

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

December 3, 2012

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 December 3, 2012.

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 Patrick Flynn
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson
Chief WWTP Operator, John Jones
Fire Chief, John Rush
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 12 Village Residents

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

a) Regular Meeting – November 19, 2012

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

No public comment on agenda items.

The Police Department Report for November 2012 was presented to the Board for review. Chief Scott added to his report that parking meters have been covered to allow for free parking during the holidays until January 2, 2013.

The Fire Department Report for November 2012 was presented to the Board for review.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
2012-2013 Budget Amendment
For Legislative Grant

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick 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 DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
2012-2013 Budget Amendment
O'Reilly Settlement BAN Payoff

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown 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 McCormick motioned the following:

Resolution
 Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
 2012-2013 Budget Transfer
 For Employee Retirement System

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 DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution
 Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
 2012-2013 Budget Amendment & Transfer
 For Police Retirement System

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown 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 McCormick motioned to approve the request from the Town Clerk to store records on the third floor of Village Hall pending a Certificate of Liability, naming the Village as additional insured, and the signed license agreement are returned to the Village Clerk prior to records being stored.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick, upon the recommendation from the Street Superintendent, motioned to approve the low proposal from Brigadoon Estates, Ltd. for \$8,500.00 to repair a section of wall along Oak Avenue, south of the School Street Wing Wall.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo, upon the recommendation from the Street Superintendent, motioned to approve the low bid of \$33,789.00 from Van Bortal Ford for a 2013 Ford F-550 Cab & Chassis, \$20,377.00 from Hudson River Truck & Trailer for the Dump Body and Plow, \$12,450.00 from Reed Systems for the Salt Spreader & for lettering and radio installation not to exceed \$1,500.00, for a total of \$68,116.00 for the purchase of a new truck for DPW.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the recommendation from Chief Scott to complete the probation of Detective Anthony Kuhn, effective December 3, 2012.

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$603,555.44 from the following listed funds for FY 12-13:

General Fund	\$442,253.77
Section 8	\$61,478.00
Water Fund	\$42,626.39
Sewer Fund	\$35,262.28
Capital Fund	\$21,935.00

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Public Comments:

Mrs. Laura Milsom, 105 Center Street,- addressed the Board about a “timeline of significant information” that was included in the sewer bill mailing. Mrs. Milsom stated that she did not appreciate anyone pursuing their personal agenda on her dime and that Village taxpayers should not fund campaigns. Mrs. Milsom also commented that it’s taken 19 ½ years to get the Village to televise meetings.

Mr. Gus Koutsourades, 156 Main St. – asked if the LDC was receiving grant money from New York State. He also commented that he believed there was disparity on the “timeline of significant information” that was included in the sewer mailing as to when the State audit was begun.

Mr. Merv Livsey, Jr., 107 Mountain Ave.- thanked the Board for moving ahead with repairs to the Eagle Valley Bridge and drainage issues surrounding the area and securing funds from FEMA to complete the project. He also commented that he thought the “timeline for significant information” that was included in the sewer mailing was very informative and was glad to receive it.

Mr. Ray Deveraux , 48 Ondaora Pkwy,-asked when televising meetings would begin. He acknowledged the Board for sharing space with the Town to store records, but said he agreed with Trustee Flynn that the Village should share space with the Town to televise meetings. Mr. Deveraux also questioned the need for a kiosk if West Point has a map outside the Visitors Center directing tourists to the local establishments.

Mrs. Martha Aylward, 13 Church St.- addressed the Board to express the need for a cell tower to improve service in the Village. She also asked if alternate side of the street parking regulations could be considered during snow removal.

Mrs. Kathy Jones -19 Catherine Street – asked for an update on speed bumps.

Mr. Jack McCarthy –35 Mearns Ave.- asked for an update to the tree in the brook, on the property opposite his property, on Mearns Ave. Mr. McCarthy told the Board that the Building Inspector told him (Mr. McCarthy) that the Building Department has exhausted their channels and are waiting on the Village Board and Village Attorney to resolve the problem.

Board comments:

Mayor D’Onofrio-

-Reinstated Trustee Flynn as Building Department Liason and asked him to follow up with the Building Inspector on the Mearns Ave. situation.

-stated that local contractors are given opportunities to provide bids or quotes for Village projects and he named many local businesses that the Village currently does business with.

- reported that he, the Clerk and Village Engineer would attend a meeting on January 14th in the Community Development Office, in Middletown, in reference to the \$200,000 grant for acquisition of the K of C Building.

-informed the public of different meetings and events he attended since the last meeting.

-asked the Board to cancel the second meeting of the month because of the upcoming holidays.

- stated that he heard West Point was considering a cell tower to improve service for South Post and if they put up a tower, it should improve service in the Village also.

-stated that he is looking forward to meetings being televised.

Trustee McCormick motioned to cancel the second Board meeting in December and for the Clerk to post the necessary notices.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo, with the stipulation that should a need a rise, the Board would meet to take care of any necessary business. Motion carried unanimously.

Trustee McCormick motioned to cancel the public hearing for the Introductory Local Law “Waterfront Overlay District” scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:00pm and reschedule it for January 7, 2012 at 7:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick – read the water department report for November and updated the Board on the repairs to the boiler at the Water Plant and the painting project on the water tanks.

Trustee DiSalvo- thanked the DPW for getting the holiday snowflakes up and continuing to pick leaves up in the community. Trustee DiSalvo clarified that the Village was notified in January that we were going to be audited, but the audit did not actually begin until late spring.

Trustee Brown –reported that the FEMA funded repairs to the digester project in the Wastewater Treatment Plant are almost complete.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter and that Chief Scott should remain for the session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:00 P.M.

Trustee Brown motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:12 P.M.

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

The meeting closed at 8:12 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk