

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

October 15, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in the Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on October 15, 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 (7:25pm)  
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Police Chief, Ken Scott  
Fire Chief, John Rush  
Planning Board Member- Fred Brennan  
Approximately 6 Village Residents

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

a) Regular Meeting – October 1, 2012

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A Public Hearing, as duly advertised, was opened at 7:01pm. for the purpose of receiving public comment to consider adoption of Introductory Local Law entitled "Amendment to Parking Fines" Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the original Notice of Hearing, Affidavit of Posting, Affidavit of Publication have been presented before the Board and are ordered to be filed. The Mayor stated the last time the fines were amended was two years ago. There were no comments or questions.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. The public hearing closed at 7:02pm.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls  
Resolution of Adoption  
Local Law No.4 of 2012  
Amendment to Parking Fines

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent (Flynn)

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

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls  
Resolution Requesting Real Property Tax Exemption  
Of The Village owned Water Supply Property  
Section 1 Lot 1 Block 2

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent (Flynn)

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Standard Work Day and Reporting  
New York State and Local Retirement System

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

4 Ayes      0 Noes      1 Absent (Flynn)  
 motion carried (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes).

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the Highland Falls Fire Department to hold the Orange County Volunteer Firefighters Parade, from Thayer Gate to Roe Park, on September 28, 2013, from Noon to 4:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

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

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the Village Treasurer to transfer \$50,000.00, from the Sewer Fund to the Water Fund, to be repaid upon the collection of the November water bills.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Police Chief's recommendation to accept the low bid from Schultz Ford for \$24,875.00 to purchase a 2013 Ford Police Interceptor that meets the necessary specifications.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to appoint Rudolph Rodriguez, Jr. part time dispatcher, at the starting salary of \$13.55/hr., with 52 weeks max probationary period, as recommended by Chief Scott.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the Village Clerk to attend a Workshop for Records Retention and Disposition, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the Town of Wallkill at no cost to the Village and to approve all necessary and actual expenses.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

No action was taken on Senior Citizen Parking Stickers. The Mayor asked for it to be put on the next meeting's agenda.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the bills and claims for \$328,438.75 from the following listed funds:

FY 12-13	General Fund	\$19,644.56
	Water Fund	\$25,476.13
	Sewer Fund	\$42,999.85
	Capital Fund	\$240,318.21

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

Mr. Lou Senatore, Mearns Ave, asked to have speed bumps put on Mearns Avenue. The Mayor explained to Mr. Senatore that the process would be for Mr. Senatore to obtain signatures of at least 50% of the residents on the street requesting for the speed bumps on that street and present the petition to the Village Board.

Mrs. Bobbi Fallon, 25 Main St., and Mrs. Eleanor Lavelle, 33 Main St., came before the Board to get an update to information that was provided to Trustee Brown regarding vehicles parked at 41 Main Street, (US Academy Motel) and people occupying rooms at 41 Main Street, longer than what the recently adopted local law allows for.

The Mayor responded by saying that he would set up a meeting with the Building Inspector, Trustee Brown, these two ladies and the Mayor, together in one room, so all parties could hear the same responses at the same time to the questions they have regarding the Local Law and enforcement of it.

Mr. Jack McCarthy, 55 Mearns Ave., asked if there was any update to the Transfer Station situation. The Mayor responded that an extension has been granted until March 2013, and that he hopes something will be worked out with the Department of Defense before then. The Mayor again stressed that West Point did not make this decision, Washington DC did.

Mr. Fred Brennan asked a couple of questions regarding the local law that was just passed and parking meter replacements. Trustee DiSalvo responded that the law amends parking violation fines only and that the only meters being replaced right now are low usage ones on Main Street, between Holy Innocents Church, south, to the United Methodist Church.

Board comments:

Mayor D'Onofrio thanked everyone who participated in and helped make the Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> so successful. The Mayor also reported that the contractor for painting the water tanks has applied more paint than is required by the specs, for the exterior, interior walls and floor, of the small tank , and that this is very good for the Village.

Trustee McCormick reported that work on the small water storage tank is completed and there is more work to be done, for example a new valve on the large water storage tank, before painting of that tank can begin. Approximate costs are \$15,000.00, plus installation. Trustee McCormick reported that it is recommended to look at the small tank again in five years to assess how the maintenance is holding up. Trustee McCormick thanked all the residents who took time out to visit the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Water Plant and to contact him if they ever want a tour of these facilities. Trustee McCormick reported that he is already looking ahead to the 2013-2014 budget and how the Village can cut costs.

Trustee DiSalvo reported that the latest update on the E911 matter is that the County Executive has the information on his desk and that there would be a cost to moving over to E911, but that cost is an unknown factor at this time.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to authorize the Street Superintendent to go out to bid for a replacement for Truck 3. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk