

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

April 18, 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 April 18, 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  
Village Treasurer, Ralph J. Walters  
Officer in Charge, Sergeant Ken Scott  
Police Officer, Paul Troy Jr.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief, John Rush  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Town Supervisor, Ed Magryta  
Village residents – Gus Koutsourades – West Point Motel,  
Town Residents – Ann Marie & Sal Fiducia  
Col. Ragsdale, Vice Dean for Education-West Point, NY

The meeting opened with Mayor D'Onofrio and Officer in Charge, Ken Scott presenting Police Officer Paul Troy Jr., a Commendation Lifesaving Award for reviving a choking baby on the afternoon of April 2, 2011. This award was presented to Officer Troy because with his quick actions, the baby survived.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – April 4, 2011
- b) Special Meeting – April 4, 2011 Tentative Budget Hearing & Reorganization
- c) Special Meeting – April 11, 2011

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve a request from Fire Chief Smith to accept Justin Lee a junior member of the Fire Department, effective 4/18/2011. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to recognize that the position of Fire Chief is held by Erik Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief is held by Steve Suarez and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief is held by John Rush, from April 2011 to April 2012, following elections held on April 12, 2011.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

Trustee Gunza motioned to approve the request from the Fort Montgomery Elementary School to hold a field day at Roe Park, on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am -11:30am provided all the necessary licenses and insurance paperwork is turned into the Village Clerk prior to the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the American Cancer Society to hold a "Relay for Life" fundraising event at Roe Park, on Saturday, April 23 from 1:00pm -dusk provided all the necessary licenses and insurance paperwork is turned into the Village Clerk prior to the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Col Ragsdale, Vice Dean for Education at West Point, NY came before the Board to thank them for the cooperation of the Village with the West Point Cadets who will be running this fundraiser in conjunction with the American Cancer Society. He explained how the cadets have been doing this event for a few years but it will be the first time that it will be held in Roe Park and that they hope the event will continue to be hosted at Roe Park and get bigger and better each year.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request from the South Gate Softball Team to hold a fundraising softball tournament at Roe Park, on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am -4:00pm provided all the necessary licenses and insurance paperwork is turned into the Village Clerk prior to the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the recommendation of Village Treasurer, Ralph Walters, to add TD Bank in Stony Point, NY as an additional depository bank for the Village of Highland Falls and to start the paperwork process immediately.

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

5 Ayes    0 Noes

motion carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve Mayor D'Onofrio signing an Intermunicipal Agreement with the School District which will allow the School District to purchase fuel, from the Village at the cost the Village pays, and will allow the Village to assist the School District in the maintenance of fields if manpower and time permit.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$55,157.17 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$25,184.07
Water Fund	\$ 1,366.05
Sewer Fund	\$16,761.98
Capital Fund	\$11,845.07

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Mayor updates to the Board included:

Bids opened for WWTP roof replacement. Bids lower than expected. Hope to award at next meeting. Need to hold a public hearing first, for any community development funds that the Board expects to spend. Bid invitations for painting water tanks will go out April 29<sup>th</sup> with an opening date of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Village should receive comments from DOT on the Mearns/Oak/Berry funds, in May.

Trustee Gunza reported the Village has undergone an electric audit with Orange & Rockland and await recommendations and proposals.

Trustee McCormick reported he still has not heard from the Town regarding setting up meetings to discuss sharing of services.

Trustee DiSalvo reported the security camera on Center Street should be installed soon and asked residents to be patient with the paving project. Trustee DiSalvo also read a letter he mailed to the Town regarding consolidation of services. He also reported no response from the Town yet.

Mr. Koutsourades asked what movement has there been on the 200 acres. Mayor D'Onofrio responded that there is no change on the status of the 200 acres.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss specific individuals on employment matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:35pm.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 7:55pm

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

The meeting closed at 7:55pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk