

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

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls  
Resolution  
Vehicle and Traffic

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown 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 the minutes).

The Building Department Report for March & April 2012 was presented to the Board for review.

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

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the Chief to take Engine#428 and the Chief's vehicle to the Orange County training center in Goshen on May 31, 2012 to support the members in Firefighter 1 training.

The motion was seconded by Mayor D'Onofrio and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the following 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities:

- a) canoe races/tug a war/chili contest on June 30, 2012, 6-7:30pm at Roe Park.
- b) concert in Memorial Park on July 1, 2012 from 5pm-8pm.
- c) bed races on Main Street on July 3, 2012 starting at 5pm.
- d) Street Fair from Main Street/Cozzens Ave to HF Market on July 1, 2012 from 6am - 5pm.
- e) 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade down Main Street to South Main (Hacienda) starting at 2pm.
- f) Family events & Fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Roe Park from 5pm to 9:30pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Ft. Montgomery Elementary School Field Day at Roe Park be changed from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 8<sup>th</sup>.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the Village Treasurer to attend a GFOA seminar in Poughkeepsie, NY on May 17<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$75.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson to attend Highway School in Ithaca, NY from June 11<sup>th</sup> -June 13<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$100.00 for school and \$417.00 for hotel.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls  
Resolution to Relevy  
Unpaid Sewer Bills  
June & December 2011

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown 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 the minutes)

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve a temporary borrowing of \$40,000 from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund in order to meet upcoming payroll and warrant expenses, to be repaid once Sewer bill collections begin June 1, 2012, as recommended by the Deputy Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the recommendation of the Village Treasurer to continue with the previously adopted written Investment Policy and continue to review it annually.

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

5 Ayes   0 Nays

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$98, 691.24 from the following listed funds:

FY 11-12	General Fund	\$27,414.44
	Section 8	\$58,495.28
	Water Fund	\$ 5,050.59
	Sewer Fund	\$ 7,730.93

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Discussions held during public comment included the following topics:

1. adoption of local law 2-2012 Regulation of Hotels and Motels
2. enhancing the south entrance to the Village by extending sidewalk and possibly adding trees along the way.
3. Section 8 program and number of vouchers
4. the working condition of water meters
5. update for an incident involving yard sale signs removed from poles
6. speed limit signs in residential areas

No Board action taken.

Trustee Flynn commented on the following:

1. recently adopted local law and suggested it can still be looked at and possibly amended. He commented that he would meet with motel owners to discuss their concerns.
2. thanked the Hudson Valley Women's Association for their involvement with the youth of the community.
3. thanked Mr. Podias for running the youth Hit/Pitch/Run contest.
4. that he was against wiring in the Village Hall for live broadcast of meetings, citing cost and also handicap accessibility. He commented he would like an agreement with the Town to hold meetings in Town Hall where equipment is already in place.
5. asked why was \$3,000 in Planning Board Salary line moved to the Mayor's line. The Mayor commented it was to put all his salary in one line.
6. he would like to form a Grant Committee.

Trustee McCormick read the Water Department Report for April. Trustee McCormick asked residents to spruce up their properties and neighborhoods to give the tourists who will soon be coming for West Point Graduation, a good impression of our community.

Trustee DiSalvo read the Police Report for April. Trustee DiSalvo commented that he can't believe putting a live feed in Village Hall for televising meeting has created an issue.

Mayor D'Onofrio commented on the following:

1. thanked Vision and the Rotary for the beautiful flowers planted around Ladycliff Park
2. reported local recreation baseball and softball season are in full swing.
3. updated the public on the water tank painting project and reported the Village engineer is working with the Department of Health to clear the way for the project to begin.
4. updated the Board that the Town Water Agreement needs to have Village Board review and then the Town needs to approve it and also the EFC needs to review before any agreements are completed.
5. would like meetings televised live from Village Hall and will look into getting an elevator in Village Hall.
6. he has brought in millions to this community through grants and will continue to work hard to secure grants.

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

The meeting closed at 8:32 pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk