

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

July 18, 2016

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 July 18, 2016.

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

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Brian Aylward (8:00pm)
Trustee Anthony Farina
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
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 and also for the victims and their families of the recent Police shootings in Dallas, TX and Baton Rouge, LA.

Aundrea Matthews from the Buffalo Soldiers Association of West Point was on hand to inform the community of upcoming events sponsored by the Association to raise awareness of the Buffalo Soldier and to fundraise for a monument of a Buffalo Soldier to be placed in West Point in the future.

The WWTP report for June 2016 was presented by Trustee Mellon.

The Fire Department report for June 2016 was presented by Trustee Murphy.

Discussion was held on the noise and curfew ordinances currently in the Village Code book and if amendments might be needed to address the complaints from the some community residents after the 4th of July as kids seem to be out late at night and fireworks continued to be shot off.

Trustee Murphy remarked that excessive decibel levels need to be addressed. Mayor Flynn responded that basic community respect is needed.

Mary Ellen Olivia, 26 Cozzens Ave. recommended that the Police could do more walking patrols and when driving around, they could open the windows to hear where these sounds are coming from.

James Dunlap, Lake Street, asked if more patrols could be done in the neighborhood with the recent egging of houses and kids running through the streets late at night.

Ms. Matthews offered suggestions that she said her hometown had implemented to try and help these kids who may have no supervision at home deal with their spare time.

Mayor Flynn commented that maybe we should look at community policing and community watches to put more eyes on the streets.

No Board action was taken at this time.

Mr. Mario Scalaro, Freedom Ride event sponsor, explained to the Village Board and community members about the event to be held on Saturday, July 23rd and what will be going on. Mr. Scalaro remarked that the funds raised during this event will be donated to the Combat Veterans Association.

Mayor Flynn commented on recent facebook postings and explained some misinformation that was posted regarding a recent use of municipal lot 2 by a corvette owners group. Mayor Flynn explained to the community about the funding of the Police vehicle through the current budget and the reserve fund account. Mayor Flynn explained the reason for the Board of Police Commissioners. Mayor Flynn introduced Jack Quinn as the Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve the request from the HFFMCSD to use Roe Park baseball field for O'Neill practices, JV and Modified practices and games from March 1, 2017 to June 10, 2017.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the request from the Street Superintendent to surplus the used sweeper and all of its components and to sell or dispose of them at his discretion.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve the request from Part time Police Officer Michael Coleman for a personal leave of absence, effective June 30, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to approve a request for vacation leave from August 1, 2016 through August 26, 2016, from Account Clerk Margaret Lewis, to care for a family member, with the exception of payroll processing days.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for the Greenway Grant. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to extend the appointment of Gary Boyce, Street Superintendent for one year, effective August 10, 2016 to August 10, 2017, under the current stipulations.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$57,851.96 from the following listed funds:

FY 16-17	General Fund	\$28,556.19
	Water Fund	\$2,225.20
	Sewer Fund	\$27,070.57

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Board comment:

Trustee Farina commented that baseball clinics have started on Wednesday evenings, from 6-7:30pm, at the little league field and that turnout so far has been good. Trustee Farina announced a senior league doubleheader at Roe Park on Sunday, July 24th and that the Recreation Department is working on having a second movie night.

Trustee Mellon reported that the Teamster contract is near completion and would like to apprise the Board, in executive session, of the terms to be ratified.

Trustee Murphy reported that she and Barbara Mennite of the Economic Development Council met with representatives of the Empire Development group about grant opportunities.

Trustee Aylward reported on a meeting that he attended earlier in the evening regarding the closed elementary school on Mountain Ave. Trustee Aylward remarked that the school board is looking at its options regarding the building, to sell, lease, or work with the county for the building to be used as a satellite building for services. Trustee Aylward commented that the School Board will also be looking for public input on the matter and that the next meeting will be August 4th.

Public Comment:

Laura Milsom, 105 Center Street, reported that the Humane Society will be holding a yard sale on Sunday the 24th.

Aundrea Matthews, Buffalo Soldiers Association of West Point, offered to assist in grant writing.

Trustee Farina motioned to go into executive session for Police and DPW contract negotiations and to discuss a specific individuals in a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:24 P.M.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:44 P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned to appoint Dan Ricci a member of the Board of Police Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward. On a vote of 2 Ayes (Murphy/Aylward) and 3 Nays (Flynn/Mellon/Farina) motion did not carry.

Trustee Farina motioned to appoint Chico Hurtado a member of the Board of Police Commissioners with no salary. The motion was seconded by Mayor Flynn. On a vote of 3 Ayes (Flynn/Mellon/Farina) and 2 Nays (Murphy/Aylward) motion carried.

Mayor Flynn motioned to appoint Laura Milsom a member of the Board of Police Commissioners with no salary. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 10:02P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk