

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

May 7, 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 May 7, 2018.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:21 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
Town Councilman, Richard Sullivan
School Superintendent, Dr. Frank Sheboy
4 Members of the HFFMCSD School Board
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.

The meeting opened with Dr. Sheboy providing remarks about the upcoming school budget vote and was available to answer any questions the public had. Dr. Sheboy reminded everyone to come out and vote on May 15th.

Discussion was held on a request from Vision for \$500 for beautification and maintenance of Ladycliff Park and the small garden surrounding the water fountain at the north end of municipal lot#2.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the request from Vision for \$500.00 for beautification and maintenance of Ladycliff Park and the small garden surrounding the water fountain at the north end of municipal lot#2.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the property location of 65 Schneider Avenue and the status of an easement being drafted by the Village Attorney for a drainage pipe repair project. The Village Attorney reported that the Village Engineer requested that a topo survey be provided that will show the contours of the area of the easement and that a survey of the easement will also need to be done. The Village Attorney reported to the Board that a draft easement has been done and should be provided to the homeowner for his attorney to review. The Mayor asked the Village Attorney to send a letter to the property owner with the information discussed.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:46 P.M. for Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the Property Owner of 6 Cooks Lane 104-8-10 for an observed unsecured building, in violation of the Code of the Village of Highland Falls\Chapter 170- Property Maintenance Code\ 170-6 Regulations\B. Building & Structures (5). There were no representatives present for this property.

Discussion was held on raccoons inhabiting the property. The Board agreed that relocation of the animals should be done and the building boarded up for the safety of the public.

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

Trustee Ramus motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
6 Cooks Lane 104-8-10

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward 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)

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 Owner of 1610 Route 9W 111-1-15.422 for an observed unsecured building, in violation of the Code of the Village of Highland Falls\Chapter 170- Property Maintenance Code\ 170-6 Regulations\B. Building & Structures (5). There were no representatives present for this property.

The Mayor commented that the property is a disgrace and the Village Board will not tolerate it anymore. The Village Attorney commented that the Village Engineer reported that the owners want to take the building down, however a building permit cannot be issued until remediation issues are resolved. The Village Attorney commented that the Village Engineer is waiting on a report from the owners. The Mayor asked the Village Attorney to respond to the owners and insist that the building be boarded up and made safe until such time as demolition can be done.

No further questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:04P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
1610 Route 9W 111-1-15.422

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward 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)

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 8:04 P.M. for Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the Property Owner of 117 Center Street 103-20-3 for an observed unsecure door to building, in violation of the Code of the Village of Highland Falls\Chapter 170- Property Maintenance Code\ 170-6 Regulations\B. Building & Structures (5). There were no representatives present for this property.

No questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:05P.M.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
117 Center Street 103-20-3

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward 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)

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 8:05P.M. for Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the Property Owner of 9 Sweezy Avenue 103-25-8.2 for an observed unsecured door to building, in violation of the Code of the Village of Highland Falls\Chapter 170- Property Maintenance Code\ 170-6 Regulations\B. Building & Structures (5). There were no representatives present for this property.

No questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:06P.M.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
9 Sweezy Avenue 103-25-8.2

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward 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 Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes as written:

Special Meeting, April 12, 2018 (Budget)
Regular Meeting, April 16, 2018

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes as written:

Special Meeting, April 24, 2018 (Adopt Budget)

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (Murphy) motion carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Improvements to Existing Waste Water Treatment Plant
New York State Environmental Quality Review Act Negative Declaration
Date: May 7, 2018

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey 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 the following:

Bond Resolution Of The Village Of Highland Falls, New York,
Adopted May 7, 2018, Authorizing The Construction Of Improvements
To The Village Wastewater Treatment Facility, Stating The Estimated Maximum
Cost Thereof is \$2,200,000,Appropriating Said Amount For Such Purpose,
And Authorizing The Issuance Of Bonds In The Principal Amount of \$2,200,000
To Finance Said Appropriation

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 Bond Resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Transfer of Reserve Funds

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey 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 Murphy motioned to approve the budget transfer of \$2,400 from A1340.01 (Budget Officer Salary) to A1325.01(Treasurer Salary) to cover payroll per the recommendation from the Village Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the engagement letter with Hawkins Delafield and Wood LLP as Bond Counsel at the cost nte \$15,000.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign a change order decreasing the Butler Construction invoice by \$15,595 for liquidated damages.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to accept the resignation of DPW Laborer Earl Ceccotti effective COB May 2, 2018.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to accept the quote from Hudson Sealcoating and Landscaping for grass cutting services for FY 2018-2019 at the cost of \$12,595 per the recommendation of Interim Street Superintendent John Jones

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to accept the quote from Optima for a new phone system with a 5 year lease at \$215.00/month per the recommendation of Police Chief Ken Scott.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the Unveiling of Military Banners event to be held May 19, 2018 from 9:45am -11:15am on the sidewalk in front of the Police Station.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the Memorial Day Observation event to be held May 28, 2018 from 9:00am -10:15am in Memorial Park (rain location Fire House)

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve National Night Out event to be held August 7, 2018 from 5:00pm - 8:00pm in Municipal Lot#2.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the Art Walk 2018 Opening event to be held June 9, 2018 from 4:00pm -5:30pm in Ladycliff Park.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to set a special meeting for Tuesday, May 29th at 8:00am to pay bills for FY 17-18.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$113,355.59 from the following listed funds:

FY 17-18	General Fund	\$30,507.41
	Section 8	\$66,906.00
	Water Fund	\$ 6,357.42
	Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 9,584.76</u>
		\$113,355.59

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio updated the Village Board and the public on many projects that he has been working on in the Village.

Trustee Ramus reported that he is working with Orange and Rockland on the Street Lighting project to replace bulbs with LED lights and has informed them that the Village is looking for the same wattage that exists.

Mike Gonzales, 53 Ondaora Parkway, reported to the Board that water coming down Ondaora Parkway from Rt 218 flows into the park playground through his yard creating flooding and washout conditions. Mr. Gonzales asked the Board to inspect the area and hopefully find a solution.

Olga Anderson, 78 Ondaora Parkway, commented that she is working with the County on the Shared Services Initiative that New York State has offered to try to give relief to the taxpayers. Ms. Anderson was asking what the Village Board was doing to participate in this initiative.

Mayor D'Onofrio responded that he has received emails concerning the Shared Services plan and will be following up with the County.

Martha Aylward, 13 Church St, commented that consolidation is not a bad idea and should be looked at.

Jim Modlin, 27 Webb Lane, commented that it's too bad the State doesn't maintain the roads coming into the Village and those that lead to the West Point gate. He acknowledges that tourists into the Village don't know they are State roads and the impression it leaves on Highland Falls is not a good one. Mr. Modlin asked if the Village Board could bring to their next meeting any documentation they are providing the County on the Shared Services Initiative. Mr. Modlin commented that the Board should be better stewards of Village funds so that bond resolutions, like the one passed at the meeting, would not have to be done.

Trustee Murphy explained to Mr. Modlin the reason the bond resolution is necessary as the amount needed is not feasible to add to the annual budget and the bonding out over forty years, the life expectancy of the project, will allow future users of the system to also contribute to the cost.

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

The meeting closed at 9:40 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk