

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

October 1, 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 October 1, 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  
Fire Chief, John Rush  
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus  
Approximately 9 Village Residents

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

- a) Regular Meeting – September 17, 2012
- b) Special Meeting – September 26, 2012

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Police Department Report for September 2012 was presented to the Board for review. Chief Scott added that parking meter money would be deposited this week and on the next report.

Trustee McCormick motioned to complete the probationary period for Part Time Police Officer Anthony Tolve as required under Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the request for Police Chief Scott to place an ad in the newspaper for sealed bids for a new Police Vehicle.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution Introducing Local Law  
And Providing for Public Hearing  
Amendment to Parking Fines

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

5 Ayes    0 Noes

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

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

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Resolution  
Certiorari Proceedings

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 this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Mayor to sign the Contract Amendment between the Village of Highland Falls Housing Agency and Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc. for services in the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from Mr. Ricky Zwirz, 53 Ft. Putnam Street, for reimbursement of \$837.96 paid for a camera investigation of a clogged sewer line on March 19, 2012.

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 to approve the request for reimbursement of \$133.44 for a late fee charged on the June 2012 Property Taxes on 185 Main Street, paid by Dr. Robert Simons, due to extenuating circumstances at the time the bills were issued.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve Ana Sierra, Deputy Clerk and Margaret Lewis, Account Clerk, to attend the 2012 NYSHIP Regional Meeting in Suffern, NY, Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30am to 3:00pm, with no cost for the meeting and all necessary and actual expenses approved.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson to attend the NYS Highway and Public Works Expo, Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> in Syracuse, NY, and grant permission to take Truck 1.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to authorize Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson, to spec out a new mid-sized truck, to replace a 2001 Chevrolet Truck, with the cost not to exceed eighty thousand dollars, but does not authorize the purchase of the vehicle yet.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from Mayor D'Onofrio to hold a Cancer Walk on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at Roe Park and the use of the Pavilion and Bathrooms.

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 approve the request from Party Time Productions to hold a Halloween Parade down Main Street, from Sacred Heart Church to Memorial Park, on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 3:30pm to 6:30pm, pending the necessary paperwork being turned into the Village Clerk before the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$92,439.97 from the following listed funds for FY 12-13:

General Fund	\$20,659.93
Section 8	\$62,016.93
Water Fund	\$3,539.86
Sewer Fund	\$6,223.25

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

#### Public Comments:

Mr. Ray Deveraux, 48 Ondaora Parkway, inquired on the status of televising meetings, the Village going to the E911 system and hidden costs for the school district because of the Section 8 Program. The Mayor responded that he is still waiting to hear from Time Warner on a part that has been ordered before televising meetings can begin, that Trustee DiSalvo is waiting to hear back from Orange County and Mr. Allen Wierzbicki about the E911 system. The Mayor also suggested that the housing concerns have been created because of contracting out many departments on West Point and that these mandates come from Washington DC, not West Point.

Mr. Gus Koutsourades, 156 Main Street, inquired about the Section 8 Program and whether the Village receives any revenue from the program and if it is true that the 5 Star Inns on West Point are being taken over by Holiday Inn Express. The Mayor responded that the Section 8 questions were asked and answered at the last meeting and that in March, the 5 Star Inns will be operated as Holiday Inn Expresses.

Laura Milsom, 105 Center Street, inquired about the Section 8 Program and why the number of vouchers were increased in the late '90's. The Mayor responded that there was a request from senior citizens for assistance. The

Mayor also responded that contrary to what people may have heard, vouchers from other communities being used in the Village is not true and that will not happen because of the preference list for Village residents first.

Jack McCarthy, 55 Mearns Ave., inquired about the Transfer Station at West Point and the recent information he heard about it being closed down. The Mayor responded that the Town was recently notified by the legal offices on West Point that the Town could no longer use the facility as it was not legal to do so. The Mayor reported that there is ongoing discussion about this with officials from West Point, the Town, and Washington D.C., to possibly get an extension to the closing date. The Mayor asked the people to have patience and to be advised that this closure comes from Washington DC and not West Point.

Board comments:

Mayor D'Onofrio referenced the report he was given on parking meters from Chief Scott and asked for the removal of meters on Main Street from just south of the ice cream shop to the end of the United Methodist Church, and to use them for replacement parts on non-working meters. Mayor D'Onofrio also asked the Chief to look into the removal of the electric sign warning of School Crossing across from Sacred Heart School, and to have the meter removed from the senior citizen/veteran parking only in front of the Post Office. The Mayor asked to spend \$295 to buy 500 stickers to give to senior citizens for free parking and to sell to others for annual parking passes.

Trustee Flynn asked the Mayor for a copy of the report he received from Chief Scott regarding parking meters and also asked why not remove all meters. Trustee McCormick did not support removal of all meters. Trustee DiSalvo reported that the businesses owners were not in favor of removing meters in front of their businesses because they wanted to see turnover in those spots.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to remove the parking meters on Main Street from just south of the ice cream shop to the south end of the United Methodist Church, and to use them for replacement parts on non-working meters. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

5 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion carried.

Trustee Flynn motioned to have meters installed on the North End spots where there are currently none. There was no second to the motion. Trustee Flynn reminded the Police Department to check on the bathrooms at Roe Park on the weekends to make sure they are open. Trustee Flynn also suggested the meetings should be more organized.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to spend \$295 to purchase 500 stickers to be given to Senior Citizens to park for free, and allow others to purchase as an annual parking pass. The motion was seconded by Mayor D'Onofrio and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

2 Ayes 3 Noes

Motion did not carry.

Trustee McCormick informed the public that the reservoir is 89% full. Trustee McCormick spoke of some repairs that might be needed in the Water Plant and also a valve that is needed for the large water storage tank. Trustee McCormick reported that the FEMA work is completed around the Water Plant and Bog Meadow area.

Trustee DiSalvo thanked the Town DPW and Tony Squicciarini for their assistance with a drainage project on Mearns Avenue. Trustee DiSalvo also encouraged the Board members to speak to Pat Patterson about the vehicle he would like to replace in the street department and his plan for the future.

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

The meeting closed at 8:10 P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk