

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

December 1, 2014

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, NY on December 1, 2014.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:05 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn  
Trustee Robert Mellon  
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Members absent were:

Trustee Harold Brown  
Trustee Anthony Farina

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott  
Fire Chief, Steven Suarez  
Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey  
Village Attorney, William Florence  
Village Engineer, Al Fusco  
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus  
Approximately 4 Community Residents

Mayor Flynn welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a moment of silence for all our fallen soldiers and community members who have passed away since our last meeting.

The November 2014 Police Department Report was presented to the Board by Chief Scott. Chief Scott also reminded residents that winter is here and snow parking regulations and sidewalk shoveling codes will be enforced.

The November 2014 Fire Department Report was presented by Trustee Murphy.

Mayor Flynn thanked Mr. Stair for a donation made to the Senior Center in memory of his wife, reported that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Senior Center on Sunday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm, reminded the community that the Vision sponsored Winterfest will be held on Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm in Memorial Park, confirmed that Orange County grant funds have been awarded for the Senior Center and that grant funds for tables and chairs for the senior center have also been awarded, thanked The Eisenhower Leadership for another \$1000 donation to the beautification fund and reported on other upcoming community events.

Mayor Flynn reported that he would like to have the WWTP personnel look into obtaining "A" certifications for running Wastewater Treatment Facilities such as the plants in West Point and Ft. Montgomery.

Trustee Mellon updated the Board on a sewer clog between Dong Fong and Main St. that required jet-vac service and root cutting.

Trustee Murphy elaborated on the Professional Services proposal from Pattern for Progress to create a Community Development Plan that would begin in July 2015. No Board action was taken on the proposal at this time.

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

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution  
Vehicle & Traffic  
Village of Highland Falls

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent

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

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from the HFFD Auxiliary to reserve 30 spots in Municipal Lot#1 for vendor parking for their Vendor Fair to be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 5:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$16,420.00 from A.1990.1990 General Contingency to A.5112.02 St. Maintenance CHIPS to cover Cozzens Ave. paving project as recommended by the Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the transfer of \$20,303.75 from the General Fund to the Depository Trust Co. to cover the principal and interest payment for the Webb Lane Bridge as recommended by the Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$8,735.00 from A.1990.1990 General Fund Contingency to A.9010.0800 State Retirement to cover the cost of the 2015 Annual ERS payment, as recommended by the Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$1,650.00 from F.1990.1990 Water Fund Contingency to F.9010.0800 State Retirement to cover the cost of the 2015 Annual ERS payment, as recommended by the Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$2,000.00 from G.1990.1990 Sewer Fund Contingency to G.9010.0800 State Retirement to cover the cost of the 2015 Annual ERS payment, as recommended by the Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$544,576.16 minus a finance charge of \$5.10 for the vendor Unifirst Corp , for a total of \$544,571.06 from the following listed funds:

FY 14-15	General Fund	\$401,177.84
	Section 8	\$ 63,718.08
	Water Fund	\$ 36,342.93
	Sewer Fund	\$ 43,276.71
	Community Development	\$ 55.50

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Village Attorney, William Florence, verbally went over, with the Board, proposed changes for Village Code Chapter 152 Peace and Good Order, section 6, Penalties for Offenses. Mr. Florence reported that he and Police Chief Scott worked on the proposed changes that would add a new paragraph that spells out the offense and corresponding fines for any person violating the code, upon a guilty plea or conviction, but noted the change will require a notice to the public for a hearing date on the proposed changes. The Village Attorney asked the Board to set a hearing date and informed the Board he would send to them the proposed amendments after he includes any suggestions from the Board.

Trustee Murphy motioned to have a public hearing set for Monday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm on the purposed changes to the penalty section of the Village Code Chapter 152 Peace and Good Order, section 6 Penalties for Offenses.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

#### Public Comments:

Laura Milsom-105 Center Street, approached the Board with concerns for the speed with which vehicles drive in her neighborhood and the now empty lot that has become a parking area in front of her house and the late night activity that surrounds it.

Sharon Guy- Pellwood Lake Rd-approached the Board with concerns about her neighborhood and the lack of Police support that she perceives is happening when she calls about activity in parked cars around her house, specifically when events occur at the nearby catering hall.

Trustee Mellon motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter and a contractual matter.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:24P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:25P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Resolution  
Denial of Officer Brandt Grievance

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent  
motion carried. ( A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes.

Trustee Mellon motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 9:26P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk