

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

February 3, 2014

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 February 3, 2014.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:05 P.M.

Members present were:

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

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Police Chief, Ken Scott
Fire Chief, Steve Suarez
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
2 Village Residents

Mayor Flynn opened the meeting with a moment of silence for all our fallen soldiers and community members who have passed away since our last meeting.

Trustee Murphy read the Fire Department Report for January 2014.

Police Chief Scott read the Police Department Report for January 2014.

Trustee Mellon read the Building Department Report for January 2014.

Discussion was held on the engineering services offered by Barton and Loguidice, PC and the grant writing services they proposed. Mayor Flynn commented that although the Village Board is happy with their proposal, there is no money in the budget at this time to move forward with the grant application under their proposal. The Mayor further commented that during upcoming budget sessions this could certainly be entertained again. No action taken at this time.

Discussion was held on the proposal from Fatsis and Associates, LLP to handle VTL Court Prosecutorial Services. The Mayor commented that Mr. Fatsis is local and has offered a flat rate of \$8500.00 annually for the services which will help the Village save some money based on the current trend. The Mayor commented that providing a flat rate will benefit the Village during the budget process.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve the proposal from Fatsis and Associates, LLP to handle VTL Court Prosecutorial Services. The motion was seconded by Mayor Flynn and unanimously carried.

The Mayor commented to the Board that he would like them to consider hiring a part time grant writer. There was no action taken at this time.

The Mayor reported that the local access Channel 23 was still not in service, but reminded the public that the meetings could still be seen on Youtube through the Village website.

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

a) Regular Meeting – January 22, 2014

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned the following:

Resolution
Vehicle & Traffic
Village of Highland Falls

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

5 Ayes 0 Nay

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

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution for Final Notice and
Termination of Service for Unpaid Water Bills
For: May & November 2013

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

5 Ayes 0 Nay

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

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the request for the Village Hall staff to attend a Workman's Compensation sponsored Safety Seminar, Thursday, February 6th in Monroe, N.Y., from 9:30am –noon, with mileage reimbursement.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$94,398.84 from the following listed funds:

FY 13-14	General Fund	\$21,758.43
	Section 8	\$62,991.30
	Water Fund	\$ 6,855.31
	Sewer Fund	\$ 2,793.80

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Mr. Ned Kopald addressed the Board in reference to cell towers and the need for a local law enacted by the Village Board to protect the municipality and community from the upcoming FCC actions that will lessen control of local Boards over these areas. Mayor Flynn responded that he will be sending the Village Attorney copies of the Town law currently in place and another community's law and have him draft something for the Village as soon as possible. The Mayor would like to proceed as quickly as possible on this matter.

Trustee Murphy commented that she would like to see a Citizen(s) of Distinction recognition similar to past Women of Distinction's recognitions that took place in March. Trustee Murphy commented that she would like to contact with the Town Supervisor about this and spearhead it as being a Town-wide event. Trustee Murphy commented that she would like to see a nomination process and a recognition social be held, possibly at the Library, with little cost, and be held possibly in May.

The Village Board was in agreement and supportive of Trustee Murphy's suggestion.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter and contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:45pm.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:42pm.

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

The meeting closed at 9:42pm.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk