

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

February 17, 2015

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 17, 2015.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:00 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
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey
Approximately 6 community members

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

Mayor Flynn recognized Trustee Brown who will be retiring from the Board in April, and acknowledged his many community achievements and organizations that he was, or currently is, still involved with. The Mayor proceeded to read a Board Resolution to express their appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Brown's 23 years of service on the Village Board. (a copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes)

Mayor Flynn thanked Dr. Nowaz for his persistence to the DOT and local representatives, to help ensure stop signs were installed at the crossroads of Mountain Ave and Stony Lonesome. Mayor Flynn also thanked community resident Ann Molina who is working very hard to keep The Center operational and able to provide much needed services to the community, especially the youth.

Mayor Flynn presented a report on the Senior Center that was provided by Fran Galu, the Village Board's liaison to the Center. In her report, Ms. Galu informed the Board of the repairs necessary since the frozen water pipes broke in January causing damages to the floor, furnace and pipes. Ms. Galu explained that insurance will cover these repair costs. Requests from Ms. Galu included purchasing housekeeping items that will be necessary once the building is able to be occupied again, i.e. garbage cans, garbage bags, paper towels, toilet paper etc and kitchen supplies, i.e. coffee, tea, sugar, etc.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve the two year contract proposal from Time Warner Cable to supply phone, TV cable, and internet service to the Senior Center for \$147.99 per month, with free installation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously approved.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve the purchase of garbage cans, housekeeping items, and kitchen supplies for the Senior Center at a cost, not to exceed, \$200.00 and for Ms. Galu to work with the Village Treasurer on the purchasing of these items.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The WWTP Department Report for January 2015 was presented by Trustee Mellon to the Board.

The Treasurer's Report for February 2015 was presented by Treasurer Magryta. Topics of discussion included the following:

1. Monthly Financial Updates –Revenue and Expense Control Reports available to the Board
2. Budget meetings scheduled. First meeting is Wednesday February 18th.
3. Debt Service has been reviewed and BAN public offering (\$1,532,500) is scheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 2015.
4. 2014 AUD submission was certified by OSC. Copy available for review. Still waiting on audit results.
5. Fund Balances improved over last two years. Suggested a policy on Fund Balances be developed.

Mr. William Florence, the Village's Attorney, explained to the Board that the Developer's Agreement for the Old Guard project was ready for the Board to approve and send to the Old Guard's developers for them to review. Mr. Florence explained the revised document fits in with the Village Planning Board's resolution and it also includes language that states an irrevocable letter of credit will be provided, where necessary, as discussed with the Village Board.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the Developer’s Agreement with the Old Guard Hotel, as revised by the Village Attorney, and fits in with the Village Planning Board resolution, and to forward said document to the Old Guard for their review.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

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

a) Regular Meeting – February 2, 2015

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Office of the Aging Master Contract for \$2,000.00 for grant funds to purchase tables and chairs for the Senior Center.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the DASNY grant application of \$50,000.00 for rehabilitation work in the Senior Center.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Facility Usage/Indemnity Agreement with Sacred Heart Church necessary due to the Village Election being held at Sacred Heart School.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the contractors and their proposals, totaling \$15,371.66, as approved by the insurance carrier, to perform the necessary repairs to the Senior Center from the recent water damage.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
2014-2015 Budget Amendment- Front End Loader.

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

Trustee Brown motioned to authorize Mayor Patrick Flynn, Sargent James Lavelle, Sargent Paul Troy, Jr. and Police Chief Kenneth Scott to sign Stop-DWI contracts for the calendar year 2015 for the Village of Highland Falls.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to accept the resignation of Part Time Police Officer Peter Boutros, effective immediately.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$64,944.08 from the following listed funds:

FY 14-15	General Fund	\$50,573.22
	Water Fund	\$ 5,030.05
	Sewer Fund	\$ 9,340.81

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to add to the agenda a Resolution to give National Development Council authority to designate a winner in the public bid for a consolidated waste water facility.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Village Attorney answered the Board’s questions regarding the resolution and assured them that it does not obligate the Village or expend any taxpayer dollars by approving the resolution. It simple allows the process to continue with the developer assuming the risks.

Trustee Brown motioned the following:

Resolution
Granting National Development Council
Authority To Designate A Winner Of A Public
Bid For A Consolidated Waste Water Plant

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

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Flynn	x		
Trustee Brown	x		
Trustee Farina	x		
Trustee Mellon	x		

motion carried.

Dated: February 17, 2015

Public comment:

James Ramus, 29 Liberty Street, asked the Board about the Village's participation in a municipal consortium to fight proposed electric and gas rate increases from Orange & Rockland, Inc. The Mayor responded to Mr. Ramus that the Village did approve to join the consortium at the last Board meeting, but only for \$500.00.

Mr. Ramus asked consolidation questions regarding the Police department. The Mayor responded that his goal is to have something on the November ballot. The Mayor also informed Mr. Ramus that the Village is in the process of applying for grants that will help the Village come up with the numbers needed to explain cost savings and/or efficiencies and people should wait for those numbers.

Board Comments:

Trustee Farina wanted to let the Board know that the donated TV to the Senior Center that was thought not to work, actually does work.

Trustee Mellon commented that he thinks the plan for the waste water treatment plant seems like a good plan, but he wants to make sure there is no cost to the taxpayer for the concept.

Trustee Murphy commented that she has concerns about the railroad cars that carry hazardous materials along the CSX railroad tracks and would like the Board to sign on to a letter to Senator Larkin to improve these cars and possibly prevent a tragedy in the future.

Trustee Murphy asked if the Budget meeting on March 2nd could start at 6:30pm before the regular meeting. The Treasurer responded that as long as the Board is ok, he will make that change to the schedule.

Trustee Brown thanked all the departments and Board members, past and present, that he has worked with over the 23 years he has been a Board member. Trustee Brown wanted to make sure there is an emergency action plan in place to deal with the upcoming cold spell in the event of power outages. The Mayor responded he will check with the Town's committee on disaster preparedness.

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

The meeting closed at 8:41 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk