

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

August 21, 2017

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 August 21, 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 Ramus

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune (7:38pm)
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones
Fire Chief, Erik Smith
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Orange County Legislator, James DiSalvo
Approximately 30 Community residents

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

Discussion was held to clarify a change order for the kitchen renovations at the Senior Center that was approved at the last meeting of the Village Board.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve \$3,800.00 in change orders for the Kitchen modifications at the Senior Center as follows:

\$1,900.00 to modify the documents to reflect the movement of the kitchen partition to align with the bathroom wall and to relocate the existing coiling door to the new wall location, which also includes the movement of the bathroom wall to add approximately 6" back into the kitchen and

\$1,900.00 to modify the documents for a new kitchen layout which is to include: new casework, new counter, new coiling door, new architectural kitchen layout, minor coordination with the MEP Engineer, new floor finish selection, and preliminary selection of residential type appliances for the new enlarged kitchen.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to give permission to the Beautification Committee to get quotes for removing dead trees on Main Street, pruning trees in the parks and adding electrical outlets to the parks.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:18P.M. on a Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the Property Owner of the property known as 105-1-18 138 Mearns Avenue 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. There were no representatives present for the property.

No further questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:19P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance for
105-1-18 138 Mearns Avenue

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 resolution is appended to these minutes)

Erik Smith, Fire Chief reported that the Fire Department has prepared a RFP for SCBA Equipment which will be in next week's newspaper. Chief Smith reported that even though this equipment can be purchased under NYS bid the department is looking to save money by going out for RFP's and making sure the equipment will be compatible with the equipment they currently use.

John Jones, Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator reported that a phone line is being run to the Webb Lane pump house, at the cost of Spectrum Inc., in order to install an emergency dialer in case of a power outage or high-water alarm. Mr. Jones reported that the cost to the sewer department will be the monthly phone service.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the following minutes as written:

Regular Meeting, August 7, 2017

Special Meeting, August 17, 2017

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the appointment of Christina Stradley as FT Account Clerk, under the NYS Civil Service Rules and Regulations, at \$20/hr with maximum probation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the appointment of Harvey Green to the Consolidated Planning Board to fill the term of James Ramus to expire December 31, 2019.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the Mayor's Back to School BBQ to be held at Roe Park on September 2, 2017 from noon to 3:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to renew the current Credit Card Use Policy. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the transfer of \$1,800.00 from A3120.02 Police Equipment to A1680.04 IT Contractual to cover labor costs of server installation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the transfer of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund to the Worker's Compensation Fund to replenish the Worker's Compensation Fund.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the transfer of \$1,931.25 from the General Fund to the Green County Commercial Bank for Public Improvement Serial Bond interest due 9/1.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Resolution for Final Notice and
Termination of Service for Unpaid Water Bills
For: May 2017

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 this resolution is appended to these minutes)

A motion was made by Trustee Livsey to approve the bills and claims for \$96,782.74 from the following listed funds:

FY 17-18	General Fund	\$60,593.79
	Water Fund	\$11,747.69
	Sewer Fund	<u>\$24,441.26</u>
		\$96,782.74

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Public comments regarding the matter of the Modification to the Settlement between the Village of Highland Falls and Kenneth Scott were heard.

Board comments:

Trustee Aylward wanted to know when the matter would come to a vote. Trustee Aylward motioned to have a vote on the issues brought up by residents regarding Chief Scott. There was no second.

Trustee Murphy presented the Building Department report for July 2017.

Trustee Ramus encouraged community residents to attend Planning Board meetings to find out the projects that are under consideration in the community.

Trustee Livsey made a statement regarding the matter of Chief Scott and then made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 8:06P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk