

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

March 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 March 3, 2014.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:04 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  
TV Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey  
Approximately 13 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.

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

Trustee Murphy read the Fire Department Report for February 2014.

Mayor Flynn gave an update on the Community Development Rehabilitation Grant to follow up from the previous Board meeting. Mayor Flynn reiterated that use of the grant funds has to comply with requirements of the grant and can only be used in a "target area". Mayor Flynn stated that the Senior Center falls outside the "target area".

As a follow-up to the last meeting regarding the question of fluoride in the water, Mayor Flynn read a letter from the Department of Health commending the Village for including fluoride in the water and the health benefits it provides.

Discussion was held on the proposed cell tower law. Suggested sites were the water plant because it is owned by the Village and on the other side of 9W, even though the Village doesn't own the property. Comments ranged from making sure the setbacks of any proposed tower should be 1000ft from schools, playgrounds or any place children play. Trustee Murphy commented that she would like to see put into the law that cell towers are required to put up an escrow account to cover any removal costs of the tower when it is no longer needed.

The Mayor asked the Board members to get any other comments they might have to the Village Attorney so that the law can be introduced at the next Board meeting.

The Mayor updated the Board on some emergency repairs that are needed. The acting Supervisor of the DPW, Kevin Hurst, reported that the case loader engine died during the last snow storm. He informed the Board that a proposal to replace the engine came in for approximately, \$32,000.00. The belt press on the elevator in the Wastewater Treatment Plant broke and the cost to repair is approximately \$6,300.00. The Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator explained that the belt press is needed to remove sludge.

The Mayor informed the Board that the Village Attorney is working on a Social Media Policy.

Trustee Murphy asked the Board to consider the request from the Fire Department to utilize funds from this year's budget for the purchase of new Chief's vehicle and have the current vehicle passed down for the Assistant Chiefs to use and lessen liability concerns of the Chiefs using personal vehicles.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve a transfer use of funds from the current 2013-2014 budget for a new Chief's vehicle and approve the Fire Department to get bids on a new vehicle.

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

3 Ayes 2 Nays (Trustee Mellon & Trustee Brown)

motion carried.

Discussion was held on the demolition of 109 Center Street due to unsafe conditions as outlined in a report from the Village Engineer and inspection from the Building Inspector.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution and Order  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Unsafe Building Determination and Order  
109 Center Street  
Tax Map No. 103-20-4

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 5 Ayes 0 Nays  
Motion carried. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

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

- a) Regular Meeting – February 18, 2014
- b) Special Meeting-February 18, 2014
- c) Special Meeting-February 19, 2014 (budget)
- d) Special Meeting-February 24, 2014 (budget)
- e) Special Meeting-February 26, 2014 (budget)

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned the following:

Resolution Introducing Local Law  
And Providing for Public  
Notice and Hearing  
“Amendment to Jukeboxes and Live Entertainment Code”

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 5 Ayes 0 Nays  
motion carried. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

A motion was made by Trustee Mellon to approve change order #3 from Tam Enterprises, Inc. for \$2,532.00 for 2 six inch valves for the Digester Mixing Equipment System, per the recommendation from the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve Justin Lee as a Part-time Parking Enforcement Officer at \$13.25/hr with maximum probation of 52 weeks.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned the following:

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

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 5 Ayes 0 Nays  
Motion carried. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve reimbursement costs for the Treasurer to attend the NYS Association of Towns meeting held in NYC, not to exceed \$160.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$186,816.03 from the following listed funds:

FY 13-14	General Fund	\$49,182.22
	Section 8	\$57,912.65
	Water Fund	\$ 8,000.82
	Sewer Fund	\$ 63,720.34
	Capital Fund	\$ 8,000.00

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

Sandra Capriglione, 26 Kings Rd., addressed the Board regarding a FOIL request she submitted in reference to the Senior Center, asking for cost estimates as mentioned at the last Board meeting. Trustee Mellon responded that his cost estimates were given as part of a verbal discussion with Mr. Jim Titolo after his inspection of the building. The Mayor also responded that the Village is working on getting it opened.

Joan Cronin, Eagle Valley, addressed the Board regarding the Senior Center to inform them that Assemblyman Skoufis got the seniors a grant for tables and chairs.

Board Comment:

Trustee Murphy thanked Fran Galu for stepping up to help with the fundraising for the Senior Center and mentioned that Fran Galu has applied for a DUSA Grant on their behalf.

Trustee Mellon responded he is anxious for the current budget process to be over so the Village can see if the Village can set aside funds for the Senior Center.

Trustee Farina commented that he would like to see the Board look for grants for sidewalks from Ondaora Park to O'Neill High School. Trustee Farina commented that he would like the youth to be thought about in a similar way as seniors.

Trustee Brown motioned to enter executive session for contractual purposes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:10pm.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:39pm.

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

The meeting closed at 8:39pm.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk