

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

April 15, 2013

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 April 15, 2013.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn  
Trustee Harold Brown  
Trustee James DiSalvo  
Trustee Robert Mellon  
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott  
Fire Chief, John Rush  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
TOH Ambulance Captain, William Stroppel  
TV Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey  
Approximately 15 Community Residents

The meeting opened with Mayor Flynn and TOH Ambulance Captain, William Stroppel presenting Dispatcher Gwen Specht, a Commendation Lifesaving Award for making sure a dispatched call was received timely and to the appropriate jurisdiction. This award was presented to Dispatcher Specht because with her quick actions, a person survived.

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

a) Special Meeting – March 27, 2013 budget workshop

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

4 Ayes   0 Nays   1 Abstain (Murphy)

motion carried.

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

b) Regular Meeting – April 1, 2013

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

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

a) Special Meeting – April 1, 2013, Reorganization & Tentative Budget hearing

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

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

a) Special Meeting – April 3, 2013, Executive Session

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Mayor appointed Mrs. Dolly Van Zetta and Mrs. Ann Lewis as Senior Citizen Liasons to the Village Board, and Sean Kelly, Jim Stradley, Jr. and Jeremiah Newton as Youth Liasons. The Mayor also corrected the appointment of PBA Union Negotiators from the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. PBA Negotiators are Trustee Barbara Mellon and Trustee Robert Mellon.

Trustee Murphy motioned to recognize that the position of Fire Chief is held by John Rush, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief is held by Erik Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief is held by William Lee, Sr, from April 2013 to April 2014, following elections held on April 2, 2013.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the need to replace the Wastewater Treatment Plant digester mixing system. The Mayor explained that the SEQRA requirements were complied with and that bonding was necessary in order for this project to be started as soon as possible, as the completion of other projects at the WWTP depend on this project being completed first.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Bond Resolution Of The Village of Highland Falls, Adopted April 15, 2013,  
Authorizing the Replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Digester Mixing  
System, Stating that the Estimated Maximum Cost Thereof Is \$400,000.00, Appropriating  
Said Amount Therefor, And Authorizing The Issuance of \$400,000.00 Serial Bonds To  
Finance Said Appropriation.

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

Discussion was held on Main Street parking and the possibility of purchasing stickers to replace the need to put coins in the meters. The Mayor commented that Chief Scott will be gathering price information and more details will follow.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request from the Town of Highlands Police Chief, Jack Quinn to hold a Memorial Day Parade, beginning at Thayer Gate and ending at Memorial Park on May 27, 2013 from 10:00am to twelve noon provided all necessary paperwork is turned into the Village Clerk prior to the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the Girl Scout Fun Fit event for the rain date of Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30am to 4:30pm, for their event at Roe Park, sponsored by Party Time Productions, instead of the pre-approved date of Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn introduced the Association of Defense Communities as a possible membership opportunity for the Village of Highland Falls. The Mayor explained that this is an organization for communities outside Military Installations and possible grants available to them. The Mayor explained that there is online information available to the Board Members to find out more information and that he would also be providing more information in the future.

Mayor Flynn brought to the Board's attention the upcoming NYCOM Training and asked the Board Members to consider attending and to let the Village Clerk know as soon as possible so the meeting schedule can be changed if needed.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve all interested employees to attend a safety seminar in Florida, NY on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 12:00 noon at no cost for the seminar and that all necessary and actual expenses are approved.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve a bake sale, sponsored by Party Time Productions, with proceeds going to March of Dimes, on the sidewalk in front of Sacred Heart Church, 353 Main Street, on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

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

4 Ayes 1 Nay (Brown)

motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$78,423.49 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$65,180.21
Water Fund	\$ 1,103.50
Sewer Fund	\$12,139.78

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to enter 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 8:00pm.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:30pm.

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

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk