

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

June 1, 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 June 1, 2015.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:04 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Aylward
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Member Absent was:

Trustee Anthony Farina

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta
Village Attorney, William Florence (left 7:39pm)
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus (7:30pm)
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 6 community members

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

The Police Department Report for May 2015 was presented by Trustee Aylward. Trustee Aylward read a note of gratitude and commendation for two Police Officers who recently assisted an elderly woman locked out of her car. Trustee Aylward reported on some ideas the department is working on to foster better community relations.

The Treasurer reported that the new fiscal year began today and thanked the Board for going ahead with his recommendation to establish true reserve funds. He reported that these funds are now deposited in NYClass accounts. Treasurer Magryta also reported that the Efficiency Plan has been submitted to the Division of Budget. Treasurer Magryta updated the Board on the recent search for a new insurance company and recommended that the Board accept the quote from Travelers Insurance for \$144, 092.00. The Treasurer explained that this is a reputable company and the quote falls within the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year.

Mayor Flynn introduced two Elders,(Missionaries of the Latter Day Saints), who are offering assistance to the Community in any way they can. The Mayor commented that seniors may find they need someone to help with yard work or chores and he suggested these are just the ones to call.

Mayor Flynn commented that with the new year budget in place, the Board will be watching the spending closely and meeting with Department Heads on a regular basis to make sure everyone stays on budget.

The Mayor thanked all those who participated and attended the Memorial Day ceremony last week and contributed to its success. The Mayor thanked all who met with Assemblyman Skoufis and representatives of Scenic Hudson to share concerns about local tax implications on lands that may potentially be taken off the tax rolls.

Mayor Flynn informed the community of upcoming events and encouraged everyone to donate to the 4th of July committee so this great celebration can be kept alive.

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

- a) Regular Meeting -May 18, 2015
- b) Special Meeting -May 28, 2015

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc. requesting information needed for possible LED lighting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the appointment of Alexis Pierson as a Part Time Dispatcher at the rate of \$12.00/hr and with maximum probation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to reject the Chemical bids received May 28, 2015 on the recommendation of the Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator that the Village received insufficient information. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to rebid the Chemicals as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls
Social Networking as it pertains to Police Procedures

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy 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 Mellon motioned to approve the training request for John Jones, Chief WWTP Operator, Jack Sibley, Water Plant Operator and Kevin Hurst, Chief Water Plant Operator to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works Seminar, 6/18/15, in Montgomery, NY at the cost of \$30.00/pp.

Trustee Aylward motioned to accept the quote of \$144,092.00 from Traveler's Insurance to be the Village Carrier for fiscal year 2015-2016, as recommended by the Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta.
The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the request from the Town of Highlands Freedom Ride, the use of Roe Park, the pavilion and bathrooms on June 28, 2015 from 9:00am to 8:00pm to honor Veterans, current military and their families, pending insurance is provided before the event. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$124,448.94 from the following listed funds:

FY 14-15	General Fund	\$8,796.30
	Water Fund	\$ 55.39
FY 15-16	General Fund	\$53,080.38
	Section 8	\$61,991.09
	Sewer Fund	\$ 525.78

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to authorize the Village Engineer to put bid packages together for the rehabilitation work to be done at the Senior Center once financing from the CDBG 2015 grant and the DASNY grant become available.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Elaine McConnell, Garden Club member, gave the Board some suggestions where the art piece that was placed in the tier garden could possibly be relocated.

James Ramus, Liberty Street, asked the Board if anything further has been done towards consolidation and if the Mayor would be holding another informal discussion on the matter. The Mayor responded that work on consolidation continues. The Mayor said he was in favor of holding another meeting.

Ed Rose, 7 Park Place, spoke to Board about concerns for Memorial Park. He asked that they keep the focus on the reason for Memorial Park and the intentions of the task force that started the work in the park.

Trustee Aylward informed the community how busy the Police Department is by reading a list of activity that the Police responded to this past month.

Trustee Mellon reported that he would have a vendor with a LED lighting presentation at the June 15th meeting.

Mayor Flynn reported that he has approached people to be a part of a Local Development Corporation that will have specific goals & projects to help the economics of the Village. The Mayor reported that paperwork is being prepared to get this group 501-C status, so they will be eligible to apply for grants.

Trustee Aylward motioned to go into executive session to discuss specific individuals in specific personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:10P.M.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 10:29P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta, to be a member of the Village's negotiation team as they negotiate the DPWEA union contract and that the compensation of the Treasurer will be at the hourly rate of the current salary of the Village Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed 10:30P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk