

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

March 16, 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 March 16, 2015.

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
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta
Village Attorney, William Florence
Police Chief, Ken Scott
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 6 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 welcomed Detective Jason Torpey and his family and congratulated Officer Torpey on his recent promotion to his current position.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Report for February 2015 was presented by Trustee Mellon.

The Fire Department Report for February 2015 was presented by Trustee Murphy. Trustee Murphy reminded everyone of the upcoming pancake breakfast on March 29th and the Auxiliary's penny social on April 18th.

Fran Galu, Chairman of the Senior Center Committee, gave a report to the Board on the progress of the repairs to the building. Ms. Galu reported the following:

1. the building was being cleaned on March 17th, the first activity will take place on March 24th, the next activity is planned for March 26th.
2. the Rotary Club members toured the building and they have offered to donate some forsythia bushes for the back yard to create some privacy between the buildings and are interested in future projects they can help with.
3. Pepsi has offered to put a machine in the building with a full service contract. Pepsi will provide the machine, service and products, the Village will provide space and electric. The Village gets 15% of sales if the price is kept to \$1.00 for cans and \$1.50 for bottles.
4. Request for a community service volunteer to open the center from Monday – Friday, 12:30pm - 2:30pm starting March 23rd and for Kathy Rose to open the Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am -12:30pm starting March 26th.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve Kathy Rose as a volunteer to open the Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am -12:30pm starting March 26th.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to allow Pepsi to put a machine in the Senior Center with the understanding that Pepsi will provide service and product and the Village will provide space and electric, plus the Village will receive 15% of the sales, provided the price is set at \$1.00 for cans and \$1.50 for bottles. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

The Treasurer's Report for March 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 preparation continues-tentative due 3/20/15.
3. BAN public offering (\$1,532,500) was completed.
4. 2014 audit review complete. Copies available with Clerk
5. Hoffman Equipment settlement on repair invoice.
6. recommended the Board consider a freeze on A fund contractual spending.

Mayor Flynn wished West Point a Happy Birthday and thanked Bernie Cassidy for raising the Irish Flag this past Sunday.

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

- a) Regular meeting – March 2, 2015
- b) Budget meeting – February 25, 2015
- c) Budget meeting – March 2, 2015
- d) Budget meeting-March 4, 2015
- e) Budget meeting –March 10, 2015

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve the Notice to Bid for grass cutting services for FY15-16 be published. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

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

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon 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 approve the budget transfer of \$500.00 from F1990.1990 (Water Contingency) to F9040.08 (Workers Compensation) to pay Workers Compensation quarterly invoice. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$500.00 from G1990.1990 (Sewer Contingency) to G9040.08 (Workers Compensation) to pay Workers Compensation quarterly invoice. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$10,008 from A5142.01 (Snow Removal) to A5110.02 (Street Maintenance Equip.) to cover payment of the Hoffman Equipment invoice. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$1,000.00 from A1990.1990 (General Contingency) to A5110.02 (Street Maintenance Equip.) to cover payment of the Hoffman Equipment invoice.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request from Vision to use municipal lot#2 on Sundays, from June 14th to November 1, 2015, from 9:00am to 2:00pm, to hold a Farmers Market.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$101,059.43 from the following listed funds:

FY 14-15	General Fund	\$71,905.03
	Water Fund	\$ 8,858.28
	Sewer Fund	\$ 20,296.12

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Tony Galu, 14 Cedar Lane, brought back preliminary plans on what he'd like to see developed on the property he owns in Saterlee Grove, as requested last week, by the Board.. Trustee Mellon told Mr. Galu he would bring these plans to the Planning Board meeting that will be held later in the week and get back to him after that.

Trustee Murphy asked the Village Attorney to write a local law that will allow the Village to tax a property even if it is bought by a not-for-profit organization.

Trustee Murphy motioned to set a public hearing for a law that will enable permissive taxing of charitable organizations, for April 20th at 7:00pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Tim Donovan came before the Board to discuss a proposal which he submitted to the Mayor regarding the cost of energy supplied to the Village. Mr. Donovan answered any questions asked. The Mayor asked the Board to review the proposal and at the next meeting they can decide if it will be something the Village is interested in doing.

Trustee Brown addressed the Board and those present and said thank you to everyone he has served with and worked with these past twenty two years.

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

The Board entered executive session at 8:12P.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 9:44 P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned to go to a budget session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Regular meeting closed and the Budget session began at 9:44P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk