

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

January 17, 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 January 17, 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 Joseph McCormick  
Trustee Richard Parry

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Police Sergeant, Ken Scott  
Village Residents – Norman DeYoung –11 Walker Rd, Ray Deveraux- 48 Ondaora Pkwy, Gus Koutsourades-Owner, W.P. Motel 156 Main St., Pat Flynn – 1 Muller Ave.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – January 3, 2012
- b) Special Meeting – January 11, 2012

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve John Wolfe, a member of the Highland Falls Fire Department pending necessary paperwork being turned into the Village Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Parry and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the request of the Fire Chief to take Car 1 and Rescue 430 to the Firefighter Safety Seminar in Warwick, NY on January 18, 2012.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to surplus the following equipment on the recommendation of the Fire Chief: (1) 2.5" automatic nozzle with broken bale, (1) multi gas meter, (2)2.5" & (2)1.5" fog nozzles, (2) 2.5" double female chrome, (1) 2.5"double male chrome, (1) 2.5" double male brass, (1) circle D light, (6) sets of turnout gear, (10) monitor II pagers.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Parry and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Village Clerk and Deputy Clerk to attend an election workshop at the BOE in Goshen, NY on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00am to 1:00pm and that all necessary and actual expenses are approved.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Parry and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls  
Resolution for Final Notice and Termination of Service  
For Unpaid Water Bills for May/Nov. 2011

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 this resolution is appended to these minutes.)

Trustee Brown motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls  
Resolution  
General Village Election Inspectors

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain ( McCormick)

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

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$147,533.45 from the following listed funds:

FY 11-12	General Fund	\$114,395.92
	Water Fund	\$ 3,075.11
	Sewer Fund	\$22,079.83
	Capital Fund	\$ 7,982.59

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

4 Ayes 1 Nay ( McCormick)

motion carried.

The Mayor reported that he has contacted the Office of the Aging to rectify the cut back in the lunch program. The Mayor has asked the Board to think about what they want to do regarding 109 Center Street and the property maintenance issues. The Mayor reported he is still working with the Village Attorney on the drafting of the local law for Motel stays. The Mayor reported that the Village Engineer and Department heads are continuing to work on the FEMA paperwork for damages sustained during Hurricane's Irene & Lee. The Mayor briefly touched on the Section 8 Program and the possibility that the Village might want to cut back on the number of vouchers. The Mayor reported that he and Trustee McCormick will meet soon with the Town Supervisor and Town Water Officials to discuss the current & future water needs of the Town outside the Village, keeping the Village's needs first and foremost.

Trustee McCormick reported that if anyone has questions regarding water, the information is available through any Village Board member. He also remarked that the Town should make available a storage facility for water and reminded everyone that not all Town residents in the water districts are required to hook into the water system, however they are required to pay the debt service tax.

Mr. Gus Koutsourades , 156 Main Street, asked the status of the 300 acres from West Point, and if the Village is looking into refinancing any of its debt. The Mayor responded that the Corp of Engineers has asked for Letters of Interest in regard to the 300 acres and that the Village Treasurer is always looking at ways to save taxpayers money.

Mr. Ray Deveraux, 48 Ondaora Parkway, asked if there was an update on the dispatching for the Village turning over to the 911 system and the status of televising meetings. Trustee McCormick responded that the County is getting close to testing towers but no date has been given from the County as to when the system will be working for the Village. Mayor D'Onofrio responded that he was told by the school that they are not looking into televising meetings. Trustee McCormick responded that he is not against it and the issue is still on the table. Trustee DiSalvo responded he has been on both sides of the issue. Having meetings televised, when he was on the Town Board, and not having meetings televised, while he has been on the Village Board. Trustee DiSalvo responded he believes there are pros and cons to it. No action taken on this issue.

Trustee Brown motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual regarding a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:40pm.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Parry and unanimously carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:05pm. Trustee McCormick motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 8:05 pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk