

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

July 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 July 15, 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 Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Member absent was: Trustee James DiSalvo

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Police Chief , Kenneth Scott
Fire Captain, John Rush
Approximately 10 Community Residents

Mayor Flynn opened the meeting with a moment of silence for all of our fallen soldiers and the passing of three local residents William Rafferty, Mary -Terese Hansen and Mark West.

The Mayor announced to the Board and community some upcoming events in the community. The Mayor stated that the Village would remain part of the appeal process on the MTA Litigation. Trustee Murphy encouraged everyone to get behind fighting the MTA tax and commented that it is disturbing that the Village should have to continue with litigation over the tax. The Mayor thanked Col. Rideout , West Point Garrison Commander , for his support in the decision to allow on post deliveries from local establishments to continue without going through a lengthy process for approval.

Trustee Mellon reported on operations continuing as usual in the Wastewater Treatment Plant ;repairs to the digester and grit systems were continuing and a security system has been implemented. Village Treasurer Edward Magryta reported to Board on ideas and suggestions he would like them to consider regarding the financial operations of the Village. These include selection of an audit firm to perform the annual audit, making the year end of May 31st a hard deadline, changing banks to improve efficiency and auditing the finances of any group that is sponsored by the Village. The Building Department Report for June 2013 was presented to the Board for review.

The Mayor reported that he is putting forth a new Independence Day Committee with a goal of having the committee under the auspices of the Town. The Mayor reported that he is starting a new Neighborhood Action Committee to address issues of concern for the community, such as, Main Street, drugs, activities. The Mayor reported that he is working with Time Warner Cable regarding recent outages in the dispatch area which are unacceptable. Time Warner has come up with a solution, however, they would like the Village to renew contracts first. The Mayor also commented that he is taking the position of Mayor's secretary off the table for now.

Discussion was held on purchasing parking stickers, for anyone interested, to alleviate having to feed meters on Main St. The option to feed meters would still be available.

Trustee Mellon motioned for the Village to implement a parking sticker system. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

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

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the Fire Department Carnival at Fickens Field from August 21 to August 24 pending necessary insurance papers are turned into the Village Clerk prior to the event. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the request from the Fire Department to use municipal lot #1 for Fire Department parking for the O.C. Volunteer Firefighters meeting to be held on Thursday, September 26th from 3:00pm to 11:00pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the Street Department employees attending an annual safety/networking seminar on July 18, 2013 in the afternoon, at Orange County Park in Middletown, NY at no cost to the Village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn motioned to approve part time laborer Earl Ceccotti extended to full time laborer, effective July 18, 2013. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to accept the resignation of Part Time Cleaner, Ricky Zwirz, effective July 19, 2013. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown, with regret, and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned that the Clerk advertise for the services of a contractor for cleaning services for the Village Hall and Police Station. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the bills and claims with Trustee Mellon concerned about one voucher, however, upon review of it again, Trustee Mellon was in favor of approving it.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$96,524.94 from the listed funds:

FY 13-14	General Fund	\$14,965.27
	Section 8	\$56,116.00
	Water Fund	\$ 5,213.43
	Sewer Fund	\$20,189.41
	Capital Fund	\$ 40.83

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

3 Ayes 1 Nay (Flynn) 1 Absent (DiSalvo)

motion carried.

The Mayor updated the Board and the community on the status of the acquisition of the K of C Building through the Orange County Community Development grant of \$200,000. The Mayor informed everyone that the sale contract was in the hands of the attorney for review and that everything is moving forward.

Chief Scott requested a change in the parking meter fines before new tickets are printed. The Board informed Chief Scott that a local law will need to be done in order to make the change.

Trustee Murphy motioned to set a public hearing on August 5th at 7:00pm regarding a local law change to Village Code Section 108-34 "Operation of Parking Meters" and Village Code Section 108-48 (b) Offenses and also direct the Village Clerk to publish a Notice of Hearing regarding same.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

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 8:34 P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned to come out of executive session at 9:38 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:38 P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned to promote Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Worker, David Hurst to Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, effective 7/18/13, under Civil Service maximum probationary terms of 26 weeks, with a salary increase of \$1.25/hr per the DPWEA Bargaining Agreement.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 9:40 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk