

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

August 15, 2011

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 August 15, 2011.

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  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Police Sergeant, Ken Scott  
Fire Captain, John Rush  
Village Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson  
Chief WWTP Operator, John Jones  
Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst  
Village Residents Kathy Jones-17 Catherine Street, Ken DeCarlo  
Jr. -17 Catherine Street, Sarah Leo – 36 Webb Lane, James  
Titolo -95 Mountain Ave., Bonnie Snow (7:15)-41 Ft. Putnam  
Street,  
Town Residents – Ann Marie & Sal Fiducia-Corbin Hill, Ft. Montgomery

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

- a) Regular Meeting – August 1, 2011
- b) Special Meeting – August 8, 2011

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Mayor reported that the Grit Chamber in the Wastewater Treatment Plant was in need of replacement. He explained that this machine is very important to the operations of the plant and must be maintained to comply with NYSDEC regulations. The Mayor also informed the public that the replacement of the grit chamber was a type II action under SEQRA and no further SEQRA action is required.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Bond Resolution Of The Village of Highland Falls, Adopted August 15, 2011,  
Authorizing the Replacement of Grit Chamber System, Stating That The Estimated Maximum  
Cost Thereof Is \$230,000.00, Appropriating Said Amount Therefor, And Authorizing The  
Issuance of \$230,000.00 Serial Bonds To Finance Said Appropriation.

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes  
motion carried. ( A true and complete copy of the bond resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve Jose Sierra using Roe Park field and the pavilion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Haydee Sierra Diaz Kickball Tournament from 10:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 4, 2011 pending the necessary paperwork being turned into the Village Clerk's Office prior to the start of the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Town of Highlands Recreation Department to use Roe Park field and the pavilion for a softball tournament from 8:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 20, 2011, for a benefit for the Hannawalt Family, pending the necessary paperwork being turned into the Village Clerk's Office prior to the start of event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Town of Highlands Recreation Department to use Roe Park field and the pavilion for a softball tournament from 8:00 A.M to 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 27, 2011, for a benefit for the Leary Family, pending the necessary paperwork being turned into the Village Clerk's Office prior to the start of the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the Town of Highlands Ambulance Corp for the use of North Main Street and Municipal Lot#2 on October 15, 2011 from 6:00am to 5:00pm for the Fall Foliage Festival, pending the necessary paperwork being turned into the Village Clerk's Office prior to the start of the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the Children's Angel Network to hold a Halloween Parade on Main Street, from Memorial Park, north, to Sacred Heart's parking lot, on October 31, 2011, from 4:45pm to 5:15pm, pending the necessary paperwork being turned into the Village Clerk's Office prior to the start of the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Building Department Report for July 2011 was presented to the Board for review.

Trustee Gunza motioned the following:

Resolution  
Vehicle and Traffic  
Village of Highland Falls

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo 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.)

Trustee Brown motioned to appoint Stephen Berean, a part time Police Officer at step 4 of the Part Time Police Contract, with a starting salary of \$22.25, with his effective date to be his starting date.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

A letter from the Citizens Campaign for the Environment, a not for profit organization, explaining their intentions of canvassing the community was acknowledged by the Board.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to move the next regular Board meeting to Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:00pm because of Labor Day Holiday on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$40,494.50 from the following listed funds:

FY 11-12	General Fund	\$25,160.05
	Water Fund	\$ 582.67
	Sewer Fund	\$ 9,956.70
	Capital Fund	\$ 4,795.08

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio thanked the departments for working together during this latest storm and stepping up to assist each other during individual department emergencies. The Mayor said he has heard much positive feedback from many property owners.

Trustee McCormick asked what was going on with Central Hudson and the Mayor commented that he has stopped Central Hudson from doing any digging until they comply with the Village's permit application and road restoration requirements.

Trustee DiSalvo reported that the camera on the corner of Schneider Ave. and Center Street has been operational now for a few weeks and that the Village is still in the process of obtaining a third camera. Trustee DiSalvo also thanked the Police Department for the recent arrests made to help clean up the community.

Trustee Brown reported that the replacement of the sewer pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has shown positive results especially with the recent rainstorms this summer. Mr. Jones also reported that the pumps replaced, under an emergency repair, at the Pellwood Station have been working well.

Mr. Titolo thanked the Board for making tough decisions in these hard economic times and making the necessary repairs to the infrastructure and facilities that will only benefit the community for years to come.

Village Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson, informed the Board that there are trees that need to come down for the safety of surrounding areas, one in particular in Memorial Park. He reported that this latest storm has created some serious problems throughout the community with falling trees and he is working on preventive measures. He also informed the Board that the Oak Street Wall project is nearing completion.

Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst, thanked the Board for all their support, which allows Department Heads to get their jobs done efficiently and effectively.

Mayor D'Onofrio motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual and contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:45pm. Trustee McCormick motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:03pm.

Trustee McCormick motioned to go into contract with Pittsburgh Tank & Tower Maintenance Co., Inc. for the painting of the small water tank this year, for \$ 240,717.00 and the large water tank in the Spring of 2012, for \$339,405.00 with the OSHA requirements included, according to their bid received June 27, 2011.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:05pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk