

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

June 20, 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 June 20, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:05P.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
Street Superintendent, Gary Boyce
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 10 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 apologized to the community for the way he handled himself at the last meeting and reminded the community of the procedures that should be followed by the public and the Board at meetings.

Discussion was held on the broken air conditioning system in Village Hall. Trustee Mellon reported that he had spoken with a local contractor to repair the condenser and to have the part ordered. The Board was in favor of Trustee Mellon moving forward with the repair cost of \$3,100.00 and looking at putting more into next year's budget for a total system replacement. Gary Boyce, Street Superintendent remarked that a small temporary unit could be purchased for \$400.00 and put in the outer office to relieve some of the heat. The Board was in favor of Mr. Boyce purchasing the temporary air conditioning unit and having DPW install it in the main office area.

The WWTP report for May 2016 was presented by Trustee Mellon.

The Fire Department report for May 2016 was presented by Trustee Murphy.

Trustee Murphy motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the EAP renewal addendum#10 for FY 16-17 at the cost of \$1,802.00.

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

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

a) Regular Meeting –June 6, 2016

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the property maintenance process and if the process could be speeded up. The Village Attorney remarked that she would look into the code and see if the process could be sped up. The Village Attorney reminded the Board that the property owner must be given due process.

Mayor Flynn opened a public hearing for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 138 Mearns Ave., Tax Map No. 105-1-8 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 public hearing opened at 7:49P.M.

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

Trustee Mellon motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried. The public hearing closed at 7:50P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
138 Mearns Avenue 105-1-8

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

Mayor Flynn opened a public hearing for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 59 West St., Tax Map No. 103-2-2 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 public hearing opened at 7:51P.M.

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

Trustee Farina motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. The public hearing closed at 7:51P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
59 West Street 103-2-2

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

Mayor Flynn opened a public hearing for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 29 Kleitz Avenue., Tax Map No. 103-1-17 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 public hearing opened at 7:52P.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 7:52P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
29 Kleitz Avenue 103-1-17

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

Mayor Flynn opened a public hearing for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 117 Center Street., Tax Map No. 103-20-3 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 public hearing opened at 7:52P.M.

No one was present to represent the property. Laura Milsom, 105 Center St., reported that she believes there are hazardous conditions on the inside of the property and maybe that should be looked into as well.

Trustee Aylward motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried. The public hearing closed at 7:58P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
117 Center Street 103-20-3

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$46,212.40 from the following listed funds:

FY 15-16	General Fund	\$26,334.53
	Water Fund	\$4,736.06
	Sewer Fund	\$15,141.81

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mellon to approve the bills and claims for \$199,168.97 from the following listed funds:

FY 16-17	General Fund	\$189,541.14
	Water Fund	\$4,075.85
	Sewer Fund	\$5,551.98

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Board comment:

Trustee Murphy reported that she received a complaint that the music was too loud in Roe Park during the activities that were going on this past weekend.

Trustee Murphy commented that she met with two planners from Pattern for Progress for a site visit, along with some Department Heads and members of Vision, and she is confident this will bring grant opportunities to the Village.

Trustee Aylward reported to the public what the term probation time means. Trustee Aylward explained that it is a time for newly hired officers to get to know the employer and community, and vice versa. Trustee Aylward remarked that sometimes people don't fit in.

Trustee Aylward also reported that the Village is still waiting on the DASNY grant for the Senior Center Building and has been told it is in review.

Trustee Aylward commented that he would like to see people speak to each other in a civil manner with the premise that we can learn from each other and have some formal resolution.

Trustee Mellon reported that ESCO should be finishing up the lighting survey by the end of the week and that the contract with the Teamsters is close to completion.

Trustee Farina commented that the Board of Commissioners is being looked at to add to community and strengthen our Police Department. Mayor Flynn remarked it will help our officers be better Police.

Trustee Farina also reported that the Little League will be holding a home run derby before the canoe races and a movie night, on the Little League field will be held following the canoe races.

Mayor Flynn reported on the following:

1. 4th of July Parade and Fireworks will happen.
2. the Fort Montgomery Fire Department will be running the canoe races.
3. thanked the Juneteenth organizers
4. updated different projects that are ongoing in the community.
5. reminded residents about hydrant flushing
6. reminded residents to get their local West Point ID card and that R-Day is next week.
7. Congratulated the Intermediate School graduates and O'Neill H.S. graduates.

Mayor Flynn introduced Jim Moudlin, President of the Chamber of Commerce and active with the Economic Development Council.

Mr. Mouldin spoke briefly on what each organization is doing and the projects they are involved in. Mr. Moudlin commented that he is excited to be in these positions and he sees positive things coming for the community.

Public Comment:

James Ramus, Planning Board Chairman, commented that he heard the Village is working with the Village Engineer on the Alo property. Mr. Ramus asked what the Village wanted to do with the property. Mr. Ramus reported that the Alo property is before the Planning Board for a subdivision of the property only. Mr. Ramus commented that he heard at the Town Board meeting that the Village Board was ready to combine Planning Boards. Mr. Ramus stated that he hoped the Village Board will speak to the Planning Board first as they have a lot on their plate.

Mayor Flynn commented that the Village's Special Engineer, John Dodson is the head of the committee working on the Alo project and directed Mr. Ramus to speak with Mr. Dodson to answer his questions. The Mayor explained that the EDC is working with the Alo family to see what can be done to keep the property on the tax rolls. The Mayor explained that the LDC was formed to work on the privatization of utilities at West Point and the EDC is working on the following projects: Marina, revitalization of Main Street and Alo Property.

Trustee Murphy asked if the subdivision was to grant access to the property. Mr. Ramus explained that there is access from Regina Rd. and Havens Rd. Mr. Ramus further explained that the Planning Board could not grant a subdivision unless there was already access to the property.

Laura Milsom, 105 Center Street, commented that in March she attended a community outreach meeting hosted by the Police Chief to bring up concerns on the 4th of July regarding noise concerns and illegal fireworks being shot off. Ms. Milsom reported that she wanted to know how the Police plan to handle the complaints this year. Ms. Milsom commented that she has not seen anything from the Chief on how the Police will handle the fourth of July.

Trustee Aylward responded the Chief is working on it and there will be something put in the newspaper.

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

The Board entered executive session at 8:31 P.M.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 10:35 P.M. No Board action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 10:35P.M.