

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

June 4, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held at the Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on June 4, 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 Sergeant, Ken Scott
News of Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Fire Chief, John Rush
Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst
Approximately 20 Village Residents

The Mayor presented a Teen Service Award to three deserving young teenagers of the community. The Mayor thanked them for their commitment to their school work and athletics, along with a strong sense of volunteerism for their community.

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

- a) Regular Meeting- May 21, 2012
- b) Special Meeting – May 30, 2012

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Police Department Report for May 2012 was presented to the Board for review.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to appoint Mr. Roberto Zayas a Part Time Police Officer at the starting salary of \$23.55 per hour, step five in the part time police officers contract.

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

5 ayes 0 nays

motion carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to accept the recommendations of the Chief Water Plant Operator, Mr. Kevin Hurst & Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Mr. John Jones for the chemical bids, as presented, for FY 2012 – 2013.

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

5 ayes 0 nays

motion carried. (a copy of the bids is appended to these minutes.)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Mayor signing Addendum #6 to extend the agreement between the Village of Highland Falls and Corporate Services EAP for the year June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013, at the same annual cost of \$1700.00.

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

5 ayes 0 nays

motion carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to reappoint Angelo Tosolini, Randy Meche, James Ramus, Bill Baran and Fred Herman as Volunteer Bog Meadow Caretakers and to issue them a key, free of charge and identification tags.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to accept the low bid from Miracle Recreation for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for \$24, 155.83 for the Center Street Park with funds from the Community Development Rehabilitation Grant.

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

5 ayes 0 nays

motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for FY11-12 for \$18, 665.65 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$ 8,235.84
Water Fund	\$ 1,244.09
Sewer Fund	\$ 5,492.82
Capital Fund	\$ 3,692.90

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 McCormick to approve the bills and claims for FY12-13 for \$250,962.81 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$173,937.24
Section 8	\$ 68,167.81
Water Fund	\$ 4,128.71
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,729.05

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

4 ayes 1 nay (Flynn)

motion carried.

Discussions held during public comment included the following :

1. what is the criteria for handicapped parking on Main Street and that it seems the Village has a large number of them on Main St.
2. an update to when the Center Street Park rehabilitation will begin.
3. an update on the 250 acres.
4. how to obtain a senior citizen parking pass and the age requirement.
5. an update on enforcement of local law 2-2012 and when does the law go into effect.
6. an update on televising of meetings.
7. an update on the communications/dispatch department and 911.
8. the suggestion for the south entrance to the Village and beautification with evergreen trees and sidewalks
9. an update on a recent Police incident on Mearns Avenue that has alarmed many in the community. (the mayor read a press release regarding the situation)

No Board action taken.

Mayor D'Onofrio commented on the following:

1. remember not to block fire escapes with air conditioners
2. thanked the Water, Police and Fire Departments for their cooperation during the handling of a recent accident on 9W.
3. reminded residents of summer activities beginning on West Point and that noise levels will be sporadic during the training months, June through mid-August.
4. Reminded residents of upcoming events to be held in the Village beginning June 1st through the 4th of July.

Trustee Flynn commented on the following:

1. Asked if there was any movement on the Cable Company having to locate an office in the Village. The Mayor responded the Attorney is looking over the contract.
2. agreed that there seems to be a lot of handicapped spots on Main Street.
3. suggested the Village provide a banner to display congratulations to the graduates of West Point and O'Neill HS.
4. Suggested a good looking sign be used on voting day to remind voters the day of.

Trustee McCormick read the Water Department Report for May 2012. Trustee McCormick commented on the following:

1. he reminded people that if you see something, you should say something.
2. suggested the DPW could spruce up the welcome sign on the south end of Main Street with Army or O'Neill decorations and asked if anyone has other suggestions.
3. asked the Board to look at Cornwall's cell tower law.

Trustee DiSalvo made the following comments:

1. thanked the DPW for the great job they did in cleaning up the Village before West Point Graduation.
2. apologized for the bathrooms at Roe Park being closed, but explained that repairs were needed because of mischieviouness.

Trustee Brown reminded residents to keep their sidewalks free of weeds and help improve the appearance of the Village.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular corporation that may lead to the employment of this corporation and asked that Mr. Jim Titolo and the Village Clerk remain for the session.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:15pm.

Trustee McCormick motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:45pm.

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

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk