

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

June 15, 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 15, 2015.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:06 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Brian Aylward
Trustee Anthony Farina
Trustee Robert Mellon

Member Absent was:

Trustee Barbara Murphy

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta
Village Attorney, William Florence
Village Engineer, Al Fusco, Jr.
Police Chief, Ken Scott
Fire Chief, Steve Suarez
2nd Assist. Chief, John Rush
Representatives of Veolia North America, Inc.
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
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.

Mr. Al Fusco, Jr., Village Engineer, reported to the Board that the low bid for the Haven's Rd. project is good for a couple of weeks. No action was taken. The Board expressed to Mr. Fusco that they would like to see if the job could be done in-house.

Mr. Fusco also updated the Board on the CDBG 2015 grant and DASNY grant.

The Veolia North America, Inc. representatives, introduced by Mr. John Dodson, updated the Board on the possible joint project between the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Department of the Army for sewer services to West Point. They were also available to answer any questions the Board had. The representatives explained that a resolution allowing for the submittal of the plan was needed. The Village Attorney assured the Board that no Village funds were being expended and that an approval was needed to move the plan forward.

The Board acknowledged a letter from the property owner of 7 Schneider Avenue asking for a waiver of the late penalty assessed to the May water bill. The Board agreed that policy should be followed and denied a waiver of the late fee.

The Board acknowledged a letter from the property owner of 65 Schneider Avenue who has had a water problem in his basement for a few months. The property owner explained in his letter that he contacted with the Chief Water Plant Operator and tests were taken that showed fluoride and chlorine in the water so they know it is coming from a Village source. The Mayor commented that he would have the Chief Water Plant Operator check it out. The property owner was present and remarked that he has been waiting for the Chief Water Plant Operator to check it out and he would like to know how long it will take. The Mayor responded that he would have the Chief Water Plant Operator take care of it this week.

The Mayor introduced a law that will prohibit smoking in Village Parks.

Trustee Farina motioned to set a public hearing on the proposed law on Monday, July 20th at 7:00pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the SEQRA Type II Action Determination for the DASNY grant for the Senior Center Rehabilitation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward reported the following:

Trustee Murphy continues to recover and she passes on her thanks for the well wishes she has received. There was a DARE table at the Farmer's Market and it was a good opportunity for Police community outreach.

Officer Brandt is working on the National Night Out event to be held later this summer in Municipal Lot #2.

The new Intermediate School Principal will start July 1st .

The Highlanders will meet in the Senior Center beginning in August.

Fire Chief Steve Suarez presented the Fire Department report. Chief Suarez reported that an inspection of Car 2 showed the muffler in need of replacement. Chief Suarez requested that Car 1 be allowed to accompany the Department members to Lake George for the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Convention, June 18th -21st along with Rescue 430, instead of Car 2, for which permission was previously granted.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request of Fire Chief Suarez to bring Car 1 to the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Convention, June 18th -21st, instead of Car 2.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon presented the Waste Water Treatment Plant report for May 2015.

Trustee Farina presented the Chemical Bids for FY 15-16, as recommended by Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst.

Mayor Flynn reported on the following:

Fran Galu will be stepping down as Chairperson for the Senior Citizen Committee, sighting an increase in her work load and less time available.

Thanked Rolling Thunder, O'Neill's JROTC, American Legion for their participation in the recent Memorial Day events. Welcomed Freedom Ride on June 28th for an event to be held at Roe Park and hopes it will become an annual event.

The Mayor attended a recent public hearing on the KJ annexation issue in Monroe.

Thanked the Board members who will be on the negotiation committee for upcoming contract negotiations.

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

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Submission of Municipal Agreement Form
FY 2015 Municipal Grant Program

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 Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution To Authorize
Mayor To Offer Unsolicited Waste
Water Processing Proposal To
U.S. Military Academy At West Point

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina 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 Aylward motioned to approve the Mayor's travel expenses, to include mileage and meals, to Washington D.C. on June 22, 2015 for a meeting with officials regarding the waste water proposal.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the Chemicals Bids, as recommended by Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to renew the cleaning contract for FY 15-16, with Eva’s Cleaning Service, at the same rate as FY 14-15, \$600.00 biweekly, & \$100.00 for an emergency clean- up of the holding cell.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve a request from Ethel Johnson to hold a block party on July 4th on Prospect Street, contingent on insurance being provided to the Village Clerk by June 26th, and the event is terminated at 8:00pm as stated in the request.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$214,759.18 from the following listed funds:

FY 14-15	General Fund	\$19,836.68
	Water Fund	\$ 3,328.69
	Sewer Fund	\$10,815.49
FY 15-16	General Fund	\$170,827.80
	Water Fund	\$ 4,440.63
	Sewer Fund	\$ 5,509.89

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

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

The Board entered executive session at 8:34P.M.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 10:31P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned to advertise for one Part Time Maintenance Worker in the Waste Water Treatment Plant and one Part Time Water Plant Operator.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned the following:

Resolution To Authorize
William J. Florence To Represent
The Village At Conferences With
The Army Representatives On The Issue
Of A Consolidated Waste Water Proposal

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

The meeting closed 10:32P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk