

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

September 18, 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 September 18, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:00P.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 (7:54)  
Police Chief, Ken Scott  
HFFMCSD Board of Education  
HFFMCSD Superintendent, Dr. Sheboy  
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Approximately 5 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.

Trustee Ramus motioned to enter executive session for a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried. Trustee Livsey motioned to include Chief Ken Scott and Jeff Pitt in the executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:01P.M.  
The Regular meeting reconvened at 7:10P.M.

Mayor D'Onofrio introduced Dr. Sheboy, Superintendent of the HFFMCSD, to present the capital project that will be before voters next month for improvements to the school district facilities outside and inside the buildings.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes as written:  
Regular Meeting, September 5, 2017  
The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the request for training & mileage reimbursement for Christina Stradley, Account Clerk, to attend a retirement seminar October 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 3:00pm in Harriman, NY at no cost for the training.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request for training & mileage reimbursement for the Village Clerk and Account Clerk to attend records management training October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 1:00pm in Garnerville, NY at no cost for the training.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Pitt as a Part Time Police Officer at \$22.25/hr, step 1 of the PT Contract and with maximum probation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:38 P.M. for Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the Property Owners of the following properties:

103-25-8.2     9 Sweezy Avenue  
104-4-5        23 Tobins Lane

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 either of the properties.

Trustee Ramus commented that notices for these properties were mailed to addresses in Las Vegas, Nevada and Tempe, Arizona.

No further questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:39P.M.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Resolution  
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance for

103-25-8.2      9 Sweezy Avenue  
104-4-5         23 Tobins Lane

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

5 Ayes   0 Nays

motion carried. (true and complete resolutions for each property are appended to these minutes)

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$81,903.43 from the following listed funds:

FY 17-18	General Fund	\$72,849.29
	Water Fund	\$ 1,411.33
	Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 7,642.81</u>
		\$81,903.43

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy presented the Building Department report for August 2017.

Trustee Aylward presented the Police Department report for August 2017. Trustee Aylward commented that the Village needs to be more inviting to businesses.

Trustee Ramus reported on recent seminars he attended. Trustee Ramus asked Trustee Livsey if he could check with the water department as to why the fire hydrant on South Street and Cozzens is not in service.

Trustee Livsey apologized for any statements he made about the ArtWalk at the last meeting which may have offended anyone and he understands now why certain sculptures are placed where they are.

Mayor D'Onofrio updated the Board and Community on events held over the weekend and the ongoing efforts of the Beautification committee. Mayor D'Onofrio reported on the repairs to Kleitz Avenue and West Street in reference to a building project in that area.

Public comment:

Deborah Kopald, Ft. Montgomery, spoke on the negative side of artificial turf being installed in the school fields.

Martha Aylward, Church St., commented in favor of the school capital project and that the community needs to invest in education.

Jim Modlin, Webb Lane, commented on the Property Maintenance code and asked that the Board be as diligent with the Main Street properties as it has been with individual properties.

Olga Anderson, Ondaora Park, asked where the Village was in regard to the Electric Car Charging Station. Mayor D'Onofrio responded that he would check into it.

Barbara Mennite, Locust Street, gave an update to the Board on EDC concerns and grant opportunities.

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

The meeting closed at 8:34 P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk