

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

January 2, 2018

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 January 2, 2018.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D’Onofrio at 7:02P.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
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 4 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.

Mayor D’Onofrio commented that the Village needs to have a better way of warning people of thin ice on Roe Pond. The Mayor suggested using flag poles and putting up real flags on both sides of the pond.

Mayor D’Onofrio reported that he met with Central Hudson representatives regarding the work to be done on Mearns Avenue.

Mayor D’Onofrio reported that he and the Village Board would like to commend the Village departments that worked in freezing temperatures to fix water main breaks during this cold spell.

Trustee Aylward commented that pre-construction meetings will be held with all departments, i.e. DPW, Water, Sewer and Fire, so everyone is on the same page.

Discussion was held regarding extending a parking regulation to 529 Main Street that currently runs from Catherine Street to 401 Main Street. The Mayor will work with the Village Attorney to start the process to have the Village Code amended.

Discussion was held on correspondence from the property owner of 65 Schneider Ave. The Mayor commented that he will contact the Village Engineer to meet with himself, the Street Superintendent Gary Boyce and the Chief Water Plant Operator Kevin Hurst, on site for an inspection of the area.

A motion was made by Trustee Livsey to approve the bills and claims for \$215,390.34 from the following listed funds:

FY 17-18	General Fund	\$138,879.23
	Section 8	\$ 62,755.00
	Water Fund	\$ 1,686.24
	Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 12,069.87</u>
		\$215,390.34

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to enter executive session on pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:43P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried. The Regular meeting reconvened at 8:44P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned to hire Alyse Terhune, Esq. to defend the Article 78 and Cost of Legal Fees at the rate of \$240/hr plus reimburse out of pocket fees and authorize Ms. Terhune to consult with Feerick, Lynch, MacCartney & Nugent PLLC in defense of the Article 78 and Cost of Legal Fees and authorize any necessary expenses associated with the consultation.

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays motion carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:49 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk