

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

July 16, 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 July 16, 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 James DiSalvo  
Trustee Patrick Flynn  
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Member absent:

Trustee Harold Brown

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Police Chief, Ken Scott  
Fire Chief, John Rush  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Village Residents: Approximately 18 audience members

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

- a) Regular Meeting – July 2, 2012
- b) Special Meeting – July 2, 2012

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Building Department Report for June 2012 was presented to the Board for review. Discussion was held regarding a memo from the Building Inspector with suggestions for a local law that deals with the regulation of TV satellite dishes. The Board agreed to send these suggestions to the Village Attorney to draft a local law to be introduced soon.

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

Trustee McCormick motioned to appoint Timothy Doherty to the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Worker with a probationary term of eight weeks, under Orange County Civil Service Rules and Regulations regarding probationary periods.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the resignation of Part Time Dispatcher, Gary Williams, effective July 11, 2012.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the Mayor signing the waiver of the Orange County Youth Bureau 2013 Projected Recreation Eligibility amount of \$864.00 to the Service Eligibility and the 2013 Projected Service Eligibility amount of \$775.00 to the Highland Falls Police Department DARE Program. The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned the following:

Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls  
2012-2013 Budget Transfers

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 to approve the request from Patrick Flynn for a Family Fun Day event of music and games at Roe Park on Sunday, July 22, 2012 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm pending all necessary paperwork be turned into the Village Clerk prior to the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the bills and claims for \$67,296.03 from the following listed funds:

FY 12-13	General Fund	\$46,070.99
	Water Fund	\$ 1,341.54
	Sewer Fund	\$14,476.90
	Capital Fund	\$ 5,406.60

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to have the Water Department and DPW work together to install a waterline from the main in Webb Lane (Brennan's Way) to Ladycliff Park to make it easier to maintain the gardens within the park.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

Public comments:

Mrs. Laura Milsom, 105 Center Street, had questions on the State Audit report. The Mayor asked Mrs. Milsom to submit, in writing, all her questions so that all of them could be addressed. Mrs. Milsom commented to the Board that they should properly educate themselves on how to respond to FOIL requests. The Mayor responded that all FOIL responses are handled according to proper procedures. Mrs. Milsom thanked the DPW for all the hard work they have done in the Center St Park.

Mrs. Kathy Jones, 17 Catherine Street, thanked the My Town Marketplace for providing free water to the participants and spectators of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.

Mr. Gus Koutsourades, 156 Main Street, WP Motel, asked for an update on the camera and televising of meetings and he also asked who is responsible for the parking meters. The Mayor responded that a cablevision technician was at Village Hall recently for a site visit and we are waiting for his report. The Mayor also reported that the Police Department is in charge of the meters and their maintenance.

Board comments:

Mayor D'Onofrio commented that there needs to be a better way to handle property maintenance issues. He reported that the Building Inspector has suggested that when a first notice is sent out, a hearing date before the Village Board be included in that notice. This should speed up the time it takes to get results. The Mayor updated the property maintenance issues at 109 Center Street and reported that the Building Inspector has said the property is in a quick sale status. The Mayor reported that Building Inspector has said the property is not condemnable and gave a couple suggestions to the Village. No action was taken.

The Mayor asked the Board to consider changing the zoning of the H.F. Marina, currently residential, to commercial. No action was taken.

Mayor D'Onofrio also reported that FEMA claims are moving along and that he has had confirmation that SEMO will take care of the Village's share of expenses.

The Mayor updated the Board on Town water issues: he reported that the EFC has agreed to the Water Agreement and the Town Board now must sign before the Village can sign. Also he reported that the Town would like the Village to consider taking over some services, ie, water readings, flushing, meter repairs. No action taken at this time. The Mayor also reported that the next meeting between Village and Town officials regarding a Master Plan for water is set for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Mayor updated the Board on recent grants applied for by the LDC to improve Main Street facades and apartments over store fronts. He also informed the Board that the LDC has been awarded a grant to celebrate Flag Day with a 2013 Arts Festival to be held in the Village next spring.

Trustee McCormick commented that the Village spends approximately \$50,000 per month for health insurance and that he would like to see more employees participating in paying towards their health insurance. Trustee McCormick commented that he would like to speak to Chief Scott about overtime in the Police Department. He commented that he would like to propose a change to how water users are charged when breaks occur. He would like the Board to look at the WWTP and how inflow levels during storms seems to double and what can be done. Trustee McCormick commented that he would like to see more people shop locally to keep our businesses alive and growing. Trustee McCormick read the water report for the month and reported the reservoir was at 93% capacity.

Trustee Flynn thanked Mr. Rodriguez, owner of My Town Marketplace, for hosting movie night last week. Trustee Flynn commented that he would like the Village to pursue obtaining the Memorial Park property. Trustee Flynn read the Building Department report and updated the Board that he

spoke to the Building Inspector to see if more teeth could be put into code enforcement. Trustee Flynn reported that repairs are being made to the bathroom in the upstairs locker room.

Trustee DiSalvo asked the Police Chief to look into the stop signs at the intersection of Main and Homestead, and the one from Main St. onto WP Highway. Trustee DiSalvo has concerns over near accidents in these areas. Trustee DiSalvo reported that he is looking over the fee schedule regarding penalties for parking violations and whether these fees need revision.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter and asked Chief Scott to attend. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

The Village Board entered executive session at 8:19pm.

Trustee McCormick motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:40pm.

Discussion was held on water leaks and breaks and requests for relief of payments. No action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk