

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

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January 22, 2014

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 22, 2014.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:02 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Harold Brown
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta
Police Sargent, James LaVelle
Fire Chief, Steve Suarez
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
TV Camera Operator, Kevin Coffey
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 15 Community Residents

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

Mayor Flynn appointed Anthony Farina to fill the Trustee vacancy created by the resignation of James DiSalvo and proceeded to swear Mr. Farina into office.

Trustee Mellon updated the Board regarding status of 109 Center Street, 84 Mearns Ave, and Schwartz' building on the corner of Main St. & Tobins Lane. Trustee Mellon reported the building department is in the process of getting numbers together for boarding up the properties on Center and Mearns and doing an evaluation of the structure on Tobins. Trustee Mellon read the wastewater treatment plant report for the month of December and reported that the projects in the plant are close to completion.

Trustee Brown read the water report for the month of December.

Trustee Murphy introduced Steve Suarez, the new Fire Chief, and reported that members have completed their annual ice rescue course/refresher with 7 fire department members being certified as ice rescue technicians.

Village Treasurer Ed Magryta presented his monthly report to the Board on the following topics:

- a. Monthly Financial updates-revenue and expense report.
- b. Village capital projects review.
- c. Budget transfers required due to unfunded line items, i.e. judgments & claims and the temporary transfer from Sewer into Water to cover operating expenses until the May 2014 billing cycle.
- d. 2014-2015 budget rollout meeting held with department heads.
- e. Requested executive session with Board to discuss financial matters related to collective bargaining.

Mayor Flynn reported on the following:

- a. Thanked Mrs. Clayborne for the organization and success of the Martin Luther King Jr parade and celebration.
- b. Introduced Glenn Gidaly and Craig Marti, P.E. from Barton & Loguidice to the Board and the services they offer in regard to engineering projects and grant writing to assist in getting the necessary funding for much needed projects.

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

- a) Regular Meeting – January 6, 2014

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and on a vote of 4 Ayes 0 Nays and 1 Abstain (Farina), motion carried.

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

- a) Special Meeting – January 13, 2014

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and on a vote of 4 Ayes 0 Nays and 1 Abstain (Farina), motion carried.

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Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution
General Village Election
Village of Highland Falls
Appointment of Inspectors

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 5 Ayes 0 Nay
motion carried. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes).

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Resolution
Vehicle and Traffic
Village of Highland Falls

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 5 Ayes 0 Nay
motion carried. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to the minutes).

Trustee Farina motioned to complete the probationary period for Part Police Officer Christopher Friedman, effective immediately.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to complete the probationary period for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator David Hurst, effective January 16, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to accept the 2014 Stop-DWI contract along with the Schedule A-2 Stop-DWI Crackdown Enforcement Grant and authorize Mayor Patrick Flynn, Sargent James LaVelle and Police Chief Kenneth Scott to sign Stop-DWI contracts for the Village of Highland Falls.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve a budget transfer of \$2,847.27 from A1990.1990 Contingency to A1930.0400 Judgment & Claims to settle a certiorari claim on a 2012 assessment for Peregrine Realty Corp.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve a temporary transfer of \$120,000.00 from the Sewer Fund to the Water Fund to meet payroll and operating expenses until the May 2014 water billing cycle.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from the Fire Chief to take Engine 428 to the Orange County Fire Training Center to support FireFighter 1 class on March 8, 2014.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator getting quotes for the wastewater treatment plant roof replacement over the sludge digester equipment.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve the second meeting in February being held on Tuesday, February 18th due to the President's Day Holiday.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to approve the bills and claims for \$93,595.42 from the following listed funds:

FY 13-14	General Fund	\$66,755.00
	Water Fund	\$10,243.67
	Sewer Fund	\$16,596.75

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Public Comment-

Sandy Capriglione, asked if there was any progress on the Senior Center. The Mayor responded that the Village is having an evaluation of the condition of the building and that there is a senior center fund established if anyone wants to donate towards it.

Mr. Woodley Charles, representative of Nicole's Restaurant, spoke to the Board regarding the application for Live Entertainment and explained how they are trying to get their catering business up and running. Mr. Charles reported that they feel they are being targeted and would like to know why.

Trustee Brown motioned to enter executive session to discuss specific individuals in personnel matters and financial matters related to collective bargaining.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.


The Board entered executive session at 8:21pm.

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:58pm.

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

The meeting closed at 10:58pm.


Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk