

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

June 17, 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 June 17, 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  
Fire Captain, John Rush  
Chief Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones  
TV Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey  
Approximately 20 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 John Murchison and Dolly Baker.

No public comment on agenda items

Discussion was held on correspondence received from Mr. Wyman, owner of 18 Mountain Avenue regarding an unusually high sewer bill because of a water filtration system rupture in his boiler room. Mr. Wyman alleges the water did not enter the sewer system. Trustee Mellon suggested that Mr. Wyman's request be treated like the request from Mrs. Diadio at the last Board meeting and asking Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst, to validate the claim that the break did not enter the sewer system, and if so, Mr. Wyman's sewer charge be reduced in the same formula use to determined Mrs. Diadio's sewer bill. Trustee Murphy clarified the contents of Mr. Wyman's request and explained why he was requesting the sewer bill be reduced. Trustee Murphy also clarified that Mr. Wyman did pay his water bill in its entirety. The Mayor agreed that Trustee Mellon's suggestion be taken and the Clerk will make adjustments only if after clarification from the Chief Water Plant Operator, the water break did not enter the sewer system.

Trustee Mellon reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is running as usual.

Trustee DiSalvo presented the Building Department report for May 2013.

Mayor Flynn updated the public on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and informed everyone that he is working with the Town and County about making this plan a joint plan for the Town and Village.

Mayor Flynn updated the public on the status of the Community Development Block Grant award of \$200,000 for the acquisition of the K of C building. Mayor Flynn read an email from the director of the CDBG program that the award of \$200,000 is assured and correspondence will follow shortly.

Mayor Flynn informed the community that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee is a separate committee, not run under the Village government. He emphasized that the organization is like any other outside organization, ie Vision, Garden Club or Scouts. Questions regarding 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities should be addressed to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee.

Mr. Ed Bates, former resident, spoke briefly about an idea to create a memorial walkway somewhere in Roe Park to honor past residents and ask people to donate pavers in memory of loved ones in order to help fund the project. Mayor Flynn thanked Mr. Bates for coming forward with his idea.

Under old business, Mayor Flynn updated the Board on the idea of parking stickers for Main Street and reported that he would like to see the Board vote on the matter at the next Village Board meeting.

Trustee Murphy clarified for the community that although the Fire Department is dispatched by Orange County, there have been times the Village has had to also dispatch a call. This has resulted in some lifesaving measures, however, she emphasized that in the event the Village dispatches a call in an emergency situation, the County must be notified of the call, and she would like Chief Rush to submit a letter to the Village indicating that in emergency situations, the Village can dispatch the Fire Department.

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

- a) Special Meeting –May 30, 2013
- b) Regular Meeting -June 3, 2013

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter discussion regarding the Mayor appointment of Ed Magryta as Village Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy commented that although the past Treasurer provided excellent service to the Village, with a new administration, change should be expected. Trustee Murphy further commented that she would like to ensure that Mr. Magryta would not be compensated more than the outgoing Treasurer and that the office staff would have no more requirements from the new Treasurer, in the way of office support, than was given to the former Treasurer. The Mayor assured Trustee Murphy and the others that there will be no issues regarding compensation or staff time.

Trustee DiSalvo responded he would like the Board to have more time to discuss this appointment and the qualifications submitted.

Mayor Flynn responded that after having checked with NY Conference of Mayors that it was his appointment to make and that he needed Board approval, that if someone does not agree, they should vote accordingly.

Mayor Flynn motioned to appoint Edward Magryta the Village Treasurer to fill the term to April 2015, with the compensation as stated in the 2013-2014 budget for Village Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

3 Ayes 2 Nays (Trustee Brown/Trustee DiSalvo)

motion carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to appoint Mario Strianese, a Part Time Police Officer at \$23.55/hr (step 5 of the PT Police Contract), as recommended by the Police Chief.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to appoint Michael Murphy, a Part Time Dispatcher @\$13.82/hr, as recommended by the Police Chief. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request from Mr. TC Selby to use Roe Park field/pavilion/bathrooms for "A Tribute to our Troops Concert" on Saturday, July 6, 2013 from 3:00p.m.-7:00p.m. , but with no guarantee of 3-4 police officers or an ambulance standing by.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Mayor asked the Clerk to inform Mr. Selby that he would need to contact with Police Chief Scott and the Town of Highlands Ambulance Corp directly regarding these requests.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request from the Hudson Valley Women's Association to hold a basketball tournament at Roe Park on Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00p.m. -7:00p.m. and Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. pending insurance certificates are provided to the Village Clerk before the start of the event. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the EAP Services Agreement, addendum #7, renewal for the FY 2013-2014 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Concert to be held in Memorial Park on Saturday June 30, 2013 from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bed Races, to be held July 3<sup>rd</sup> on Main Street, from Purple Heart Drive to the Post Office, beginning at 5:00p.m.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 5K Race, to be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at Memorial Park, south to Old Rte. 218 and back to Memorial Park, from 7:30a.m. to 10:30a.m.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, to be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>, down Main Street, beginning at Buffalo Soldier Field, West Point, and ending at the Hacienda Restaurant on south Main St., from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities and Fireworks ( fireworks rainedate-July 5<sup>th</sup>) to be held at Roe Park, following the Parade, approximate time of 5:00p.m. to 11:00p.m.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve request from the Fire Chief to take engine 430 to Hudson Valley Volunteer Fireman's Association event in Glens Falls, NY on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$297,486.29 from the funds listed below:

FY 12-13	General Fund	\$31,349.34
	Water Fund	\$ 5,126.86
	Sewer Fund	\$ 8,849.82
	Capital Fund	\$88,933.36
FY 13-14	General Fund	\$139,156.10
	Water Fund	\$ 7,496.71
	Sewer Fund	\$ 16,574.10

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A discussion was held on the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program and prior funding from the Village. The Mayor commented that the FY 13-14 budget does include funds of \$7,000.00 under Youth Programs and historically, these funds have gone to the BBBS program.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the \$7,000.00 budgeted funds in the Youth Programs line be earmarked for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

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

The Board entered into executive session at 8:28 P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned to come out of executive session at 8:52 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:52 P.M.

Discussion was held on possible utilization of County and State Police for assistance with large events, ie the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, concerts at Roe Park. No action taken.

Trustee Brown motioned to have the Village Attorney make contact with the Knights of Columbus Attorney regarding the necessary steps to prepare for a closing on the K of C building to the Village of Highland Falls. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:56 P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk