

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

October 5, 2015

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in Town Hall, 254 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on October 5, 2015.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were:

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

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta (8:05pm)
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
Planning Bd Chairman, James Ramus
Town Councilwoman, Adrienne Voltaire
Video Camera Operator, Tierney Scott
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 25 community members

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

Mayor Flynn explained that this meeting was going to be held as a workshop meeting so that the Board could discuss some issues that have needed to be dealt with. The Mayor commented that some new business would be conducted on matters that couldn't wait until the next meeting. The Mayor also explained that he knew most of those in attendance were there because of concerns over the weekend with vandalism of flower pots. The Mayor allowed for public comment on this matter.

Bobbi Polak, Ondaora Park, Highland Falls spoke on behalf of Vision regarding the vandalism of the flower pots. Mrs. Polak requested that the Village Board replace the camera that they were told was on order for the past 3 years, move the benches away from the wall of the Holy Innocent Church yard and increase Police staffing levels for the weekends.

Judy Taylor, Ft. Montgomery, spoke about her concern for the youth of the community. Mrs. Taylor suggested the Police should do more foot patrols.

Laura Milsom, Center Street, Highland Falls spoke about quality of life concerns. Mrs. Milsom commented that she thinks the Police are failing to address quality of life issues.

Bonnie Snow, Ft Putnam St., Highland Falls spoke favorably about the Police and how she has personally been helped by them, but also suggested more cameras might be necessary.

James Ramus, Liberty Street, Highland Falls cautioned residents that going to the 911 system, if consolidation occurs, might not work effectively with a part time police force. Mr. Ramus also asked the Board to review a tree law, municipal parking law, and an overlay zone, that the Planning Board has worked on and if possible to be put on the agenda for the next workshop meeting.

Ray Deveraux, Ondaora Park, Highland Falls, asked the Board if they would be addressing the new garden that will be placed north of the existing tier garden.

Nancy Judd, Rose Dr., Highland Falls cautioned the Board about the Village changing from Hometown USA to Sewer Town USA.

Mayor Flynn responded that the Board will be working on finding solutions. The Mayor asked the Police Chief to give the Board a report for the next meeting on what measures are being taken regarding vandalism and to evaluate the use of additional manpower. The Mayor also commented that consolidation is not just for the departments, but for all groups to also work together in the community.

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

a) Regular Meeting –September 21, 2015

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the follow:

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution
For Elected and Appointed Officials

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

motion carried. (a true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes).

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the training request from Kevin Hurst & Jack Sibley to attend the Hudson Valley Water Works Lab course on Wednesday, October 7th from 8:30am to 3:00pm, to be held in Middletown, NY at the cost of \$75.00/pp.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

An event request –Stand up against Rape, to be held in the municipal lot #2 on October 24th was tabled.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$96,692.33 from the following listed funds:

FY 15-16	General Fund	\$25,166.92
	Section 8	\$59,283.86
	Water Fund	\$ 2,727.73
	Sewer Fund	\$ 9,341.82
	Capital Fund	\$ 172.00

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The workshop opened with the Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune, going over documentation with the Village Board regarding the formation of a Local Development Corporation (LDC), what that entails, what the benefits are and the responsibilities of the Village Board and the LDC once it is formed. No Board action was taken.

Discussion was held on security cameras. The Mayor stated that he would like to see more cameras, but stationary ones, not revolving ones. No Board action was taken.

Treasurer Magryta updated the Board on the electric rate quotes he received and is hoping to have something more concrete for the Village Board at the next regular meeting. The Village Attorney is going to report back to the Board regarding the length of term for a contract. No Board action was taken.

Discussion was held on the art sculpture that was donated to the Village and where it would be placed in the Village. Mayor Flynn asked Trustee Murphy to contact with the artist and those involved and report back to the Board at the next meeting of a suitable location for this piece. No Board action was taken.

Mayor Flynn reported that he would like the Board to consider taking ownership of the sewer and water pipes to O'Neill HS. The Mayor also reported that the owner of the car wash is interested in hooking into the Village water system. The Mayor would like to discuss this further at the next workshop meeting. No Board action was taken.

In a follow up to the last Board meeting regarding a property maintenance issue at 37 Ondaora Parkway, the contractor that will be taking the trees down requested an extension to November. The Board agreed to the request.

Trustee Mellon reported that the Village Engineer is working on the bid documents for the Senior Center after they met last week to review the list of work to be done.

Trustee Farina responded to correspondence received from Hoffman's True Value regarding a water leak issue. Trustee Farina stated that the Chief Water Plant Operator confirmed that the leak is the property owner's responsibility.

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

The Board entered executive session at 9:24P.M.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 10:11P.M. No Board action was taken.

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

The meeting closed 10:11P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk