

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

May 4, 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 4, 2015.

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

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn  
Trustee Aylward  
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Member Absent was:

Trustee Anthony Farina  
Trustee Robert Mellon

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Attorney, William Florence  
Village Engineer, Al Fusco  
Police Chief, Ken Scott  
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Approximately 15 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 Murphy motioned to open a public hearing on the Village's submission of the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried. The hearing opened at 7:07P.M.

Mayor Flynn reported that the hearing had been properly advertised in the newspaper and asked if anyone had questions regarding the application.

Mr. Al Fusco, Village Engineer, explained that the Orange County Consortium, of which the Village is a part of, has approximately 1.2 million dollars for the 2016 grant program and the Village is eligible for a portion of it. Mr. Fusco explained that last year the Village applied for Senior Funds and those funds will be in contract in a few weeks. Mr. Fusco commented that it is a good program and the Village will continue to participate in the program and hopefully be successful. Mr. Fusco reported that the application this year will be for substantially more than the \$50,000 that we applied for last year.

Mayor Flynn commented that the goal for the Village this year is the renovation of Village Hall, starting with an elevator and moving towards repairs of the third floor. The Mayor explained that this Board would like to make the building more viable and handicapped accessible, if used, or not, after consolidation. The Mayor commented that the Board would like to see the building in the best shape possible so that, if the building is not used by the municipality after consolidation, it could be sold and the money used towards reducing debt.

The Mayor thanked Al Fusco for his work in going after these grants for the Village and for being successful at it.

After all questions were asked and all comments heard, Trustee Aylward motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. The hearing closed at 7:09PM.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Supporting and Concurring in the Orange County  
Community Development Block Grant Program  
FY-2016 Funding Application  
Municipal Grant Program

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)

Mayor Flynn introduced Patrick Kelly, President of the School Board of the Highland Falls Ft Montgomery Central School District, who in turn introduced Dr. Frank Sheboy, new school Superintendent and other members of the Board. The School Board and Dr. Sheboy gave a brief synopsis of the school budget and propositions that will be on the ballot for the upcoming school budget vote on May 19<sup>th</sup> and answered any questions the residents had regarding the budget vote.

Members of the Garden Club were on hand to ask questions about damages to the tier garden during the installation of Art Walk pieces. The Mayor apologized to the members and assured them that everything would be looked at and fixed to the satisfaction of the club members.

Mrs. Pat Riedel, a member of the club, asked that they be reimbursed the cost of damages to the flowers and tier garden. The Village Board members agreed.

Mayor Flynn motioned to reimburse the Garden Club \$500.00, out of the beautification fund, for damages that occurred to the tier garden during the installation of the art walk sculptures.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mr. Eric Egeland, President of Capacity Business Consulting presented to the Board the services his firm can provide to the Village regarding development of a study on consolidation and how to present it to the residents of the community.

Mayor Flynn responded that the funding for this type of study would come from the grants the Village is applying for regarding consolidation. No Board action was taken.

Discussion was held on a lateral sewer issue at 15 Lake Street that was fixed by the Village in the Fall. A request for reimbursement of charges was presented by the property owner.

Trustee Murphy motioned to reimburse the expenses of the property owner upon submission of paid receipts by the property owner for related work.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on a request from the Village Treasurer for the Board to hold a special meeting to discuss the incentive efficiency certification. No Board action was taken.

The Police Department Report for April 2015 was presented by Trustee Aylward and Police Chief Scott.

Trustee Aylward, presented a report to the Board on the Senior Center activities this past month.

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

- a) Regular Meeting April 20, 2015

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution  
Vehicle & Traffic  
Village of Highland Falls  
Handicap Spot – 6 Liberty Street

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 authorize Mayor Flynn to sign the Clinical Experience Contractual Agreement between the Village of Highland Falls and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services. (BOCES).

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to accept the resignation of DPW Mechanic, Walter Ford, effective May 6, 2015.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to accept the retirement of Police Sergeant Lavelle, effective April 30, 2015, with regret. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the HFFD request for reserved parking spaces in Municipal lot #1 on May 30, 2015 for a fundraising event to be held in the Firehouse from 7:00pm to 11:30pm with the stipulation for 60 spots and that it be posted the night before that parking spaces will be needed at 2:00pm on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Village Board acknowledged that Tina Graham will be bringing a group of senior citizens to the Sgt Banks Park on June 12<sup>th</sup> for an outing to “Enjoy the Day” starting at 12 noon. Ms. Graham is looking to give back to the seniors and offer a day of fun in the park. The Mayor commented that he would make the Police Department and DPW aware of so extra trash cans can be put in the park and patrol will be informed.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
2014-2015 Budget Amendment  
Donation Art Walk

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent (Farina/Mellon)  
motion carried. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes)

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$135,564.46 from the following listed funds:

FY 14-15	General Fund	\$55,010.19
	Section 8	\$60,358.09
	Water Fund	\$ 6,638.92
	Sewer Fund	\$13,557.26

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward 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.

Mr. James Ramus, Chairman of the Village Planning Board, reported that consolidation of the zoning codes is going well and the committee is hoping to have a document by the end of the year. Mr. Ramus asked the Board about consolidation and is looking for some numbers. The Mayor responded that it is too soon for numbers and that the Village is applying for grants that will allow a study to be done that will aid in this endeavor.

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

The meeting closed 8:31P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk