

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

May 19, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in the Highland Falls Library, 298 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY on May 19, 2014.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:29 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
Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey
Chamber of Commerce President, Tom Ossa
William J Florence, Esq. Village Attorney
Alfred A. Fusco, Jr., P.E. Village Engineer
Approximately 10 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, especially Helen Armstrong, Ruth Marcolina, Patricia Stair, Oliva Steinke.

Trustee Murphy motioned to open a public hearing on the Village's submission of the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. The hearing opened at 7:29P.M.

Mayor Flynn reported that the hearing had been properly advertised in the newspaper and on the website. The Mayor asked if anyone had questions regarding the application.

Sandy Capriglione, 26 Kings Rd., asked what the Village would be applying for, how many years the Village was applying for, if recreation would be involved and how funds are dispersed if awarded.

Trustee Murphy responded that the Village is looking at the list of repairs needed at the Senior Center that was put together by a Community resident who volunteered his engineering services. Trustee Murphy also responded that the Village Engineer, Al Fusco, made a site visit and he is working on putting all the information together. Trustee Murphy then introduced Mr. Al Fusco, Jr. P.E., Village Engineer to give particulars about the application process.

Mr. Fusco explained what the Community Development Block Grant Program is and the kind of projects it supports, for example, infrastructure, and that senior projects and handicapped accessibility projects garner extra credit. Mr. Fusco elaborated that infrastructure could mean blacktopping, sidewalks or improving facilities and that things of that nature must meet lower income levels of the areas that are chosen, however, if you are looking at townwide facilities such as senior or handicap accessibility, lower or moderate income level are not necessary.

Mr. Fusco further explained that the application process allows for funding a one year, two year or three year project. One year projects would be a maximum of \$125,000, two year would be a maximum of \$250,000, and three year would be a maximum of \$375,000. Mr. Fusco explained that if you qualify for a two or three year project, you cannot put in another application until 2017 or 2018, respectively. Mr. Fusco explained that projects are scored and ranked. He explained that applications with lots of support for the project are looked upon very favorably during the review process and that senior and handicap facilities usually score very well. Mr. Fusco responded that the public hearing is being held to help in the decision for what type of project and how many years, however, it looks like it will be a two year application.

Finally, Mr. Fusco explained that the funding is reimbursable and paid out upon contractors submission of vouchers upon completion of the projects. Once the contractor is paid, the Village can put in for the reimbursement. Trustee Murphy added that the funding can be received all in the first year. Trustee Murphy also pointed out that it's important for the Village to show its commitment to the project and use the funds budgeted for the senior center to get things rolling. Mr. Fusco pointed out that the funding, if awarded, will not be available until the May 2015 timeframe. Trustee Murphy responded to Sandy Capriglione's question on the Town providing recreation for the seniors.

Trustee Murphy explained that her draft letter to the Town suggested, based on input from the seniors, that the Town could facilitate senior recreation programs through the Town Recreation Department and stress townwide senior use of the facility.

Trustee Murphy thanked all those who have already submitted letters of support to be included with the application and emphasized that more are welcome.

After all questions were asked and all comments heard, Trustee Mellon motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. The hearing closed at 7:40pm.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Supporting and Concurring in the Orange County
Community Development Block Grant Program
FY-2015 Funding Application
Municipal Grant Program

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

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

Trustee Mellon read the Wastewater Treatment Plant report for April 2014.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Ed Magryta. The topics discussed included the following:

1. monthly financial updates-revenue and expense control reports,
2. Village credit rating upgrade to AA-
3. FY 2013/2014 year ends on May 31, 2014. Final bills and claims to be approved May 29, 2014 unless encumbered.
4. Independence Day Committee funds have been reconciled and well accounted for.

Tom Ossa, Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Board regarding a Municipal Marketing Plan for the Village. No Board action was taken at this time regarding the proposal.

The Mayor's report included the following topics:

Mayor Flynn thanked the Library for the use of the Community Room to hold this Board meeting. Introduction of Mr. William Florence as the Village Attorney and Mr. Alfred A. Fuscso, Jr. as the Village Engineer. Upcoming events, i.e. , Memorial Day, WP Graduation and School Board elections and budget vote. A "no smoking area" be established in the Roe Park area around the children's playground . Recent meeting held with Reverend Carter and Reverend Miller regarding the youth in the community and job opportunities. The Old Guard Hotel Project and the Board support of the project, but not support of the level of tax abatements being considered. Removal of parking meters was discussed and no board action was taken.

A discussion on the Recreation Agreement was held. The Mayor indicated he would like to get rid of this agreement altogether. The Mayor reported the agreement is not pertinent for today and a new agreement should be written that better defines responsibilities of the boards.

Trustee Mellon motioned to allow the Mayor to sign a sixty day notice to the Town regarding cancellation of the 1982 Recreation Agreement, or to cancel sooner if both Town Board and Village Board agree.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the request from ESC (Energy Curtailment Specialists) to have the Village join their program that would provide the Village payments for taking the Wastewater Treatment Plant off the energy grid and using generator power during peak demand times. Trustee Murphy was concerned with a five year commitment. The paperwork received from ESC did not clearly show a one year "opt out" as was discussed at the previous board meeting. The Mayor responded that he would again ask that the contract clearly state a one year "opt out" of the program.

A letter from Mrs. Ross, 1 Satterlee Grove, referencing a high water bill and any consideration that may be given, was addressed by the Board. Trustee Mellon reported that Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst, reported to him that there was a leak in the customer's residence and the bill reflects that. Trustee Mellon reported that Mr. Hurst would speak to Mrs. Ross about this matter and that the bill will not be adjusted.

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

a) Regular Meeting – May 5, 2014

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve setting a special meeting for Thursday, May 29th at 9:00am, the purpose to pay fiscal year end bills and claims.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the Mayor to sign the Roe Park pool permit renewal application for the Department of Health.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the proposal from Tam Enterprises, Inc for \$1,400.00 to jet and clean the sewer main.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$12,000.00 from F.8310.0400 Water Admin. Contractual to A.0000.2801 General Interfund Revenue to cover Village Hall administration of water billing and collection.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$12,000.00 from G.8110.0400 Sewer Admin. Contractual to A.0000.2801 General Interfund Revenue to cover Village Hall administration of sewer billing and collection.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$120,000.00 from F.000.200 Water Fund cash to G.0000.200 Sewer Fund cash to repay a borrowing.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Mellon to approve the bills and claims for \$47,297.81 from the following listed funds:

FY 13-14	General Fund	\$29,437.82
	Water Fund	\$ 3,500.24
	Sewer Fund	\$14,359.75

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Public Comments:

Dorothy Pantano, bookkeeper for Philip Galu, addressed the Board concerning invoices submitted on behalf of Mr. Galu for snow removal performed for the Village in February. Ms. Pantano wanted to know why Mr. Galu had not been paid to date.

Mayor Flynn responded and said a meeting would be set up with Kevin Hurst, Mr. Galu and himself to discuss the situation.

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

The Board entered executive session at 8:54p.m.

Trustee Mellon motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 10:05p.m.

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

The meeting closed at 10:05p.m.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk