

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

November 6, 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 November 6, 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
Police Chief, Ken Scott
Street Superintendent, Gary Boyce
Orange County Legislator, James DiSalvo
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 2 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 Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes as written:

Regular Meeting, October 16, 2017
Special Meeting, October 30, 2017

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution Introducing Local Law And
Providing For Public Hearing To
Amending Chapter 108 Of The Village Code To Add
Electric Vehicle Charging Station

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and adopted on a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. to conduct the fiscal year ending May 31, 2017 audit according to the terms of the engagement letter dated September 22, 2017 with a cost not to exceed \$22,500.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to award FC&C the sidewalk replacement project in front of 302 Main Street for \$4,200.

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

3 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Abstain (Murphy & D'Onofrio)

motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to surplus the 2000 Chevrolet Dump Truck and advertise for public bids as recommended by the Street Superintendent.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:50 P.M. for Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the Property Owners of 12 Cooks Lane , 104-8-13, 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. Neither the owner or any representative thereof appeared for the hearing.

No questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:50P.M.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
12 Cooks Lane 104-8-13

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

motion carried.

Discussion was held on the RestoreNY Grant Award the Village has already received and also on the RestoreNY Round 5 Grant Application.

Trustee Aylward motioned to move forward with the RestoreNY Round 5 Grant Application as long as the legalities are written into the contract that business owners will share in costs and that the grant covers attorney and engineer costs and there will be no cost to the Village taxpayer.

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

2 Ayes (Aylward & Murphy) 3 Nays (Livsey, Ramus & D'Onofrio)

motion did not carry.

A motion was made by Trustee Ramus to approve the bills and claims for \$139,675.47 from the following listed funds:

FY 17-18	General Fund	\$ 36,252.39
	Section 8	\$ 62,863.00
	Water Fund	\$ 18,738.14
	Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 21,821.94</u>
		<u>\$139,675.47</u>

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter executive session to discuss specific individuals in personnel matters and for advice of counsel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:36P.M.

Trustee Livsey motioned to terminate the probationary period, for Matthew Cardwell effective November 15, 2017 under Rule XV, paragraph 4, of the Orange County Rules for Classified Services.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to terminate the employment, effective immediately, of Joseph Cornetta under Orange County Civil Service Rules and provisions of the collective bargaining agreement between the Village of Highland Falls and the Highland Falls Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 9:35 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk