

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

October 17, 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 October 17, 2016.

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

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Member absent was:

Trustee Anthony Farina
Trustee Brian Aylward

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune(7:34pm)
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
Barbara Mennite, EDC representative
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Taylor Palmer, Cuddy & Feder LLP
Approximately 3 community members

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

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

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

Mrs. Barbara Mennite, representative from the EDC informed the Village Board that the RestoreNY grant application for \$500,000.00 was submitted on October 3, 2016 and award notifications will come in December. Mrs. Mennite reported that 8 of 9 eligible property owners agreed to participate in the application process. Mrs. Mennite reported that she and Mayor Flynn would be attending a seminar this week to discuss Economic Development opportunities through the NYS Economic Development grant program. Mrs. Mennite reported that the EDC is always looking for new members with diverse talents and diverse interests. Mrs. Mennite reported that the EDC has developed a questionnaire for community input on projects for Main St. and the community at large.

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

a) Regular Meeting –October 3, 2016

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request from the Village Hall staff to attend a mandatory safety seminar in Fishkill, NY on October 25, 2016 from 12:30pm to 3:30pm and that all necessary expenses be approved. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the request from the Street Superintendent to surplus a 2002 Police vehicle and two lawn tractors. Mayor Flynn commented that he is ok to surplus the tractors but would like to talk to the water department to see if the old police vehicle would be of use to them.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request from the Street Superintendent to declare a 1986 Gravelly Lawn Tractor and Plow and a 1995 Troy Built Lawn Tractor and attachments surplus and sold by sealed public bid. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request from Vision for \$2,500, out of the beautification fund, to purchase additional decorations for this year's Holiday Celebration.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution Requesting Real Property Tax Exemption
Of the Village Owned Water Supply Property

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and on a roll call vote, the results which follow,
3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent (Farina and Aylward)
motion carried. (a true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

A motion was made by Trustee Mellon to approve the bills and claims for \$79,571.27 from the following listed funds:

FY 16-17	General Fund	\$51,539.65
	Water Fund	\$812.66
	Sewer Fund	\$27,218.96

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Mr. Taylor Palmer, representative from Cuddy & Feder, LLP came before the Board in reference to the Verified Petition for Zoning Amendment regarding parcel ID/Tax Map Designation: 105-5-6.21. Mr. Palmer addressed the concerns brought up at the Public Hearing, in writing, to the Village Board and was available for any questions. Mr. Palmer reported that the amendment for a re-zone has no effect on the subdivision approval. Mr. Palmer asked the Board to consider authorizing the Village Attorney to prepare a resolution for approval of the zoning amendment for the next Village Board meeting in November.

Mayor Flynn responded that he can authorize the Village Attorney to prepare a resolution for the next meeting, but can't guarantee the resolution will be approved.

Mr. Palmer thanked the Village Board for their time and consideration of this request.

Mayor Flynn reported that the Town Planning Board Chairman has requested that letters of interest for the Consolidated Planning Board be received in November and that the Village decide which two current members of their Board will be moved over to the Consolidated Board in December so that the transition of the Boards can begin and ensure a smooth April 1st start date.

Mr. Jose Sierra, 65 Schneider Ave. asked the Board why he has not heard from anyone regarding the water issue at his property. Trustee Mellon reminded Mr. Sierra that he has had correspondence with him. Trustee Mellon responded that the whole area is being looked at for a drainage project when funds become available. Mayor Flynn responded that he will talk to the Village Engineer about the issues in the whole area.

Dan Malarky, Ft. Montgomery, updated the Board on the progress for next year's St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 4, 2017. Mr. Malarky reported that he has set up a non-profit organization and is doing fundraising to support the event. Mr. Malarky asked the Board if bleachers (review-stand) could be set up near Memorial Park. The Mayor responded favorably with the request.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. Mayor Flynn invited Barbara Mennite to remain for executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 8:16 P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon. The regular Board meeting reconvened at 8:47 P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the Electric Bid from Direct Energy, as negotiated by M & R Energy Resources Corporation, for .05996 and authorize the Village Treasurer to enter into the contract for 36 months. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to re-enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The Board re-entered executive session at 9:36 P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. No action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 9:55 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk