

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

February 2, 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 2, 2015.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were:

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

Member Absent was:

Trustee Harold Brown

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey
Approximately 1 community member

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

The Police Department Report for January 2015 was provided to the Board.

The Fire Department Report for January 2015 was presented by Trustee Murphy to the Board.

Mayor Flynn reported that he had been contacted by Daniel Duthie, Esq., an attorney representing a municipal consortium that was forming to fight projected Orange & Rockland Electric and Gas substantial rate increases. The cost for the Village to join would not exceed \$2500.00. Treasurer Magryta recommended that the Board consider joining the group. Trustee Murphy commented that she had contacted with the attorney and did not get answers to some questions she had and was also concerned with the cost since the Village does not use Orange & Rockland for gas, and would not be affected by those rate increases.

Trustee Murphy motioned to join the municipal consortium as long as the cost does not exceed \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

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

a) Regular Meeting – January 20, 2015

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to transfer \$26,273.00 from G1990.1990 Sanitation Contingency to G.8120.0200 Sanitation Equipment per recommendation from Village Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution
General Village Election
Inspectors

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent

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

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$102,803.44 from the following listed funds:

FY 14-15	General Fund	\$11,001.19
	Section 8	\$61,067.01
	Water Fund	\$ 89.32
	Sewer Fund	\$30,645.92

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy reported that both Planning Boards met last week with David Church, Chairman of the Orange County Planning Board and talks continue on the updating of the code books and zoning regulations. Trustee Murphy informed the Board that Mr. Church has volunteered staff to assist in this endeavor and they will also work on providing the Town and Village with updated zoning maps.

James Ramus, Village Planning Board Chairman responded that right now zoning is the main topic, not consolidation of the Planning Boards.

Trustee Murphy commented that the group will continue to meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

Mayor Flynn asked the Board members to review the draft tree law provided by Mr. Ramus for discussion at the next meeting.

Trustee Murphy asked if changes to the jukebox law could be introduced at the next meeting and setting a public hearing to amend the current law. The Mayor responded that he would like to see the law changed to include both live entertainment and jukebox and that the permit fee be \$60.00 for one year, renewable each January. The Mayor commented that this would be done for the next meeting.

Mr. Ramus addressed the Board in public comment regarding consolidation of the Police Departments. The Mayor assured Mr. Ramus that safety is a paramount concern and any employment matters would be negotiated into new contracts.

Mr. Ramus also asked the Board to revisit a proposed riverfront overlay district especially now that zoning is being looked at.

Treasurer Magryta reminded the Board that budget time is upon us. Mr. Magryta stated the tentative must be filed with the Clerk by March 20th and that he has sent department heads notices regarding preparation of their budgets. He would like to see department liaisons work with the Department Heads during preparation.

Treasurer Magryta would like to set the first meeting for Wednesday, February 18th at 7:00pm in Village Hall and for each Monday opposite Board meeting nights for as long as necessary to complete the budget.

The Village Board had no opposition to the Treasurer's recommendation.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter executive session to discuss contracts. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:20P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:37P.M.

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

The meeting closed at 8:37P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk