

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

March 5, 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 March 5, 2018.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:05 P.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, Kenneth Scott
Town Councilman, Richard Parry
School Superintendent, Dr. Frank 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.

Mayor D'Onofrio welcomed School Superintendent Dr. Frank Sheboy who spoke for a few minutes on the upcoming panel discussion on the dangers of Vaping, a serious problem facing the youth today, that will be held March 14th at 7:00pm at the Intermediate School and encouraged everyone to attend. Dr. Sheboy thanked the Village Board for having him and spoke about a safety assessment meeting held last week with local enforcement agencies. Dr. Sheboy reported that the school also brought in the Sheriff Department's S.O.G. (Special Operations Group). Dr. Sheboy reported that they tell you areas that need to be improved as well as things you are doing well in regards to school security. Dr. Sheboy explained about plans that are in place and how teachers are trained on implementation of these. Dr. Sheboy explained how the schools must have a required number of drills mandated by the State that include lock down drills. Dr. Sheboy thanked the Village Board for the opportunity to speak to safety concerns and issues facing the district.

A public hearing on the Introductory Local Law Amending Sign Regulations Contained in the Zoning Law and the Streets and Sidewalks Law was opened at 7:08P.M.

Mayor D'Onofrio stated the hearing was duly noticed. Mayor D'Onofrio stated that the law would allow for a barbershop pole on a building. No questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:09P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the following minutes as written:
Regular Meeting, February 20, 2018

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes as written:
Special Meeting, Budget February 24, 2018

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:
3 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Abstain (Ramus and Livsey) motion carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the following minutes as written:
Special Meeting, Budget February 28, 2018

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:
4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (Livsey) motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution of Adoption of Local Law
"Amending Sign Regulations Contained in the Zoning Law
And the Streets and Sidewalks Law"

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 Livsey motioned to accept the resignation on PT Dispatcher Linda Bailey, effective February 26, 2018, with regret.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$135,597.98 from the following listed funds:

FY 17-18	General Fund	\$52,827.73
	Section 8	\$58,338.00
	Water Fund	\$ 3,393.59
	Sewer Fund	<u>\$21,038.66</u>
		\$135,597.98

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio thanked the Irish Day Parade Committee for a great job done this past weekend. Mayor D'Onofrio reported on different meetings he attended since the last meeting. Mayor D'Onofrio commented that the Marina Project is on the front burner and that this Board supports it.

Mayor D'Onofrio named James DiSalvo his Administrative Assistant and explained that there is no salary, pay, or stipend associated with the position.

Trustee Aylward spoke on the problem of opioids and concerns for children today. Trustee Aylward commented that the parents need to get involved and that the schools cannot be expected to do everything.

Trustee Livsey commented that speeding and running stop signs has been a concern of his since he came on the Board and would to see the Police get more active with issuing tickets to try and control the problem. Trustee Livsey commented that he would like to see property maintenance violations continue as the problem remains. Trustee Livsey reported on the different recreation programs currently being offered through the recreation department.

Trustee Murphy reported that the 2018 Art Walk opening will be held in Ladycliff Park on June 9th and encouraged all local artists to participate.

Trustee Ramus reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant project to replace the belt filter press is being worked on and bid documents are being prepared. Trustee Ramus reported that the electric charging station is moving forward and we are waiting for some electrical work to be done.

Jim Modlin, 30 Michel Rd., commented that he hopes the Board is looking to minimize tax increases as they prepare the budget for next year.

Trustee Aylward motioned to go into executive session on a personnel matter on a specific individual.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. Mayor D'Onofrio asked the Village Attorney and Police Chief to remain.

The Board entered executive session at 7:56P.M.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 8:10P.M. No Board action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 8:10 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk