

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

April 4, 2016

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 April 4, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:07 P.M.

Members present were:

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

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
Police Dispatchers Gina Borra & Tanya Allen
Recreation Director, Aaron Falk
Planning Bd Chairman, James Ramus
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Camera Operator, Tierney Scott
Approximately 8 community members

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

Police Chief Ken Scott presented a special lifesaving award to Dispatcher Tanya Allen. Chief Scott recognized Dispatcher Allen for going above and beyond to find the location of someone shown on a cell phone as threatening to take their own life so that the proper authorities could be dispatched to the location in time to prevent a tragedy.

Mayor Flynn open the Annual Reorganization of the Village at 7:10P.M. (see attached)
Mayor Flynn closed reorganization at 7:17pm.

Trustee Murphy motioned to open a public hearing on the FY2016-17 Tentative Budget. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The public hearing opened at 7:18pm.

Mr. James Ramus, 31 Liberty Street, asked about a substantial increase on the budget officer line. Treasurer Magryta explained the line item in question was raised fifty dollars. Mr. Ramus asked if parkland fees could be used to offset the expenses on the Parks total line. Treasurer Magryta explained that parkland fees are deposited to the general revenue line and the Board could specify if there is a particular expense that they want these revenues to offset. Mr. Ramus asked for an explanation on the increase of the beautification line. Treasurer Magryta responded that after the next budget meeting, a breakdown can be provided. Mr. Ramus also asked why the celebration line was increased but realized the Village does get a donation from Time Warner for the 4th of July celebration and assumed that was the reason. The Mayor confirmed Mr. Ramus's conclusion.

Susan Wicks, a member of Vision, asked if the request from Vision for the planters was included in the budget and if Vision could go ahead with their project. Mayor Flynn explained that Vision's funding request would come out of the beautification line item. Treasurer Magryta responded that the Board can answer that question after the next budget meeting. Mayor Flynn commented that the Board is looking at the whole beautification plan, not just Vision's request. All questions being answered and all comments heard, Trustee Murphy motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried. The public hearing closed at 7:27pm.

Trustee Aylward motioned to open a public hearing on the Village's submission of the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The hearing opened at 7:27pm.

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

Frank Schmidt, 1 Hudson Dr, asked for clarification on the projects being considered. The Mayor responded by listing the possible different projects. Mayor Flynn explained that the projects that were under consideration for the 2017 CDBG application included the following:

1. Senior Center Improvements
2. Handicap accessible Village buildings
3. Upgrade Roe Park bathrooms to be handicap accessible
4. Handicapped accessible gazebo in parks
5. Handicapped accessible fishing pier and/or gazebo combination
6. Curb, sidewalk, infrastructure in low to moderate income environmental districts

Mayor Flynn commented that he would like to add putting the elevator for Village Hall and also repairs to the second and third floors as possible applications. Mayor Flynn commented that he had spoken with the Orange County Executive and it is possible that he could find money for that project this year, however, the Village hasn't heard anything yet. Trustee Mellon commented that he also thinks the elevator is an important project and repairs to Village Hall are necessary. Trustee Murphy commented that the Senior Center is still in need of repairs.

Mayor Flynn reported that he had spoken with Supervisor Livsey and that Supervisor Livsey would bring to his Board the possibility of putting in a grant for Roe Park bathroom upgrades. Mayor Flynn reported that he is asking other 501c groups to apply for any grants that they are eligible for to help with our park upgrades.

All questions being answered and all comments heard, Trustee Murphy motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The public hearing closed at 7:37pm.

Trustee Aylward motioned to open a public hearing on the introductory local law Orange County Greenway Compact. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. The public hearing opened at 7:37pm.

Mayor Flynn reported that the hearing had been properly posted and published. Mayor Flynn remarked that the law will allow the Village to support Orange County as a Greenway Community. Trustee Murphy elaborated that the purpose of a compact community is to basically increase the level of funding that the Village would be eligible to apply for. Trustee Murphy pointed out that the Village will be the first community in Orange County to pass this legislation.

