

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

July 1, 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 July 1, 2013.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick 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  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Police Chief Kenneth Scott  
Fire Captain, John Rush  
THAC Captain, William Stroppel  
TV Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey  
Approximately 8 Community Residents

Mayor Flynn opened the meeting with a moment of silence for all of our fallen soldiers and the passing of two local residents Max Bayse and Shirley Sabel.

Mayor Flynn reported that the Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson, was looking into a letter received from Mr. Fishburne regarding an issue with the storm drain near his property, and that Pat Patterson would report to the Board after his investigation.

The Police Department Report for June 2013 was presented to the Board for review.  
Trustee Brown presented an update on the operations at the Water Plant.  
Trustee Mellon presented an update on the operations at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Mayor updated the community on the following:

- old flags will be collected at the Police Station until they can be properly disposed of at the Flag Day ceremonies.
- The staff is working on revising the Event Form to include more detail and expectations for events
- Toys can be dropped off at the Holy Innocents thrift shop during their regular hours
- Congratulated the incoming West Point Class of 2017 on R-day.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve that the Village be included in the Town of Highlands Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorize the Village Engineer to work with the Town of Highlands in submitting an LOI (Letter of Intent) by the deadline of July 5, 2013 for participation in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.  
The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – June 17, 2013

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Block Party on Schneider Ave, Prospect Ave and Sweezy Ave from 10:00am to 8pm . The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn motioned to approve the request from Lloyd Lee to provide refreshments at Roe Park on July 6<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm during the concert to be held there on that same day, at those same times. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and on a vote of 1 aye (Flynn) and 4 Nays, the motion did not carry.

Trustee Murphy motioned to appoint Joseph Mesaris a part time dispatcher at \$13.82/hr with the maximum probationary period of 52 weeks.  
The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned that \$2,430.94 be transferred from A5142.4 Snow Removal Contractual to A5110.02 Street Maintenance Equipment to purchase surveillance equipment for the Roe Park area for FY 12-13.  
The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution Designating the New York State Secretary of State

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 this resolution is appended to the minutes.)

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from Anthony Johnson, 215 Main Street, Apt 3, to house a pig, at this address, for therapeutic purposes as was confirmed by a licensed social worker of the Mental Health Association of Rockland County.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Flynn and on a vote of 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (Brown) motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$36,833.57 from the listed funds:

FY 12-13	General Fund	\$2,000.05
	Water Fund	80.00
FY 13-14	General Fund	\$30,191.78
	Water Fund	74.99
	Sewer Fund	4,486.75

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request from the NYS Troopers to hold a Women's Division of the NYS Law Enforcement Tournament at Roe Park on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 6:00pm and on July 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm pending a Certificate of Liability Insurance and necessary paperwork being turned into the Village Clerk prior to the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn requested the Board to consider approving a secretary for the Mayor. He confirmed that it was a position taken out of the budget, however, he would like to see it reinstated for the same salary of \$3,000. The Mayor will have it on the agenda for the next Board meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Flynn reported that he was informed that the power outage last week appears to have been caused by a power surge at the substation and that O & R will receive claims from anyone who had losses or damages as a result of the outage. The claims would have to be submitted to O&R directly and have them handled by O & R.

TOH Ambulance Captain Bill Stroppel commented to the Board that the Highland Falls Fire Department, Ft. Montgomery Fire Department and West Point Fire Department showed great cooperation and professionalism in the last couple of weeks during two very serious motor vehicle accidents that they were called to. Captain Stroppel commented that all should be commended for the teamwork shown.

Trustee DiSalvo reported to the Board on information he had been working on with the former Mayor regarding possible health insurance changes that could contribute to substantial savings for the Village. He urged the current Board members who are negotiating contracts to seriously look at the information.

Trustee Brown motioned to enter into executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter. Motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 7:58 P.M.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to come out of executive session at 8:50 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:50 P.M.

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

The meeting closed at 8:50 P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk