

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

November 5, 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 November 5, 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 Chief, Ken Scott  
Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst  
Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Approximately 7 Village Residents

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the below listed minutes as follows:

- a) Regular Meeting – October 15, 2012
- b) Special Meeting – October 15, 2012

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

No public comment on agenda items.

Mr. Jack McCarthy, 55 Mearns Ave. , asked the Board for an update on a tree that lies in the brook across the street from his property, on Mearns Avenue, and acts like a dam and diverts water to the street creating problems. He had asked the Board about this situation in March and with the winter approaching, he would like to know what the Board is doing to remedy this situation.

The Mayor responded that the matter has been brought to the Building Department's attention, but that he and Trustee Brown would again remind the Building Department that this situation needs to be remedied. The Mayor commented that the tree is on private property and the owner needs to take care of the situation.

A public hearing on the Notice of Failure to Remedy and Notice of Hearing for Unsafe Building and Property Maintenance for 16 Schneider Avenue, section 104, block 4, lot 18 was opened at 7:07 P.M. No one was present to represent the property owner. Trustee DiSalvo motioned to close the hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried. The hearing closed at 7:08 P.M.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Resolution Unsafe Building and Property Maintenance  
Determination & Order  
16 Schneider Avenue – 104-4-18

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.)

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the quote from Liberty Pest Control for \$295.00 for an initial visit of extermination service at 16 Schneider Ave. and to bill the property owner for all expenses.

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Abstain (Flynn)

motion carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Resolution Introducing Local Law  
and Providing for Public Notice and Hearing  
“Amendment to Property Maintenance Law.”

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

5 Ayes   0 Noes

motion carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to table the Resolution to Introduce Local Law & Provide for Public Hearing for “Waterfront Overlay District”.

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

5 Ayes   0 Noes

motion carried.

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

Chief Scott added to his report that parking meter money deposited totaled \$7,400.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the recommendation from Chief Scott to hire Clifford Weeks as a Part Time Police Officer, at a salary of \$23.55/hr, step 5 of the PBA contract.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Mayor to sign the Agreement between the Village of Highland Falls and Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. for services to perform the audit of FY ending May 31, 2012, at a cost not to exceed \$22,500.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo, upon recommendation from the Street Superintendent, motioned to approve the low proposal from Calmart Enterprises, Inc. for \$34,200 to complete Eagle Valley Bridge Rehabilitation decking and approaches. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo, upon recommendation from the Street Superintendent, motioned to approve the low proposal from Calmart Enterprises, Inc. for \$14,400 to complete Eagle Valley Bridge Rehabilitation abutments. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick, upon recommendation from the Street Superintendent, motioned to approve the low quote from Anthony P. Galu for \$2,450.00 to repair the wall on Oak Avenue, pending all necessary paperwork and insurance certificates are turned into the Village Clerk prior to the start of any work.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick, upon recommendation from the Street Superintendent, motioned to approve the low quote from Anthony P. Galu for \$2,150.00, to repair the wall on Drew Avenue, pending all necessary paperwork and insurance certificates are turned into the Village Clerk prior to the start of any work.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown, upon recommendation from the Village Engineer, motioned to approve the bid from JAT Contracting Corp. for \$267,500.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Grit System Replacement.

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

5 Ayes   0 Noes

motion carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to return, with no action taken, the Orange County Civil Service List of Eligibles PM for Sergeant. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the request from Vision, Town of Highlands to extend the Farmer’s Market for Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee McCormick to approve the bills and claims for \$147,125.85 from the following listed funds for FY 12-13:

General Fund	\$49,844.65
Section 8	\$60,582.07
Community Development	\$656.50
Water Fund	\$19,349.91
Sewer Fund	\$16,092.72
Capital Fund	\$600.00

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Cathy Jones, 19 Catherine Street, presented a petition to the Board for speed bumps to be placed in the area between 1 and 41 Mearns Avenue, as directed by the Village Board at the last Village Board meeting.

The Mayor thanked Mrs. Jones for doing exactly what the Board told her was needed to do, however, since then, the question of the legality of speed bumps has come up. The Mayor accepted the petition and responded that the Board would look further into the matter before any speed bumps could be placed.

Mr. Gus Koutsourades, 156 Main Street (West Point Motel) asked for an update to the meetings being televised. The Village Clerk responded that the equipment has been ordered and the Village is hoping before the end of the year to have meetings televised.

Mr. Ray Deveraux, 48 Ondaora Parkway, asked for an update to the Village joining the E911 system. The Mayor responded that the information has been given to the County Executive from Mr. Allen Wieznewski, Director of the 911 System, and the Village is waiting for a response on how much it will cost the Village to become a part of the system.

Board comments:

Mayor D'Onofrio asked the Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst, for an update on the Water Tank Painting Project. Mr. Hurst explained that the small tank needs to be disinfected before it can be filled up again and the contractor is in the process of doing that now. Mr. Hurst also commented that the hydrants are almost done in Ondaora Park and that there is one left in Cragston.

Mayor D'Onofrio updated the public that the Transfer Station would be available for the Town's use until March 2013 and that meetings are being set up to hopefully extend that until March 2014.

The Mayor congratulated Highland Falls Volunteer Fireman, Jerry Galu on his election to President of the Orange County Volunteer Fireman's Association. The Mayor thanked all the Department Heads and Officials, including Town of Highlands Ambulance Corp and Town Officials for participating in many meetings while preparing for the impending hurricane and all the local churches and residents who participated with gathering and delivering supplies to those affected in the aftermath of the storm.

Trustee McCormick also thanked the Town, Village and County Officials for working together in preparation of the impending hurricane. Trustee McCormick read the Water Report and expressed his disappointment that negotiations for the PBA have been at a stand still.

Trustee Flynn thanked My Town Marketplace, Rite Aid and the Highland Falls Market for allowing drop off boxes for Community outreach of Hurricane Sandy and everyone for their time and donations to the victims of the hurricane. Trustee Flynn also reported that the Halloween Parade went well and looks forward to it again next year.

Trustee DiSalvo reported that on Gate Night and Halloween all went well in the Village. He also thanked local resident, Jeff Perry for his assistance with Orange & Rockland and restoring power to areas of the Village after the storm.

Trustee Brown reported that Digester Replacement Project in the Wastewater Treatment Plant would be started within the week and that the Plant is operating under all DEC permits.

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

The meeting closed at 8:11 P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk