

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

March 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 March 2, 2015.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:24 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Member Absent was:

Trustee Harold Brown
Trustee Anthony Farina

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta
Village Attorney, William Florence
Police Chief, Ken Scott
Fire Chief, Steve Suarez
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey
Approximately 4 community members

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 February 2015 was presented by Chief Scott. Chief Scott urged residents to sign up for the e-alert system to have important community information sent right to their phone. Chief Scott also reminded residents to shovel their sidewalks. The Chief informed the community that the department is looking to do a gun buy-back in May.

The Fire Department Report for February 2015 was presented by Chief Suarez. Chief Suarez reminded residents that the smoke detector program is still in progress and to give the department a call to schedule a replacement of batteries or installation of detectors if needed.

Trustee Mellon presented the Building Department report for January 2015.

Fran Galu, Chairman of the Senior Center Committee, gave a report to the Board on the progress of the repairs to the building, future programming that is being scheduled and surplus equipment offered from the school district that will be used in the senior center.

Mayor Flynn reported on some community events from the past weekend and announced the Irish Flag Raising will be on March 15th at 1:00pm.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – February 17, 2015
- b) Budget Meeting – February 18, 2015
- c) Budget Meeting – February 23, 2015

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the change order from Colorplus Carpets for an increase of \$360.00 to repair the floor in the men's bathroom in the Senior Center Building.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

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

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent (Farina/Brown)

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

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

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

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent (Farina/Brown)

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

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

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

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent (Farina/Brown)

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

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

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

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent (Farina/Brown)

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

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$1,200.00 from A.1010.041 Trustees (tv meeting) Contractual to A.7120.04 Beautification Contractual per the recommendation of the Village Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution For Final Notice And
Termination Of Service For Unpaid Water Bills
May 2014

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent (Farina/Brown)

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

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution For Final Notice And
Termination Of Service For Unpaid Water Bills
November 2014

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

3 Ayes 0 Noes 2 Absent (Farina/Brown)

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

Trustee Mellon motioned to accept the resignation of PT Police Officer Christopher Friedman, effective 3/2/15. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$95,942.87 from the following listed funds:

FY 14-15	General Fund	\$32,475.64
	Section 8	\$59,837.39
	Water Fund	\$ 589.75
	Sewer Fund	\$ 3,040.09

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Tony Galu, 14 Cedar Lane came before the Board to request that a zone change be considered for undeveloped property, located in the Saterlee Grove area, that is owned by him and his brother. Mr. Galu explained to the Board that both the Planning Board and the Building Department told him that the current zoning of the area where the property is does not allow for his development plans and that only the Village Board can make zoning changes.

The Village Board asked Mr. Galu to bring back preliminary plans on what he is looking to do. The Village Board also said they would like Planning Board input on the request.

Discussion was held on a piece of property that Trustee Murphy informed the Board was to be sold, next week, to a land-trust agency. Trustee Murphy asked the Village Attorney if there were any steps the Board could take to ensure the land stays on the tax rolls.

The Village Attorney explained that the process is not easy and the timing is short but he would look into it.

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

The Board entered executive session at 8:33P.M.

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:25P.M.

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

The meeting closed 9:27P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk