

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

August 1, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in Town Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on August 1, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:04P.M.

Members present were:

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

Member absent was:

Trustee Anthony Farina

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
Town/Village Historian, Stella Baily
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 4 community members

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

Stella Bailey, Town/Village Historian spoke against any plan to repurpose the 911 Memorial in Memorial Park. Mrs. Bailey stated that she was opposed to taking the wall down and reminded the Board that a committee worked hard on this memorial and many people also donated funds to put the Memorial together.

James Ramus, Planning Board Chairman, spoke to the Board regarding the Planning Board Consolidation Agreement. Mr. Ramus would like more things added to the agreement, for example, what will happen with PILOTS and the applicants currently before the Village Planning Board. Mr. Ramus also commented that he would like to know how much the Consolidated Planning Board will cost the taxpayer.

Trustee Murphy commented that she would like to see a transition period for the current applications before the Planning Board in the proposed Planning Board Agreement.

The Village Board authorized the Village Attorney to work with the Village Planning Board Chairman on the items to be added to the agreement and to work with the Town Attorney regarding this.

Trustee Murphy presented the Fire Department Report for July 2016. Trustee Murphy made a pitch for volunteers and reminded the public that the Fire Department would welcome new young people.

Trustee Murphy reported to the Board that a local artist may be interested in displaying some of his artwork in the Village and using some of the existing platforms that the art walk used. The Board approved the idea as long as the artist is willing to sign a release of liability and hold harmless the Village.

Trustee Aylward presented the Police Report for July 2016. Trustee Aylward commented that he would like the Village to send a letter to the Town regarding funding a position for a facilities manager for the Senior Center.

Mayor Flynn commented that a letter is not needed at this time.

Trustee Mellon commented that he had spoken with John Jones, Chief WWTP Operator about the gas methane system under consideration. Trustee Mellon remarked that he had asked Mr. Jones to look at current pricing for this system.

Trustee Mellon reported on resident's concerns regarding weeds in the sidewalks and whose responsible for getting rid of them. The Mayor commented that he would talk to the Street Superintendent about this.

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 –Final Agreement being prepared.
- c. 2016/2017 Annual budget is in effect. AUD preparation in progress.
- d. NY Class Account (reserve funds) Statements are available for review.

Mayor Flynn reported that the next Chamber meeting is to be held at Thayer Gate Deli on Friday, August 5th at 4:30pm.

Mayor Flynn thanked Aundrea Matthews for enlightening the community about a STEAM summer camp recently held at West Point and sponsored by the West Point Buffalo Soldiers Associations. Mayor Flynn thanked Ms. Matthews for her fundraising efforts on behalf of this group for a Buffalo Soldier statue to be placed on West Point.

Mayor Flynn thanked Mario Scalaro for organizing the Freedom Ride.

Mayor Flynn reminded the community about the upcoming National Night Out Celebration in lot #2 on Tuesday, August 2nd from 5:00-9:00pm.

Mayor Flynn acknowledged a letter from the Town Supervisor regarding pending water hook-ups in Ft. Montgomery. The Supervisor stated in his letter that 78 water users will be added through Corbin Hill and 9 users through Phase III.

Mayor Flynn thanked James McDonald for his many years of service to the Village and the Community.

Discussion was held on the Customer Agreement that NYPA wants the Village to sign regarding the LED Street Lighting project.

Trustee Mellon motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Customer Agreement subject to review of the Village Attorney and the Village Board.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on correspondence from the property owner of 65 Schneider Ave. No Board action was taken.

Discussion was held on the repurposing of the 911 Memorial. Mayor Flynn commented that he would like to see the wall repurposed only. Trustee Murphy commented that a master plan of the park should be considered. Trustee Aylward commented that he would not like this issue to be a political football and he would like to see more input from the Veterans regarding what memorials need to be in the park.

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

- a) Regular Meeting –July 5, 2016
- b) Special Meeting –July 9, 2016
- c) Regular Meeting-July 18, 2016

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the renewal service agreement with Firthecliffe Technology for computer support for FY 16-17.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the CFA grant application for \$100,000 for the dredging of Roe Pond being submitted by the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to open a public hearing for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 31 Ft. Putnam St., Tax Map No. 103-6-4 for the failure to maintain overgrowth of high grass, weeds & bushes on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-1 Detrimental growth prohibited. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. The public hearing opened at 8:52P.M.

No one was present to represent the property. No comments were heard or questions asked.

Trustee Aylward motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. The public hearing closed at 8:53P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
31 Ft. Putnam 103-6-4

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent (Farina)

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

Trustee Aylward motioned to open a public hearing for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 11 Center St., Tax Map No. 104-2-28 for the failure to maintain overgrowth of high grass, weeds & bushes on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-1 Detrimental growth prohibited. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. The public hearing opened at 8:54P.M.

No one was present to represent the property. No comments were heard or questions asked.

Trustee Murphy motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The public hearing closed at 8:55P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
11 Center Street 104-2-28

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent (Farina)

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

Trustee Murphy motioned to open a public hearing for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner 9 Sweezy Ave., Tax Map No. 103-25-8.2 for the failure to maintain overgrowth of high grass, weeds & bushes on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-1 Detrimental growth prohibited. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried. The public hearing opened at 8:56P.M.

No one was present to represent the property. No comments were heard or questions asked.

Trustee Aylward motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. The public hearing closed at 8:57P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
9 Sweezy Avenue 103-25-8.2

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent (Farina)

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

Trustee Aylward motion to accept the resignation of Part Time Water Plant Operator James McDonald, effective August 15, 2016, with regret.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$96,326.88 from the following listed funds:

FY 15-16	General Fund	\$25,859.62
	Section 8	\$51,904.00
	Water Fund	\$5,482.06
	Sewer Fund	\$13,081.20

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve a stipend of \$1,000.00, to be paid out of the beautification fund, to Kathy Keane for administrative services performed for a recent grant application for Memorial Park through the Home Depot, Inc.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to have the DPW work on the surplus truck received from the Fort Montgomery Fire Department to ready the vehicle for use by the Water Department and not to expend more than \$1,000.00 for the repairs.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

Ed Rose, 7 Park Place, addressed the Board regarding Memorial Park. Mr. Rose explained that he was on a committee involved with renovations to Memorial Park many years ago. Mr. Rose volunteered to be on a committee that will look at what improvements could be done, with respect to the purpose of the park, and looking at the maintenance concerns these improvements may bring.

James Ramus, Planning Board Chairman, addressed the Board with some in-house administrative paperwork they are working on in relation to escrow issues for applicants and extension requests. Mr. Ramus also reminded the Board that a recent applicant has given parkland fees to the Village and gave the Board some suggestions on how these fees might be used.

Trustee Aylward motioned to go into executive session to discuss Police contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 9:29P.M.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 10:37P.M. No Board action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 10:37P.M.