

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

December 15, 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 15, 2014.

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

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn  
Trustee Harold Brown  
Trustee Robert Mellon  
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Members absent were:

Trustee Anthony Farina

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta  
Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey  
Village Attorney, William Florence  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
TOH Ambulance Captain, Bill Stroppel and a few members of the Corps  
Approximately 10 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.

Mayor Flynn welcomed TOH Ambulance Captain, Bill Stroppel and Assistant Captain Martha Byrnes and members of the TOH Ambulance Corps. Mayor Flynn thanked them for all their dedicated service and especially honored Captain Stroppel for responding to over 5000 calls and Assistant Captain Byrnes for responding to over 2000 calls.

Mayor Flynn introduced Mr. and Mrs. Patrick from the local Volkssport Club and honored them for their community support and invited them to explain their organization and their activities.

Trustee Murphy motioned to open a Public Hearing on the Introductory Local Law entitled Amendment to Village Code §152-6 Penalties for Offenses. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

A Public Hearing, as duly advertised was opened at 7:16pm for the purpose of hearing comments on the Introductory Local Law Amendment to Village Code §152-6 Penalties for Offenses. The affidavit of posting, affidavit of publication, and notice of hearing were presented to the Board and filed by the Clerk. There was no public comment or questions regarding the local law.

Trustee Murphy motioned to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The public hearing closed at 7:16pm.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls  
Resolution of Adoption  
Local Law No. 3 of 2014  
Amendment of Village Code §152-6  
Penalties for Offenses

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:  
4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent  
motion carried. (a true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes).

The November 2014 report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant was read by Trustee Mellon.

The November 2014 Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Ed Magryta. The topics discussed included the following:

1. Monthly financial updates-revenue and expense control reports
2. Audit complete-final document in Jan 2015.
3. Financial snapshot-mid year review
4. Budget data compiling-coordination with DH's

Mayor Flynn reported on upcoming events and items of interest to include a bike ride to support Crohn's & Colitis on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015; Orange & Rockland Vegetation Management beginning approximately January 15<sup>th</sup>; "The Voice" TVshow to film a B-roll segment in January; a \$50,000 grant from Senator Larkin for repairs to the Senior Center; locations that are collecting toys for the holiday season; the need for volunteers to help with the Christmas dinner; the Village Engineer looking into possible cell tower locations; appointing a chairperson to head a committee to help with the Senior Center operations and the Eisenhower Leadership sponsored "Art Walk" to have a kick off in mid-May.

Trustee Mellon motioned to appoint Fran Galu, chairperson to head the volunteer committee to help with the operations of the Senior Center and issue her a key to the building.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy reported that she heard that a negotiation with a Land Trust and the Aloe Property may be in progress. Trustee Murphy explained that she would like the Board to ask the Planning Board for a paragraph on what the community wanted to see through the Master Plan and what is the current zoning. Trustee Murphy would also like the Board to contact the Town Assessor's office and emphasis that we would like to keep this property on the tax rolls.

The Mayor and the Board expressed their agreement and the Mayor responded that he would draft that letter to the Assessor's office.

The Village Attorney explained to the Board and the public about a Resolution before the Board that is necessary because of the joint wastewater facility project that is currently in development. This Resolution will allow for an organization to assist the Village in the creation of a joint facility. The goal is to reduce the burden on the taxpayer of the cost of running a plant by including West Point and the Town.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution  
To Retain National Development Counsel to Assist Village

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Abstain (Murphy) 1 Absent

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

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

a) Regular Meeting – December 1, 2014

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of official permission for the NBC show "The Voice" to film B-roll of notable Village landmarks and signs on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> 2015.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to increase the Village insurance premium by approximately \$100.00 a year to include coverage of contents in the Senior Citizen Center.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to accept the resignation of Part Time Officer Michael Nolte, effective 12/12/14. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the additional charge of \$300.00 to clean up 84 Mearns Avenue on property maintenance issues.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$64,288.51 from the following listed funds:

FY 14-15	General Fund	\$40,597.03
	Water Fund	\$17,605.39
	Sewer Fund	\$ 6,086.09

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter and a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:13P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:50P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. The meeting closed at 9:50P.M.