

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

July 6, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in the Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on July 6, 2010.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Trustee Harold Brown
Trustee James DiSalvo
Trustee June L. Gunza
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Police Chief , Peter Miller
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Village Resident – Jean Sharp- 11 Homestead Avenue

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the below listed minutes as follows:

a) Regular Meeting – June 21, 2010

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

A hearing was opened at 7:05 P.M. for a Notice of Failure to Remedy Violation issued to the property owner of 6 Sweezy Ave., Tax Map No. 103-24-1, for the failure to maintain overgrowth of lawn, hedges, brushes and trees on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-6-A-4. No one was present to represent the property. .

Public hearing closed at 7:06 P.M.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
6 Sweezy Ave. 103-24-1

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes)

The Community Development Report for June 2010 was presented to the Board for review.

The Fire Department Report for June 2010 was presented to the Board for review.

The Police Department Report for June 2010 was presented to the Board for review.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Budget Amendment

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

 5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution
Vehicle and Traffic
Village of Highland Falls

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

 5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the Sierra/Diaz Family to hold a kickball tournament on Roe Park field on September 5, 2010, provided all insurance and necessary paperwork is provided to the Village Clerk, prior to the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the Junior Black Knights to use Roe Park field (right field) for the Mighty Mites (5-7 yr olds) football team practice from August 1st through the 1st week of November, and the use of the Little League Field for Division 1 (7-8 yr olds), and cheerleaders, from August 1st through the first week of November, provided all insurance and necessary paperwork is provided to the Village Clerk, prior to August 1st.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the application for a permit to install a canopy in front of the Navy Federal Credit Union at 437 Main Street.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and on a roll call vote which follows:

 4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 abstain (DiSalvo)

motion carried.

Discussion was held on a vendor application submitted by Nicole Renda to operate a vending cart at Roe Park for special events and ball games.

Trustee Gunza motioned to deny the application of Nicole Renda to operate a frozen ice cart at Roe Park.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

A letter from Mr. John Shankey, owner of 6 Schneider Avenue, was acknowledged. Mr. Shankey requested a refund of the May water charges he recently paid and stated that the house is vacant and has been for over a year, therefore the bill must be in error. Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst, informed the Board of his investigation into Mr. Shankey's concerns and concluded that a leak must have occurred between October and December of 2009, in order to explain the high usage that was read by the computer.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to deny Mr. Shankey's request for a refund of this water bill and that the sewer bill will stand as calculated.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to appoint the following part-time dispatchers, as recommended by Chief Peter Miller: Mr. Gary Williams, Mr. John O'Dell, and Ms. Brittany Bloise, at the rate of \$13.03/hr, effective July 8, 2010.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$152,117.34 from the following listed funds:

FY 09-10	General Fund	\$ 3,494.59
	Water Fund	\$ 2,101.28
	Sewer Fund	\$ 4,719.84
	Capital Fund	\$ 425.00
FY 10-11	General Fund	\$23,877.16
	Community Development	\$58,764.65
	Water Fund	\$ 2,256.85
	Sewer Fund	\$ 31,321.16
	Capital Fund	\$25,156.81

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve \$240.00 for Paula Holt to "touch up" the paint on fire hydrants.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Mayor updated the Board on the water supply at Bog Meadow and said it was at 90% capacity and that even though no restrictions are in place, the community should think about conservation as long as we are currently in this heat wave.

The Mayor also updated the Board on the status of the bid for the Mechanical Bar Screen in the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The bids will be received and opened at 10:00am Thursday, July 8th and there will also be an alternate number for a compactor machine, recommended by the Village Engineer, that conceivably will save the Village money down the road because of less hauling out of the plant. The alternate was put into the specifications for the project so that the Board can effectively decide whether or not this is something they would like to purchase.

The Mayor reminded the Board that the bid for clearing brush around the Water Tanks will be received and opened at 10:00am on Thursday, July 15th. He explained to the Board that once this area is cleared, it will be the responsibility of the Village Departments to maintain it so that it does not overgrow to the extent it is now.

The Mayor reported that West Point has agreed to have the water meters on South Post calibrated and send a report to the Village.

Trustee McCormick commented to the Board that the water system is the responsibility of the homeowner. He again mentioned that quarterly billing should relieve high water bills by detection of leaks sooner. Trustee McCormick asked the Mayor about a new Planning Board member. The Mayor responded by saying an ad would have to be placed for anyone interested. Trustee McCormick asked about improving lighting in the Tobins Lane area. Chief Miller responded that this is a residential area and homeowners would not be in favor of bright lights shining all night. The Mayor responded that it is not Tobins Lane so much as it is O'Neill Court. The residents of O'Neill Court are willing to put up with brighter lights if it will help the problem of people hanging out on the dark street. Resident, Jean Sharp asked about deflection lighting. Chief Miller said he would investigate.

Trustee Brown asked all residents to help in controlling weeds and overgrowth in the sidewalks in front of their business's and homes. He ask everyone to help to keep the Village looking good.

Trustee DiSalvo and Trustee Gunza both thanked the emergency workers and everyone involved in making the three day Fourth of July celebration so successful and safe.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to enter executive session to discuss a particular employee and contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:50pm.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 8:15pm.

Trustee Brown motioned that the Mayor sign the three year lease, starting June 1, 2010 and ending May 31, 2013, with the Fire Department for renting of space for the Village Fire Trucks.

The motion was seconded by Mayor D'Onofrio and unanimously carried.

The Board asked the Clerk to have the Village Treasurer contact the Village Attorney to start the paperwork on a Bond Resolution for \$600,000.00 to cover painting of the water tanks, clearing of debris around the tanks, and creation of a emergency plan regarding the Bog Meadow Reservoir, as required by the DEC.

Mayor D'Onofrio motioned to have Time Warner Cable franchise money of \$5,000.00 for 10 years divided so that this year the Garden Club receives \$4,000.00, the 4th of July Committee receives \$1,000.00 and for the next nine years, the 4th of July Committee receives \$5,000.00 a year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and on a roll call vote the results follow:

Mayor D'Onofrio	aye
Trustee Brown	aye
Trustee DiSalvo	aye
Trustee Gunza	no
Trustee McCormick	no

Motion carried 3-2.

Trustee Brown motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 8:30 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk