

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

October 7, 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 October 7, 2013.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Flynn at 7:07 P.M.

Members present were:

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

Member Absent:

Trustee Harold Brown

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
Kevin Coffey, TV Camera Operator

Approximately 20 Community Residents

Mayor Flynn opened the meeting with a moment of silence for all of our fallen soldiers and the passing of local residents, Garry Lent and Betty Nielson.

Mayor Flynn introduced Stu Burton, a representative from "I Donate Goods, Inc." the organization that supplies the green recycle bins in the community. Mr. Burton explained the program and how donations are kept within the community. Mr. Burton presented two checks to the community. One (1) for \$250.00 for the American Legion and one (1) for \$500.00 to the Village of Highland Falls.

Trustee Mellon motioned to accept the \$500.00 check from "I Donate Goods, Inc." for the Village of Highland Falls and stipulate that the funds be used to set up an account reserved for the maintenance and operations of the Senior Citizen Facility.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Department Head reports were presented as listed below and filed:

Mayor Flynn presented the Water Department report and the Street Department report for the month of September 2013.

Trustee Murphy presented the Fire Chief's report for September 2013 and thanked the Village Board and the community for their support during the O.C. Fireman's Parade and surrounding events.

Trustee DiSalvo presented the Building Department Report for the month of September 2013. Police Chief Scott presented the Police Report for the month of September 2013.

Mayor Flynn brought to the Board's attention that in conjunction with the Town and Village Board's agreeing to reduce the membership of the Consolidated ZBA from seven to five, the Intermunicipal Agreement – Consolidated ZBA Agreement should also be reviewed at this time. Trustee Murphy agreed to be the Village Board liaison to the Town regarding this matter.

Trustee Mellon motioned to go out for a re-bid of the WWTP sludge digester roof and coping replacement as recommended by the Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson, PE.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on 21 Hillside Ave regarding the "paper road" portion of Hillside Ave and the Village's responsibility to pave and maintain that portion. No Board Action taken at this time. The Mayor reported that a decision should be made at the next Village Board meeting.

Discussion was held on 96 Mearns Ave and the request for a "resident only" parking sign in front of the property. Some Board members would like to visit area before making any decision. Consensus was that a "Do Not Block Driveway" might be the more appropriate signage. The Mayor reported that a decision should be made at the next Village Board meeting.

Trustee Mellon motioned that the Mayor be authorized to sign an Agreement with Morwood Oaks Management Associates, LLC to conduct an audit of the franchise and gross utilities receipts.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned that TAM Enterprises should put their proposal in writing regarding acceptance of the WWTP Fiberglass chemical storage tank and removal of it in exchange for removing some electrical piping and guardrail posts at the WWTP and authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal as long as he and the Chief WWTP Operator are in agreement with the contents of the proposal.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held regarding the painting of the interior of the digester tank and the class A license requirement to run the Town WWTP. On the recommendation of the Village Engineer it was decided not to paint the interior of the tank at this time. Trustee Mellon responded that he would speak with the Town Supervisor regarding whether the Town is still interested in the possibility of the Village running the Town WWTP and how it can be facilitated.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the below listed minutes:

a) Regular Meeting – September 16, 2013

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to open the Public Hearing on Notice of Failure to Remedy Violation and Unsafe Building for the property located at 84 Mearns Ave., section 105-1-1.1.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The public hearing opened at 7:47pm.

There was no representative of the property present for the public hearing. Trustee DiSalvo motioned to table the public hearing for the property located at 84 Mearns Ave. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. The hearing was tabled at 7:48pm.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution Introducing Local Law
And Providing For Public Notice And Hearing
“Reduction in Membership of the Consolidated Board of Appeals”

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
“In Support of Keeping the St. Luke’s Cornwall ER Open Full-Time”

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
“Resolution Requesting Real Property Tax Exemption
Of the Village Owned Water Supply Property”

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve Nugent and Haeussler, PC to perform the annual audit for fiscal year ending May 2013 for the cost of \$20,250.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo, upon the recommendation of the Police Chief, motioned to approve the appointment of Peter Boutros as a Part Time Police Officer with maximum probation and at the rate of \$19.65/hr, the starting salary in in the PT Police Union Contract.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo, upon the notification of the Police Chief, motioned to complete the probation of the following Part Time Officers: Robert LaGrow, Roberto Zayas, and Joseph Mercurio.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve as Trustees and signatories for the “Service Award Trust” the following: Village Clerk Regina Taylor; Village Treasurer Edward Magryta; Village Trustee Robert Mellon.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request for training from the Village Clerk and Village Treasurer to attend the NYS GFOA Governmental Accounting Essentials Program, October 28th -30th in Montgomery, NY at the cost of \$240.00/pp and mileage reimbursement.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request for training from the Street Superintendent to attend the NYCOM Public Works Training in Lake Placid, NY from Oct 20th to Oct 23rd at the cost of \$375.00 for lodging and \$245.00 for registration and mileage reimbursement.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Mayor to sign the Annual Civil Rights Certification for the PHA regarding the Section 8 Program.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve Earl Ceccotti as a member of the Highland Falls Fire Department, effective immediately.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request from Joseph D’Onofrio to hold a “Dog Social” at Roe Park on Sunday, October 27th from 1-2pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from Joseph D’Onofrio to hold a fundraiser “Cancer Walk”, Sunday, October 20th from 1-3pm around the pond on Roe Avenue in Roe Park.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mellon to approve the bills and claims for \$325,585.36 from the listed funds:

FY 13-14	General Fund	\$49,353.44
	Section 8	\$55,687.00
	Water Fund	\$12,603.70
	Sewer Fund	\$32,511.40
	Capital Fund	\$175,429.82

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution Introducing Local Law
And Providing for Public Notice And Hearing
“Amendment to the Property Maintenance Law”

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution Introducing Local Law
And Providing for Public Notice And Hearing
“Surcharge and Interest Charge For Snow and Ice Removal”

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter into executive session to discuss DPWEA contract negotiations.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The Board entered into executive session at 8:49 P.M.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to come out of executive session at 9:12 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:12 P.M.

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

The meeting closed at 9:12 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk