

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS REORGANIZATION STUDY

WHEREAS, the Village of Highland Falls is an incorporated village, founded in 1906, wholly located within the Town of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the function and services provided by the Village have evolved in order continually to meet residents' needs and expectations; and

WHEREAS, the function and services provided by the Town of Highlands have also evolved in response to changes in residents' needs, as well as the powers and authority of towns to deliver municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Highland Falls wishes to examine the extent, if any, to which current services and functions of the Village overlap with or duplicate services provided by the Town of Highlands, and explore opportunities and challenges related to reorganization of the Village to accomplish greater efficiency, reduce costs and improve the quality of services delivered to residents; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish these goals, the Village of Highland Falls does intend to seek support in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 from the NYS Department of State's Citizen's Reorganization Empowerment Grant (CREG) program to conduct a study of reorganization options, to include village dissolution, and to evaluate the positive and negative impacts of these options, which study shall be entitled the "Highland Falls Area Local Government Reorganization Study"; and

WHEREAS, the Village hereby recognizes that funding requirements stipulate that matching funds must equal at least 50% of the total project cost, and that in order to receive full funding, the findings from any re-organization studies/plans must be presented to the public and such re-organization studies/plans must be adopted by the governing board(s); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Highlands has expressed interest in participating in the study and will be listed as a co-applicant on the Village's CREG application, pending formal approval by the Town Board, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village of Highland Falls Mayor, Patrick Flynn, is hereby designated as the Lead Applicant Contact Person and is authorized to submit an application on behalf of the Village, as lead applicant, to the NYS DOS Citizens' Reorganization Empowerment Grant program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the implementation of the program.

On a motion by Trustee Mellon, seconded by Trustee Aylward on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays 1 Absent (Murphy)

Motion Carries.

Dated: July 20, 2015

Village of Highland Falls
303 Main St
Highland Falls, NY 10928

STATE OF NEW YORK)

:SS:

COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk of the Village of Highland Falls, Orange County, State of New York, do certify that the following is an exact copy of a portion of the Minutes of the Village of Highland Falls Board Meeting held on July 20, 2015.

I further certify that all members of the Board of Trustees had due notice of the meeting at which said Resolution was adopted.

" Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

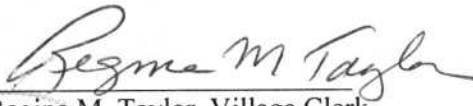
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The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

| | <u>Ayes</u> | <u>Nays</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Mayor Flynn | x | | |
| Trustee Aylward | x | | |
| Trustee Farina | x | | |
| Trustee Mellon | x | | |
| Trustee Murphy | | | x |

*motion carried. (A true and complete copy of the Resolution is appended to the minutes)
Dated: July 20, 2015"*

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Village, this 23rd day July 2015.


Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk
Village of Highland Falls
Orange County, New York

