

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

July 20, 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 July 20, 2015.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:08 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Aylward
Trustee Anthony Farina (7:12pm)
Trustee Robert Mellon

Member Absent was:

Trustee Barbara Murphy

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus (9:15pm)
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Video Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey
Approximately 3 community members

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

Trustee Mellon presented the WWTP report for June 2015.

The Treasurer's Report for July 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. 2014 AUD is being prepared for submission.
3. NY Class Accounts (reserve funds)-statements are available for review.

In addition, Mr. Magryta reported to the Board that the 4th of July funds and Senior Center funds are available for anyone to review.

Trustee Aylward reported that the Highlander's Senior Club would be meeting at the senior center this month. Trustee Aylward reported that the seniors have concerns that it is warm inside the building and a few box fans have been donated, however, they were wondering if some ceiling fans might be able to be installed. Trustee Aylward reported that he wouldn't be at the meetings in July, August or September, but would meet with any members if they want to set an appointment with him.

Trustee Aylward reported that the first meeting of the Police Community Forum was successful and the Police are also working on setting up "coffee with a cop" to assist community residents in getting to know the members of the department.

Mayor Flynn reported that Trustee Murphy regrets that she is unable to attend the meeting, but she remains very involved with the Village and the grant submissions. The Mayor thanked the Town Board for speaking to him regarding consolidation concerns, the 4th of July community celebration and programming for the Senior Center.

The Mayor asked the Board members to review a recent proposal submitted by Michelle Reis for electric rates and to be prepared to act on the matter at the next Board meeting.

The Board acknowledged a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Cooper requesting a waiver of the penalty assessed for late payment of their Village tax bill. The Board denied a waiver of the penalty assessed.

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

- a) Regular Meeting –July 6, 2015

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the appointment of David Yates as a Part Time Police Officer, at the rate of \$21.35/hr (step 1 of the PT Police contract) nte 20 hrs/wk , with maximum probation of 52 weeks. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Approving and Endorsing An Application To
NYS Homes and Community Renewal For Funding
Under The Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) grant program

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward, and on a roll call vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent (Murphy) , the Mayor declared the resolution adopted. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution RE: Authorization to Develop And Submit A Grant Application For The Village of Highland Falls Reorganization Study.

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

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Trustee Aylward	x		
Trustee Farina	x		
Trustee Mellon	x		
Trustee Murphy			x
Mayor Flynn	x		

The Mayor declared this resolution adopted. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Farina motioned to approve the request from the HFFMCSD to use Roe Park baseball field for O'Neill Varsity & JV and Modified baseball teams from March 1, 2016 to June 10, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request from the HFFD the use of electric and water from Roe Park to Fickens Field from August 16th to August 25th (includes set-up and take down) in support of the HFFD Carnival.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following transfer of funds to pay the interest due on 8/1/15 for the 2009 Public Improvement Bond:

\$66,381.26 From: General Fund To: Depository Trust Co.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried. (a complete copy of the transfer is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Aylward motioned the following transfer of funds to pay the principal due on 8/1/15 for the 2009 Public Improvement Bond:

\$ 85,000.00 From: General Fund To: Depository Trust Co.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. (a complete copy of the transfer is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Aylward motioned the following transfer of funds to pay the water portion of interest due on 8/1/15 for the 2009 Public Improvement Bond:

\$ 7,716.37 From: Water Fund To: General Fund

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. (a complete copy of the transfer is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Mellon motioned the following transfer of funds to pay the water portion of the principle due on 8/1/15 for the 2009 Public Improvement Bond:

\$9,800.00 From: Water Fund To: General Fund

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried. (a complete copy of the transfer is appended to these minutes)

A motion was made by Trustee Mellon to approve the bills and claims for \$38,461.36 from the following listed funds:

FY 15-16	General Fund	\$21,369.17
	Water Fund	\$ 3,382.80
	Sewer Fund	\$13,709.39

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Public comment:

Tim Judd, 77 Rose Dr, commented on concerns he has regarding the talks of the WWTP extension and joint operation with the Army. Mr. Judd asked the Board if they were aware of the new DEC recommended guidelines for new plants or expansions and that he is very concerned that his property is within these guidelines. Mr. Judd asked what the status was on the proposed plant. Trustee Mellon explained that it is only a concept now and there are no detailed plans of the proposed expansion. Mr. Judd asked where would the expansion go and what the benefit would be to the Village. Trustee Mellon responded that the expansion would go up and revenue is the benefit. The Mayor elaborated that the Village is looking for an annual influx of revenue and possible upgrading of any infrastructure of sewer lines or water lines from West Point to the plant.

Trustee Mellon responded that the Village attorney would have to review these guidelines and any impacts to the immediate properties' views and assessed values.

Board comment:

Mayor Flynn reported that he and Trustee Aylward would be working on a letter this week to send to the School Board asking for property tax relief of the water shed. The Mayor commented that the Village Board approached the School Board last year, however, the budget for the school year had already been proposed and the School Board suggested that a letter be submitted by the Village Board before December of the current year.

Trustee Farina motioned to go into executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter and contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:53PM.

Trustee Mellon motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:10P.M.

Trustee Farina motioned to appoint Wytoskia Baity a PT Police Officer recruit with the salary as determined in the PT Police Contract and with maximum probation of 52 weeks.

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

3 Ayes, 1 Nay (Aylward) 1 Absent (Murphy)

motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to accept the proposal from Lewis & McKenna, for \$36,000 annually, with Alyse Terhune as lead attorney, for Village Municipal Legal Services, effective 7/27/15.

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

3 Ayes, 1 Nay (Flynn) 1 Absent (Murphy)

motion carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve Konstantinos Fatsis, Esq. to be the Mayor's Counsel with deliverables to be determined by the Village Board a future meeting.

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

4 Ayes, 0 Nay (Flynn) 1 Absent (Murphy)

motion carried.

Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus updated the Board that the ZBA gave the Old Guard project approvals that allow the project to continue to move forward.

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

The meeting closed at 9:32P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk