

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

January 6, 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 January 6, 2014.

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

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Member Absent:

Trustee Harold Brown

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Police Chief, Ken Scott
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
Town Councilwoman, Adrienne Voltaire
School Board members, Patrick Kelly, Gus Koutsourades
TV Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey
Approximately 15 Community Residents

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

Trustee Murphy read the Fire Department Report for December 2013 and introduced Steve Suarez as the new Fire Chief after the December elections, as well as the other Officers for calendar year 2014.

Police Chief Scott read the Police Department Report for December 2013.

Mayor Flynn reported on the following:

- a. DPW activities during the recent snow events and reported that he had compliments and criticisms and will take both back to the department. The Mayor thanked Kevin Hurst for overseeing the Department while it is without a supervisor along with Walter Ford and Pablo Pulido for stepping up within the department to keep things running.
- b. Meter Parking Stickers are now available for residents and non-residents and can be purchased at the Village Hall.
- c. an informational meeting attended by representatives from the State and the Town regarding consolidation of the DPW's. The Mayor reported more investigation is needed and that both the Town and Village will be working on this in upcoming months.
- d. Martin Luther King Holiday approaching and Mrs. Clayborne is looking for groups and individuals to participate in the annual parade and ceremonies to be held on Monday, January 20th.
- e. Introduced Elder Felder and Elder Fox, two individuals who are willing to help seniors, community residents or businesses that might need small jobs done.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – December 16, 2013

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution
General Village Election
Village of Highland Falls

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 3 Ayes 0 Nay 1 Absent (Brown)
motion carried. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes).

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution
Vehicle and Traffic
Village of Highland Falls
Handicap Parking Space-Schneider Ave

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 3 Ayes 0 Nay 1 Absent (Brown) motion carried. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes).

Trustee Murphy motioned to recognize that the position of Fire Chief is held by Steve Suarez, 1st Assistant Chief is held by Erik Smith and 2nd Assistant Chief is held by William Lee, Sr, from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 following elections held on December 3, 2013.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve new Highland Falls Fire Department member, Clarissa Scarano, effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
2013-2014 Budget Amendment

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 3 Ayes 0 Nay 1 Absent (Brown) motion carried. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes).

Trustee Murphy motioned that all Village employees who are required to attend Public Employee Safety and Health (PEOSH) training seminars are authorized to do so in the calendar year 2014.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request from the Village Clerk to attend an Election Workshop at the Board of Elections in Goshen, NY on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at no cost, and that mileage reimbursement be approved.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mellon to approve the bills and claims for \$264,562.02 from the following listed funds:

FY 13-14	General Fund	\$81,043.09
	Section 8	\$58,426.00
	Water Fund	\$ 8,181.11
	Sewer Fund	\$116, 911.82

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution
Vehicle and Traffic
Village of Highland Falls
Handicap Parking Space-Prospect St.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 3 Ayes 0 Nay 1 Absent (Brown) motion carried. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes).

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve that the first parking space on the northwest side of Brennan's Way (Webb Lane) be reserved for local business' delivery vehicles.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Public Comment-

Merv Livsey, 107 Mountain Ave, commented that the fill put onto his property was determined to be clean and that he is going to begin the New Year with a clean slate and hopes the rest of the community will do also.

Patrick Kelly, Ondaora Pkwy, -Asked if the Board could make sure the sidewalks to and around the schools are cleaned after snowstorms for all those that walk to school. Also introduced Adrienne Voltaire as the School Board liason to both the Town and Village Boards.

James Ramus, 31 Liberty Street, voiced his concern over the consolidation talks and asked the Board to please provide as much information as possible before any kind of a vote is taken.

Gus Koutsourades, 156 Main St, wished the Board success this year and reminded them anything good is worth fighting for.

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

The Board entered executive session at 8:24pm.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:43pm.

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

The meeting closed at 9:43pm.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk