

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

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July 5, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in Town Hall, 254 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on July 5, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:05P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Brian Aylward
Trustee Anthony Farina
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Also present were:

Deputy Clerk, Ana I. Sierra
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 3 community members

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

James Ramus asked the Village Board about budget transfers at last meeting to Rondout Consulting. He wanted to know if the transfers were additional monies or paying monies already owed. Mayor Flynn responded to Mr. Ramus's statement in the paper about the Police Budget. The Mayor asked Mr. Ramus to contact the Village Board directly in the future in order to avoid confusion or misinformation to the public. Mayor Flynn advised him that all monies were used properly and the purchase of an additional police vehicle was funded.

Mary Boyle, 20 Center Street, addressed the Village Board about her concerns on abandoned properties and properties that are in poor condition on Center Street. Mayor Flynn advised her to contact Bruce Terwilliger at the Building Department. Trustee Murphy advised the public about a State Hotline (800-342-3736) for complaints on Zombie Properties.

Sandra Stead from New York State Power Authority presented the Village Board with a project summary Proposal on LED Street Lights Program. Cost savings as well as financing were discussed. Trustee Murphy asked about underground wiring and was advised that it could be done. NYPA stated that they would get estimates for the Village for that also. NYPA asked for the Village to allow them to go out to Bid for materials with no commitment to the Village. NYPA advised the Village Board that no issuance of a Bond is required and that they do the Financing themselves.

Trustee Mellon motioned to allow New York Power Authority to go out and get bids. Motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn signed an authorization to proceed with bidding material and labor.

Trustee Farina advised the public of a baseball youth clinic for boys and girls beginning tomorrow and being held every Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Little League field. Mayor Flynn stated Trustee Farina has been working with Aaron Falk, Recreation Director, on creating more programs for our youth.

Treasurer's report for July 2016 was presented by Mayor Flynn.

Mayor Flynn thanked the Rotary for all their volunteers on the Answer to Cancer event and other community events.

Mayor asked public to be safe this summer and informed the Community that the Roe Park pool would be closed on Friday July 9, 2016 until Tuesday July 12, 2016 for repairs. Mayor Flynn reminded the public to get on the Alert system for important information regarding our community.

Mayor Flynn stated that we would receive electric charging stations at no cost to the Village from the New York Power Authority.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$1.01 from the Treasurers Contractual A.1325.0400 to the Treasurers Salary O/T A.1325.0120 to balance account. Motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approved the budget transfer of \$700.00 from the Dispatchers O/T A.3020.0120 to the Police Contractual A.3120.0400 to cover additional police expenses. Motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$2050.00 from the Treasurers Contractual A.1325.0400 to the Attorney Contractual A.1420.0410 to cover additional legal expenses.
 Motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$500.00 from the Dispatchers O/T A.3020.0120 to the Police O/T A.3120.0120 to cover additional police overtime.
 Motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$1100.00 from the Treasurers Contractual A.1325.0400 to the Street Lighting A.5182.0400 to cover additional lighting charges.
 Motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$400.00 from Water Contingency F.1990.1990 to the Purification Salary F.8330.0100 to cover additional salary.
 Motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$300.00 from Water Contingent F.1990.1990 to the Trans & Dist. Salary F.8340.0100 to cover additional salary.
 Motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$700.00 from Sewer Contingent G.1990.1990 to the Sewer Plant O/T G.8130.0120 to cover sewer plant overtime.
 Motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$400.00 from Sewer Contingent G.1990.1990 to Social Security G.9030.0800 to cover additional social security.
 Motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the minutes as follows:
 a) Regular Meeting June 20, 2016
 Motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn read a resolution for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 22 Mearns Ave., Tax Map No. 111-1-6 for the Abandoned vehicles on the property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Vehicles, Abandoned and Junked Law Code 225-1.

No one was present to represent the property. No comments were heard or questions asked.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
 Resolution
 Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
 22 Mearns Avenue 111-1-6

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)

Mayor Flynn read a resolution for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 72 Mountain Ave., Tax Map No. 104-2-33 for the failure to maintain overgrowth of high grass, weeds & bushes on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-1 Detrimental growth prohibited.

No one was present to represent the property. No comments were heard or questions asked.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
 Resolution
 Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
 72 Mountain Ave. 104-2-33

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward 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)

Mayor Flynn read a resolution for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 10 Muller Ave., Tax Map No. 103-19-9 for the failure to maintain overgrowth of high grass, weeds & bushes on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-1 Detrimental growth prohibited.

No one was present to represent the property. No comments were heard or questions asked.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
10 Muller Avenue 103-19-9

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:
4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Abstain (Mayor Flynn)
motion carried. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Mayor Flynn read a resolution for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 59 Mountain Ave., Tax Map No. 102-4-9 for the failure to maintain overgrowth of high grass, weeds & bushes on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-1 Detrimental growth prohibited

No one was present to represent the property. No comments were heard or questions asked.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
59 Mountain Ave. 102-4-9

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward 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)

Mayor Flynn read a resolution for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 155 Main St., Tax Map No. 105-7-8 for the failure to maintain overgrowth of high grass, weeds & bushes on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-1 Detrimental growth prohibited.

No one was present to represent the property. No comments were heard or questions asked.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
155 Main St. 105-7-8

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward 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)

Mayor Flynn read a resolution for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 6 Catherine St., Tax Map No. 104-8-8 for the failure to maintain overgrowth of high grass, weeds & bushes on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-1 Detrimental growth prohibited.

No one was present to represent the property. No comments were heard or questions asked.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
155 Main St. 104-8-8

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy 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)

Mayor Flynn read a resolution for a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the property owner of 6 Cooks Lane., Tax Map No. 104-8-10 for the failure to maintain overgrowth of high grass, weeds & bushes on property, in violation of the Village of Highland Falls Property Maintenance Code 170-1 Detrimental growth prohibited.

No one was present to represent the property. No comments were heard or questions asked.

Trustee Mellon motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
6 Cooks Lane. 104-8-10

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy 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 Aylward motioned the appointment of P/T Account Clerk, Barbara Mellon, at \$15.00/hr effective July 11, 2016 with maximum probation.

The motion was seconded by trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to increase the salary of P/T Clerk Mary Laders to \$15.00per hour due to an increase of job duties.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to accept the resignation with regret of F/T Dispatcher Ginamarie Borra effective July 14, 2016.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$93,601.38 from the following listed funds:

FY 16-17	General Fund	\$20,559.35
	Water Fund	\$ 3,739.23
	Sewer Fund	\$11,752.80
	Section 8	\$57,550.00

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

James Ramus, Planning Board Chairman, questioned the Village Board if they had advertised or received any responses on the hiring for the Police Commission. Mayor Flynn responded that we had and no one was local. Mr. Ramus questioned if the Police Reserve Fund was online. Mr. Ramus questioned when the next Re-Organization meeting will be held. Mr. Ramus questioned if NYPA would provide test lights and was told that there would be. Mr. Ramus questioned who would monitor cameras and Mayor Flynn responded that cameras are not being looked at this time. He wanted the public to know they would be camera ready. Mr. Ramus asked if the holiday lights would be affected. Mr. Ramus asked for a copy of the Planning Board Intermunicipal Agreement. He asked about the Attorneys and Engineers and cost from two Boards and will it cause extra charge for applicants. Mr. Ramus questioned the \$10,000.00 from Police Reserve Fund. Mayor Flynn responded that he should meet Treasurer Edward Magryta for further explanation.

Trustee Aylward asked the public to please be aware of signs posted to clean up after your pets and advised the public that if you are caught you will be sited.

Trustee Mellon motioned to go into executive session and to discuss a specific individual and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 10:20 P.M.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 10:20 P.M.

Trustee Farina motioned to pay Neighbors landscaping the remaining balance owed minus \$100.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned to release the check for \$1,000.00 to Konstantinos Fatsis for return of bail monies. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.


Trustee Farina motioned to make cell phone reimbursements for all Village Employees \$85.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Farina motioned not to waive late penalties from sewer bill due on Property at 27 Tobins Lane. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to hire Adam Solan as P/T Police Officer, at Step 1 of the P/T Police Contract, nte 20hrs per week, with maximum probation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 10:30P.M.


Ana I. Sierra, Deputy Village Clerk