

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

December 19, 2016

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 December 19, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:00P.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 Attorney, Alyse Terhune
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Sean Lackhan, Camera Operator
Approximately 30 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 WWTP report for November 2016 was presented by Trustee Mellon.

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

- a) Regular Meeting –December 5, 2016
- b) Emergency Meeting-December 9, 2016

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Resolution
Village Of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
2016-2017 Budget Amendment

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

5Ayes 0Nays

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

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the surplus equipment bids, as recommended by the Street Superintendent as follows:

1. 2002 Ford Crown Victoria: VIN#2FAFP71W72X131812 for \$1,005.00 to Joe DeWitt, 34 Villa Parkway, Highland Falls, NY 10928
2. 1986 Gravely Lawn Tractor & Plow : Ser# 583997 for \$544.00 to All Seasons Power Equipment-161 Windsor Hwy, New Windsor, NY 12553
3. 1995 Troy Built Tractor & Attachments: Ser#1307601004596 for \$754.00 to All Season Power Equipment-161 Windsor Hwy, New Windsor, NY 12553

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve Kathreen Keane as a contractor for a three month trial period at a pro-rated cost of \$5,000/yr, to write grants.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to appoint Ray Deveraux to the Consolidated Zoning Board of Appeals with the term to expire 12/31/21.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution
Mearns Avenue, Berry Hill Road & Oak Street

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

5Ayes 0Nays

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

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$55,685.67 from the following listed funds:

FY 16-17	General Fund	\$30,223.03
	Water Fund	\$ 953.92
	Sewer Fund	\$24,508.72

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Mr. Nick Moran, Clean Energy Communities Coordinator, spoke to the Board about grant opportunities afforded to communities that put clean energy programs into place. Mr. Moran reported that the four areas the Village will look at is 1. Benchmarking-to monitor energy use, 2. Clean Fleets –plug in vehicles or installing charging stations, 3. Unified Solar Permit-requires a local law to allow for solar permits, 4. Energy Code Enforcement-working with the Code Enforcement Officer to follow the Energy Code.

Mayor Flynn asked the Village Board members to review the documentation provided by Mr. Moran and commented that he would like to see a resolution for the Benchmarking to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Discussion was held on the application form to rent the Senior Center Building. The Village Attorney recommended that the Village Board put a policy in place before approving the form.

Discussion was held on correspondence received regarding a November water bill and December sewer bill. Trustee Murphy motioned that the November water bill shall be paid in full, with existing penalty, and the sewer bill shall be modified to a more customary charge by averaging the last five bills. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution
Extending Length of Service Award Program for the
Highland Falls Fire Department

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward 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)

The Village Attorney gave a draft local law for an Abandoned & Vacant Building Registry to the Village Board for review and asked them to get back to her with any comments so a Local Law can be introduced at the next Village Board meeting.

Trustee Mellon motioned to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried. Mayor Flynn invited Barbara Mennite to remain for executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 7:41P.M.

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

The regular Board meeting reconvened at 8:42P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned to appoint Ed Dunn to the Consolidated Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to appoint Matthew Johnson to the Consolidated Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and on a vote of 3 Ayes, (Flynn, Farina, Aylward) and 2 Nays (Mellon, Murphy) motion carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to adjourn. Then motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 8:45P.M. _____

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk