

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

May 1, 2017

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 May 1, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:01P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Trustee Brian Aylward
Trustee Mervin R. Livsey Jr.
Trustee Barbara Murphy
Trustee James M. Ramus

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Chief WWTP Operator, John Jones
School Superintendent, Frank Sheboy
School Board Members, Patrick Kelly, Gus Koutsourades, Ned Kopald
Town Councilwoman, June Gunza
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 30 community members

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

Trustee Aylward motioned to appoint Detective Jason Torpey to the position of Sergeant @ \$85,839/yr per contract, with maximum probation, 26 weeks.

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

motion carried.

A Public Hearing, as duly advertised, on the Dissolution of the Police Commission, was opened by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:06pm.

Mr. Ned Kopald, Highland Falls, asked the Board what the reasoning was to dissolve the commission. Mr. Kopald commented that the Village could be well served by people not in a political position and should keep the commission.

Mayor D'Onofrio responded that the position has not been budgeted for, the Chairman of the Commission has resigned and that Orange County Civil Service did not recognize the commission. Mayor D'Onofrio responded that Trustee Livsey has been appointed Police Commissioner and the entire Board will oversee the operations of the Police Department. Mayor D'Onofrio commented that the main concern of this Board is public safety.

Trustee Aylward responded that the former Board chose to form the Commission and Orange County gave an opinion but did not say it couldn't be done.

Trustee Livsey commented that numerous meetings have taken place regarding this issue and there is a lot of work to be done.

All questions being asked and all comments being heard, Mayor D'Onofrio closed the public hearing. The Public Hearing closed at 7:14pm.

Mayor D'Onofrio introduced Dr. Frank Sheboy, Superintendent of the School District. Dr. Sheboy gave a brief overview of the upcoming school budget and encouraged the residents to come out and vote on May 16th for the new budget and three Board members.

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

- a) Budget Meeting – April 18, 2017
- b) Budget Meeting-April 25, 2017
- c) Regular Meeting-April 17, 2017

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution
Adoption of the Budget
Fiscal Year 2017-2018

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Ramus motioned that, after review, the previously adopted written investment policy be continued. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

5 Ayes 0 Nays

motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Board of Trustees Resolution
Abolishing the Separate Board of Police Commissioners

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Aylward motioned to authorize Mayor Joseph D'Onofrio, Deputy Mayor James Ramus and Sergeant Jason Torpey to sign Stop DWI enforcement contracts for calendar year 2017.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor Joseph D'Onofrio, Deputy Mayor James Ramus and Sergeant Jason Torpey to sign Orange County State Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (SLETPP) contracts for calendar year 2016.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the request from the Recreation Department to hold a 3 on 3 basketball tournament at Roe Park on August 5th & 6th (raindate August 12th & 13th)from 7:00am -7:00pm

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to waive the \$50.00 live entertainment permit fee for the 3 on 3 basketball tournament sponsored by the Town of Highlands Recreation Department on August 5th & 6th (raindate August 12th & 13th) at Roe Park from 7:00am -7:00pm.

A motion was made by Trustee Livsey to approve the bills and claims for \$108,186.61 from the following listed funds:

FY 16-17	General Fund	\$ 31,710.39
	Section 8	\$69,410.00
	Water Fund	\$ 4,744.08
	Sewer Fund	\$ 2,322.14

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to enter executive session for a personnel matter to discuss employment history of a particular person or corporation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. Mayor D'Onofrio asked Mr. Rory Brady to attend the executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 8:27 P.M.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:20 P.M. No Board action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 9:20 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk