

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

May 18, 2015

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 May 18, 2015.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Flynn at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Brian Aylward
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Trustee Absent: Anthony Farina

Also present were:

Deputy Clerk, Ana I. Sierra
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
Fire Chief, Steve Suarez
Police SGT, Paul Troy
Approximately 2 Community Residents

Mayor Flynn opened the meeting at 7:00pm with a moment of silence for all our fallen soldiers and community members since the last meeting.

Presentation was given to Village Board by Michele Ries from M & R Energy about the Village looking into other suppliers and their rates in order to cut costs. She stated that the Board should do this at least 6 to 8 weeks before our contract with Direct Energy expires.

Police Chief Kenneth Scott advised the Village Board about the Quarterly recognition program he has begun and the first Police Officer awarded with the Award of Recognition for productivity was Officer Jennifer Brandt. Chief Scott also presented SGT Paul Troy with an award of recognition for his continued service at the Police Academy where he has served the last two years as Junior Drill Instructor to now the Chief Drill Instructor.

Trustee Murphy advised the public that this was National EMS week and she wanted to thank the Volunteers from the Highland Falls Ambulance Corp. as well as all the Volunteers from the Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery and West Point Fire Departments.

The Fire Department Report for May 2015 was presented by Fire Chief Steve Suarez. Chief Suarez requested permission for movement of Car 2 to the Hudson Valley Parade in Lake George, NY June 18th-21st and Rescue 430 on June 20th.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the Fire Departments Request.
The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Wastewater Department Report for April 2015 was read by Trustee Mellon.

The Treasurer's Report for May 2015 was presented by Treasurer Magryta. Topics of discussion included the following:

1. Monthly Financial Updates – Revenue and Expense Control Reports available to the Board.
2. Reserve Funds (\$60,000.00) to be placed in NY Class accounts by 05/29/15. Application in process for submission.
3. FY 2014-2016 Fund expenditures have wrapped up as of Friday 05/15/2015. Board has directed that only essential purchases are to be made for the rest of the Fiscal Year.
4. State Mandated Government Efficiency Plans are in the process of being submitted to the NYS Division of Budget. Require a 1% savings (\$29,900.00) of the 2014-2015 tax levy for the next three years.

Mayor Flynn thanked the Treasurer for all his hard work and always finding ways to save the Village money. He also thanks Trustee Aylward for helping the Departments set goals and having things done in writing.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – May 4, 2015
- b) Special Meeting - May 13, 2015

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to set end of year meeting to approve bills and claims for Thursday May 28, 2015 at 9:00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward thanked the Police Department for having Helmet Night.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$76,939.72 from the following listed funds:

FY 2014-2015	General Fund	\$44,935.41
	Water Fund	\$14,986.14
	Sewer Fund	\$17,018.17

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$45,000.00 from A9015.0800 (PFRS) to A1990.1990 (General Contingency) to transfer residual amounts.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$20,000.00 from A.9030.0800 (Social Security and Medicaid) to A.1990.1990 (General Contingency) to transfer residual amounts.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$20,000.00 from A3120.0400(Police Contractual) to A.1990.1990(General Contingency)to cover over budget expenses.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn asked the community to help in congratulating our upcoming O'Neill Graduates.

Mayor Flynn advised the community of the Memorial Day Celebration which will be held on Monday May 25, 2015 9:00am at Memorial Park.

Mayor Flynn advised the community of upcoming events as Rolling Thunder, and Freedom Ride to honor Vets coming in June. Mayor Flynn also asked for everyone to remember the 4th of July and asked for donations or anyone interested to join the committee.

Mayor Flynn thanked everyone who came out to the Artwalk on May 16, 2015. He thanked Dr. Nicole Shea as well as Tom Ossa from the Chamber for all their work to make the Artwalk successful.

Trustee Murphy asked that the minutes from May 4, 2015 be adjusted to say the Village Hall should be more handicap accessible rather than more viable. Mayor Flynn suggested they say both.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the change.

Motion seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn ended the meeting advising the community that the talks on consolidation will be resuming and that in the near future the Village Board will put out information about the consolidation. He is looking for any questions from the community about the consolidation.

Trustee Mellon advised the Board that he would like to bring someone to the June 15, 2015 meeting to speak with them about LED lights in our Streets.

The Board entered into executive session at 8:15 P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned to come out of executive session at 10:30pm.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to adjourn at 10:30pm.

Motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Ana I Sierra, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer