

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

August 18, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held at the Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY on August 18, 2014.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:10 P.M.

Members present were:

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

Member Absent was:

Trustee Anthony Farina

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta  
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
TOH Ambulance Captain, William Stoppel  
Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey  
Approximately 4 Community Residents

Mayor Flynn welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a moment of silence for all our fallen soldiers.

Mayor Flynn welcomed Captain J.D. Mohundro, stationed at West Point. Cpt. Mohundro came to offer the Board an opportunity to have West Point Cadets participate in community service projects. Cpt. Mohundro would like to coordinate with the Village to have a list of reasonable projects that the cadets could help execute and hopefully bring the two communities together in accomplishing these projects. Cpt. Mohundro stressed that the Village would have to get the list of projects together and then contact with Cpt. Mohundro to get the projects completed. The Mayor and Board thanked Cpt. Mohundro for bringing this initiative forward and look forward to the two communities working together to get things accomplished.

The Mayor reported that the next Chamber of Commerce meeting would be held on Tuesday at Loma's Restaurant. He encouraged all businesses to attend. The Mayor reported that he is working with different groups to coordinate events that take place in the community to avoid residents having a conflict on which events to attend, for example, the Mayor is working with Vision on the 9/11 ceremony and other groups to coordinate Halloween events. The Mayor gave a brief synopsis of the Section 8 program. The Mayor spoke about his vision for the community. He would like to see the development of the lands on 9W and would like to see more industrial and commercial properties developed that will bring benefits to Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery and West Point.

The Mayor thanked the Town of Highlands for moving forward with the water agreement and for adding the Town Historian's salary into the Town General Fund A. Finally the Mayor reported that he would like to set up a preliminary meeting with the Town Police Commissioner, Town Police Chief and the Village's counterparts to open discussions on possible consolidation.

The Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta, presented a verbal report to the Village Board, topics which included : monthly financial updates, BAN consolidation offering on 7/22/14, AUD preparation in progress, reviewing water fund and rates needed to sustain department activities, recent tax certiorari's received.

Trustee Mellon presented the Building Department Report for June and July 2014.

Trustee Mellon presented the Wastewater Treatment Plant Report for July 2014.

Trustee Murphy expressed thanks from the Fire Department to all the parties involved in both acquiring a loaner engine and getting the emergency repairs to 429 taken care of. Trustee Murphy also reminded everyone that the Fireman's Carnival will be held August 20-23<sup>rd</sup> on Fickens Field.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the below listed minutes as follows:

a) Regular Meeting – August 4, 2014

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from Vision, Town of Highlands to extend the Farmer's Market from October 26<sup>th</sup> to November 2, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request from the JBK Football Program to hold a parade down Main Street, from the Gray Line Eatery to Memorial Park, on September 5, 2014 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from Steven Terry to reschedule the Basketball Hoops Challenge at the Roe Park Basketball Court to Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from noon to 7:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned the following:

Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
2014-2015 Budget Amendment

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 Mellon motioned to approve the request from the Village Treasurer to attend the Advanced Accounting School in Malta, NY from September 3-5 at the cost of \$85.00 for the school and that all actual and necessary expenses are approved, nte \$500.00.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve rescheduling the Village Board meeting from Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> to Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the Labor Day Holiday.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$39,165.39 from the following listed funds:

FY 14-15	General Fund	\$16,597.05
	Water Fund	\$ 930.42
	Sewer Fund	\$21,637.92

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Public Comments:

Mr. Dennis McSharar, 11 Schneider Ave., addressed the Board on some quality of life issues on his street, for example, loud music, cleaning of the streets and people not picking up after their dogs.

Mrs. Loma Yehl, owner of Sidestreet Saloon, 8 Schneider Ave., addressed the Board on the loud music complaint.

Trustee Mellon motioned to enter executive session to discuss purposed or current litigation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:17P.M

Trustee Murphy motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:24P.M. No action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 10:24P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor,  
Village Clerk