James Ramus asked if the law pertains to a portion of the Village or the Village as a whole. The Mayor responded that it is for the Village as a whole. Mr. Ramus asked if this law will affect zoning. The Village Attorney responded that the law will not change uses, however, any zoning changes would take into consideration the principles of being a Greenway Compact Community.

All questions being answered and all comments heard, Trustee Murphy motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The public hearing closed at 7:43pm.

The Fire Department Report for March 2016 was presented by Trustee Murphy. Trustee Murphy reported that one of the calls this month was to provide mutual aid to Kiryas Joel and the Chiefs from Kiryas Joel expressed much gratitude for the support we provided them. Trustee Murphy reported on training activities and equipment upgrades.

Trustee Aylward presented the Police Report and Senior Center reports for March 2016. Trustee Aylward mentioned that there continues to be compliments on the Police blotter being in the local newspaper and Police contract negotiations are ongoing. Trustee Aylward reported that the Senior Center is available for all seniors to use and that he would get clarification at the next senior citizen meeting about signing petitions.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Village Treasurer Ed Magryta and included the following updates:

- a. Monthly Financial Update-Revenue and Expense Control Reports available for review.
- b. DPW contract negotiations are on hold. Teamsters requested a pause.
- c. 2016/2017 Annual budget is in progress. The tentative budget was submitted to the Clerk.
- d. Fiscal Audit- awaiting report.
- e. NY Class Account statements are available for review.

Trustee Farina reported that clean-up for the Little League Field is scheduled for April 16th and opening day is scheduled for April 23rd for ponytail, little league and T-ball, all at the Little League Field.

Aaron Falk, Recreation Director reported that the lacrosse program will be up and running soon and the boxing program has been postponed for now while they search for a new coach. Mr. Falk reminded everyone that sign-ups for the summer recreation program will begin in a few weeks.

Mr. Falk requested permission for a parade down Main Street, up Walnut Avenue and over Roe to the Little League Field on April 23rd in support of opening day. Mayor Flynn asked Mr. Falk to put in the event form for approval at the next Village Board meeting.

Mayor Flynn updated the Board on the fundraising bicycle ride (A2C-Answer 2 Cancer) that will be held on Saturday, June 25th and will begin and end at municipal lot#2. Mayor Flynn reminded the Board that although the Board approved the concept of the event, it was never formally approved. Mayor Flynn updated the Board on their request to have liquor on the premises of the bike event.

Discussion was held on the request for authorization of liquor on the premises. No action was taken. The Mayor was going to ask for more information regarding this request.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from the Cancer Research Institute to hold a fundraising bicycle ride (A2C) on Saturday, June 25th that will begin and end in Municipal lot#2, from 6:00am to 7:00pm, pending a certificate of insurance naming the Village as additional insured is provided to the Village Clerk before the date of the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the property location of 65 Schneider Avenue regarding water in the basement. Trustee Mellon asked for permission to speak with the Village Engineer regarding what appears to be a collapsed drain in the area and how to remediate the problem and identify whose pipe it is.

A proposal received from Rockland Web design to update the Village's website was tabled to give the Attorney and Trustees more time for review.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – March 21, 2016
- b) Special Meeting – March 21, 2016

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the request from St. John's AME Zion Church to hold a Community Yard Sale/ BBQ on Saturday, April 9th from 11:00AM to 4:00PM in municipal lot#2.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The contract renewal with Joseph Mastrianni, Inc. for the administration of the Section 8 Program was tabled.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the request from the Clerk's office to attend Learn Wordpress seminar, April 6th at 7:00pm at Rockland Web Design in Stony Point for \$20/pp and mileage reimbursement.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Farina to approve the bills and claims for \$99,847.09 from the following listed funds:

FY 15-16	General Fund	\$36,097.47
	Section 8	\$55,447.00
	Water Fund	\$ 3,855.48
	Sewer Fund	\$ 4,447.14

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to adopt introductory local law Orange County Greenway Compact as local law number 2-2016.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn set a budget meeting for Monday, April 11th at 7:00pm in Village Hall.

Trustee Aylward motioned to enter executive session for personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:23P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried. No Board action was taken.

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

The meeting closed 9:41P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk