

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

May 3, 2016

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 May 3, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:11P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Brian Aylward
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Member absent was:

Trustee Anthony Farina

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Chief WWTP Operator, John Jones
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
Police Officer, Kyle Esposito
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 5 community members

Mayor Flynn opened the meeting with a moment of silence for all our fallen soldiers and community members since the last meeting.

Trustee Murphy presented the Fire Department Report. Trustee Murphy reported that the Fire Department has a request for a Chief's vehicle for the 2nd Assistant Chief. Trustee Murphy reported that the Fort Montgomery Fire Department has a surplus vehicle to "give" the HFFD and recommends that the DPW take a look at the vehicle and report on its condition to the Village Board before any decision is made.

Trustee Murphy also commented that the Friends of the Library are holding a raffle to support their efforts to make improvements to the basement area of the Library and encouraged all to support them in this quest.

Trustee Aylward presented a report on the Senior Center. Trustee Aylward commented that the DPW responded to some complaints on broken locks and doors in the Senior Center and made the necessary repairs.

Trustee Aylward reminded dog owners of the community to please pick up after their dogs.

Mayor Flynn reported that the opening day parade to usher in the Ponytail and Little League Baseball season was a great event and thanked all those involved in making it successful. Mayor Flynn reported that the Little League has received a grant from the WP Women's Club for a defibulator for the Little League Field and that those involved with Little League continue to move forward and they are looking to make improvements and upgrades at the field.

Mayor Flynn reported that the next Chamber meeting is to be held at Balfour Beatty on West Point, May 6th at 4:00pm. Mayor Flynn remarked that the Chamber is constantly growing.

Mayor Flynn thanked County Executive Steven Neuhaus for his support of the community by walking Main Street last week and spending some time with local merchants.

Mayor Flynn commented that he had met with a group for strategic planning for the business community and he will have a report for the Board at the next meeting.

Mayor Flynn mentioned that major property tax credits are coming soon for homeowners and businesses who install solar energy upgrades and to see the assessor for more information.

Trustee Mellon gave a brief report on the NYCOM training that he, Trustee Aylward and Treasurer Magryta attended last week. Trustee Mellon commented it was very interesting and informative.

Police Chief Ken Scott presented the Police Department report for April 2016.

Mayor Flynn presented awards to two Police Officers. On behalf of Detective Torpey, Chief Scott accepted the Excellent Police Duty Award. Officer Esposito accepted a Meritorious Duty Award for his actions that resulted in saving a life.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Resolution
Vehicle And Traffic
Village of Highland Falls
Handicap Parking Spot- Church St

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent

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

Discussion was held on a request for chickens and ducks to be raised on the property location of 110 Mearns Avenue.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request to raise chickens and ducks at 110 Mearns Avenue, pending the approval of the Building Inspector.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the below listed minutes as follows:

- a) Regular Meeting –April 18, 2016
- b) Special meeting- April 27, 2016

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
2015-2016 Budget Amendment

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

Trustee Mellon motioned to transfer \$2,000 from A1345.0100 (Purchasing Salaries) to A1345.04 Purchasing Contractual) to cover expenses through the end of FY 15-16.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the appointment of Joshua Wendell to a Part-time Dispatcher position at the rate of \$13.00/hr and with maximum probation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the Juneteenth Cultural Festival June 18th 12pm -9pm & June 19th 2pm to 6pm at Roe Park, and June 19th 9am in Memorial Park to raise a flag.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to renew the contract with Eva's Cleaning Service for FY16-17 at the current rate of \$600/biweekly and \$100.00 for special emergency clean- up of the holding cell.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve Mayor Flynn and Trustee Murphy to attend "The World of Infrastructure" conference to be held in Anthony's Pier 9-New Windsor, NY, May 20th from 8am to 1:30pm at the cost of \$35/pp with mileage reimbursement.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$96,467.35 from the following listed funds:

FY 15-16	General Fund	\$32,611.32
	Section 8	\$54,472.00
	Water Fund	\$5,432.01
	Sewer Fund	\$3,952.02

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Board of Trustees
Resolution Establishing A Separate Board of Police Commissioners

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

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Board of Trustees
Notice of Hearing
Resolution Establishing A Separate Board of Police Commissioners

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

Trustee Aylward motioned to go into executive session to discuss specific individuals in personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:49P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Regular meeting reconvened at 8:56P.M. No Board action was taken.

Trustee Aylward motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 8:56P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk