

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

January 5, 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 January 5, 2015.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:12 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn  
Trustee Harold Brown  
Trustee Robert Mellon

Member Absent was:

Trustee Anthony Farina  
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta  
Village Attorney, William Florence  
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus  
Fire Chief Steve Suarez & newly elected officers of HFFD  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Approximately 5 community members

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

Mayor Flynn swore in the newly elected officers of the HFFD, Chief Steve Suarez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief John Rush, Captain Andrew Patterson, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Ryan Gibson and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Justin Lee.

Trustee Mellon motioned to recognize that the position of Fire Chief is held by Steve Suarez, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief is held by Erik Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief is held by John Rush from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 following the December 2014 elections.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn recognized PT Officers Roberto Zayas and Joseph Mercurio for representing the Village of Highland Falls at the funeral of two slain NYC Police Officers last week.

Mayor Flynn received a donation of \$700.00 from I Donate Goods, Inc. representative Richard Sullivan. The Mayor reported that this donation will be put into the Village's beautification fund.

Mayor Flynn reported that he would be meeting with any members of the Police Department on Thursday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm if they have questions for him. The Mayor also reported that the Village would be hosting an open forum discussion on consolidation on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the HF Library for anyone interested.

Correspondence was received from someone interested in operating a food truck between West Point Gate and the entrance to South Post and also from the property owner of 15 Parry Ave., referencing a large sewer bill.

Discussion was held on the food truck request. Trustee Brown reminded the Board that there is no designated vendor spot in the Village and Mayor Flynn was concerned for the business owners along that route that are paying taxes as well as providing services and welcomed the person to open an empty store front.

Trustee Mellon motioned to deny a food truck between the West Point Gate and the entrance to South Post. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the large sewer bill.

Trustee Mellon motioned to deny the request for relief of the sewer charges from the property owner of 15 Parry Ave. as it is contrary to the official policy of the Village.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Fran Galu, Chairperson of the Senior Center committee, reported who the members of the committee are, updated the Board on items the committee would like to purchase (tables and chairs) and inform them of some minor repairs needed to the center before it can be opened for regular occupancy. Ms. Galu also asked the Board if the committee is authorized to conduct fundraising activities. (The Village Attorney responded that they could).

Mayor Flynn motioned to recognize the committee of the senior center as Chairperson Fran Galu, and members Stella Bailey, Simone Creasy, Joan Cronin, Greg Ripa and Kathy Rose.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to authorize repairs to the senior center to include putting in a handicapped toilet, fixing the bathroom floor and a new water heater, not to exceed \$1,000.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve Eva's Cleaning Service quote of \$150.00 for a one time cleaning of the bathrooms and kitchen at the senior center.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the price from National Business for \$5,144.75 for tables and chairs for the senior center.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

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

a) Regular Meeting – December 15, 2014

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Police Department Report for December 2014 was presented by Mayor Flynn to the Board.

The Fire Department Report for December 2014 was presented by Chief Suarez to the Board.

Trustee Brown motioned to authorize Mayor Patrick Flynn to sign the Contract Extension between the Village of Highland Falls and Joseph E. Mastrianni for services in the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Family Self-Sufficiency Program to March 31, 2015.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution  
General Village Election

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent

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

Trustee Brown motioned the following:

Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
2014-2015 Budget Amendment

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent

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

Trustee Brown motioned the following:

Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
2014-2015 Budget Amendment

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent

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

Trustee Mellon 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 2015.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to authorize the Village Clerk to attend the NYCOM Election workshop on January 13<sup>th</sup> in Fishkill, NY from 1-4pm and on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Orange County Board of Elections in Goshen, NY at 9:30am and that all necessary and actual expenses are approved.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the meeting changes from Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> due to Martin Luther King holiday and Monday February 16<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> due to Presidents Day.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$145,214.24 from the following listed funds:

FY 14-15	General Fund	\$65,199.33
	Section 8	\$59,839.08
	Community Development	\$1,118.37
	Water Fund	\$5,128.65
	Sewer Fund	\$13,928.81

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter and a contractual matter.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:14 P.M.

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:48 P.M.

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

The meeting closed at 9:48 P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk