

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

October 19, 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 October 19, 2015.

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

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn  
Trustee Aylward  
Trustee Anthony Farina  
Trustee Robert Mellon  
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Street Superintendent, Gary Boyce  
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Approximately 2 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 September 2015 was presented by Trustee Aylward. Trustee Aylward reported that an excellent presentation was held in the Library by Army Officers to discuss nuclear emergencies, flooding and things of that nature. Trustee Aylward reported that a recent accident had occurred in the Senior Center parking lot and Detective Torpey should be commended for his handling of the incident. Trustee Aylward reminded the Seniors that the next meeting is tomorrow at 1:00pm.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mayor Flynn and included the following updates:

- a. Monthly Financial Update-Revenue and Expense Control Reports available for review
- b. NYS Division of Budget approved the Village's tax freeze/government efficiency plan
- c. DPW Contract Negotiations are ongoing.
- d. Continues to monitor energy rates with M&R for a potential fixed contract for 2016.
- e. 2014 AUD submitted in September. Fiscal audit scheduled for mid-November.
- f. NY Class Account statements are available for review.

The WWTP report for September was read by Trustee Mellon.

Trustee Murphy reminded everyone that October is Fire Safety Month and the fire department hosted a visit from the Holy Angels school children and they were given a tour of the facilities and equipment and how it is used by the fire fighters. Trustee Murphy reminded everyone that the next pancake breakfast is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Flynn reported that the Viet Nam Wall is coming to West Point later this week and encouraged everyone to visit it. Mayor Flynn reminded the residents of upcoming Halloween events. Mayor Flynn thanked Marty Byrnes for organizing and the Ambulance Corp for sponsoring the upcoming Fall Foliage Festival. Mayor Flynn welcomed the new recreation director, Aaron Falk, and thanked the retiring director, Jim Willis for all his years of service.

Discussion was held on a letter received from Central Hudson requesting the Village to provide our procedures for protecting confidential or personal privacy information provided by them to us. This letter was referred to the Village Attorney who recommended the Village not sign the Nondisclosure Agreement, explaining that Central Hudson should be ensuring confidentiality and privacy information of their own employees and not putting that onus on the Village.

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

- a) Regular Meeting –October 5, 2015

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to appoint Kyle Esposito a full time Police Officer at step 1, ( \$49,532) of the Police Union Contract and with maximum probation of 78 weeks. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls  
Requesting Real Property Tax Exemption of the Village Owned Water Supply Property

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 the following:

Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
To Commemorate the Visit of the Model of the Viet Nam Wall

The motion was seconded by Mayor Flynn 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 the following:

Amended Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Distribution Mains & Water Plant Components Project

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon 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 Murphy motioned to approve the request from the Highland Falls FD Auxiliary to reserve 30 spots in municipal lot #1 on December 12, 2015 from 9:00am -4:00pm in support of their Vendor Fair fundraiser. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request from Party Time Productions to close Main Street from Cozzens Ave. , north to Drew Ave., in support of an International Festival/Street Fair to be held on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 7:00am to 5:00pm, to raise money for summer concerts/events, pending a certificate of liability insurance is provided prior to the event. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Operating Permit Application Form for the Senior Center, located at 15 Drew Ave. Highland Falls, NY.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the location for the donated Wyatt statue to be between the gardens located south of Thayer Gate , and approve the removal of the northern most parking space adjacent to the median. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to adjust the salary of Dispatcher Kehoe to \$13.25/hr effective to her date of hire, September 8, 2015. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request from Mayor Flynn, on behalf of the Girl Scouts, to hold a Halloween Parade, from Memorial Park to Municipal lot#2 with a Trunk or Treat event to follow in Municipal lot #2, on October 31, 2015 from 3:00pm-5:00pm, pending a certificate of liability insurance is provided prior to the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Farina to approve the bills and claims for \$44,407.45 from the following listed funds:

FY 15-16	General Fund	\$28,603.39
	Water Fund	\$9,925.42
	Sewer Fund	\$5,878.64

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

James Ramus, 31 Liberty Street, addressed the Board and informed them that he is willing to share his research with any interested Board members regarding consolidation of Towns and Villages. Mr. Ramus also asked the Village Board if at least one item that was presented to the Village Board from the Planning Board regarding a waterfront overlay district, municipal parking fund, and tree law could be discussed at the next workshop meeting of the Board.

The Mayor responded that the Board will discuss the waterfront overlay district and municipal parking fund at the next workshop of the Village Board and asked all Board members to please review the handouts from Mr. Ramus.

Trustee Mellon updated the Board that he has been in contact with Mr. Jack Hanley from ESCO that presented the Board with an LED lighting solution a couple of months ago. Trustee Mellon reported that Mr. Hanley will get back to him soon with a cost per fixture.

Mayor Flynn asked the Village Board if he could move forward to get information regarding the O'Neill HS water line with a possibility for the Village to take responsibility for the line. No Board members objected to his gathering of information.

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

The Board entered executive session at 7:58P.M.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:45P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. No Board action taken.

The meeting closed 9:45P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk