

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

November 21, 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 November 21, 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 James DiSalvo
Trustee June L. Gunza
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Member Absent was:

Trustee Harold Brown

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Police Sergeant, Ken Scott
Police Officers, Anthony Kuhn & Adam Bruce
Police Dispatcher, Tanya Allen
Fire Captain, John Rush
Approximately 25 community residents

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

a) Regular Meeting – November 7, 2011

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Fire Department Report for October 2011 was presented to the Board for review.

A motion was made by Trustee McCormick to approve new member Jessica Snuggs, pending necessary paperwork being turned into the Village Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve covering the Parking Meters from December 1, 2011 through and including January 2, 2012, with meters back in operation on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried

Trustee Gunza motioned to table the memo from the Street Superintendent requesting to purchase safety lights for the newly purchased backhoe, until more information can be provided to the Board regarding the necessity of these lights.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee Gunza motioned to approve the training request from the Village Treasurer to attend a seminar in Rye, NY on December 9th, offered by NYS GFOA at a cost for members of \$95.00, dealing with Real Property Tax Levy Cap Latest Guidance, and that all necessary and actual expenses be approved.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
2011-2012 Budget Amendment

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

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

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Resolution
General Village Election

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the surplus vehicle bid of \$1,776.00 from John Lewis, 15 Memory Lane, Slate Hill, NY for the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria and to release the vehicle upon cash, certified check or money order being turned into the Village Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$105,187.27 from the following listed funds:

FY 11-12	General Fund	\$54,262.58
	Water Fund	\$ 2,013.73
	Sewer Fund	\$43,230.55
	Capital Fund	\$ 5,680.41

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo updated the Board on snow removal for the upcoming season. Trustee DiSalvo reported that the Town will participate with the Village in the snow removal operations using the Reed System and that the Village truck should be outfitted with the necessary pump within the next two weeks.

Trustee Gunza reported that the repairs in the Village Hall continue. Trustee Gunza thanked everyone for their support and confidence while on the Village Board and assured everyone that she will continue to work for the whole community as a Town Councilwoman.

Mr. Norman DeYoung, 11 Walker Rd, asked the Board if there was any follow-up to the questions asked at the last meeting regarding the US Academy Motel and how long people are allowed to stay there.

The Mayor responded that he is working with the Village Attorney in drafting a local law that establishes how long someone can stay in a motel. The Mayor reported he hopes to have something soon to review and move forward.

Mr. Gus Koutsourades asked if the Village was being audited by New York State. The Mayor responded that yes we are and the Village annual audit will begin this month.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss specific employees. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried. The Board entered executive session at 7:20pm.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned out of executive session at 7:35pm The motion was seconded by Trustee Gunza and unanimously carried. The Regular meeting reconvened at 7:35pm.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to appoint Officer Anthony Kuhn to the Detective's position, as recommended by Sergeant Kenneth Scott, effective 11/22/11 and for his salary to increase from \$69,836/yr to \$72,629/yr as per the PBA Contract.

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent

motion carried.

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

The meeting closed at 7:40pm.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk