

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

October 4, 2010

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 4, 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

Member absent was:

Trustee Joseph McCormick

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Fire Chief, Erik Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> Asst. Chief, John Rush  
Police Chief, Peter Miller  
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones  
DPW Laborer, Tim Doherty  
Village Residents, - Kathy Jones –17 Catherine St., Sheri LaFurge –Mountain Ave., Gus Koutsourades – West Point Motel, Aaron Falk-82 Mearns Ave. , Tony Galu-14 Cedar Lane

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

a) Regular Meeting – September 20, 2010

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

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

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the Ground Lease Agreement with USAA to rent space in Municipal #2. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding drainage work to be done at the property location of 25 Laurel Lane in Satterlee Grove. The Mayor asked Mr. Galu if was going to use any subcontractors and Mr. Galu replied that he was not. The Mayor stressed to Mr. Galu that if anyone but him was seen working on this job, and they had not provided the Village with the proper insurance requirements, the job would be shut down. Mr. Galu insisted that he would be the only one doing this job. Trustee Gunza agreed that any subcontractors should have paperwork filed in Village Hall before any work is performed.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned that the drainage job at 25 Laurel Lane be awarded to the low bidder, Anthony P. Galu Contracting, for \$6,850.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Gunza motioned to accept the low bid from Argenio Brothers of \$440,725.00 for the Street Rehabilitation Project based on the recommendation of the Village Engineer.

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent

motion carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Mayor signing the Agreement with Nugent & Hauessler, P.C. to perform the annual audit for the Village of Highland Falls for fiscal year ending May 31, 2010, at a cost of \$22,500.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

A letter was acknowledged from Kopald and Kopald, PC on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. McElroy of 45 Cozzens Avenue and their request for the Village to deed them Highland Street, a portion of road between Cozzens Avenue and High Street a distance of approximately 160 ft.

The Mayor requested the Village Board to meet at this location to see exactly what this request is asking and to get surveys before any decision is made.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$326, 493.12 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$30,224.13
Section 8	\$57,296.70
Water Fund	\$13,873.06
Sewer Fund	\$ 7,173.15
Capital Fund	\$217,926.08

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio presented to the Clerk, to be filed with the minutes, a petition signed by local residents, to create Child Safety Zones that would mandate that all level 2 and 3 registered sex offenders stay 1000ft away from our children. The Mayor explained that the Village Attorney would look into what, if any, law could be created or enforceable for this request and also responded that Officer Scott would be doing some research. The Mayor stated that the Attorney told him other communities who have set their own perimeters for these offenders are possibly being challenged in court.

Ms. Sheri Lafurge thanked the Mayor and the Board for taking this request seriously and looking into the matter.

The Mayor asked Chief Miller if the Police Department could do a survey on the parking situation at night around the Village.

Trustee DiSalvo reported that the camera should be going in soon at the corner of Schneider Avenue and Center Street.

Mr. Gus Koutsourades asked the Board if there was anything new on the Key Food property and if the Village has every considered privatizing the water system. The Mayor responded no to each question.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss a particular employee and union contract negotiations.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:25pm.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:55pm

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

The meeting closed at 8:55pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk