

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

May 21, 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 21, 2018.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:00 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 Parry
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.

Discussion was held on a cost estimate for the FEMA project for the wall in the brook behind the Town Hall and municipal lot#1. The Mayor reported that the estimate for repair exceeds the FEMA funding so the Mayor would like the Board to approve him and the DPW Interim Street Superintendent contact with FEMA if additional funds could be secured. The Village Board was ok with the Mayor and Interim Street Superintendent investigating if more funds could be secured.

Trustee Livsey motioned to accept the following minutes as written:

Special Meeting- May 7, 2018
Regular Meeting- May 7, 2018

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to accept the following minutes as written:

Special Meeting- May 16, 2018

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

3 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Abstain (Livsey & Ramus)

motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to accept the resignation of Account Clerk, Christina Stradley, effective COB May 16, 2018.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to appoint Barbara Mellon temporary, full-time Account Clerk @ \$20.00/hr, effective May 17, 2018, pending appointment from a Civil Service certified eligible list.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to accept the resignation of Part-time Police Officer Joseph Mercurio, effective May 9, 2018.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution to Relevy
Unpaid Sewer Bills
For: June & December 2017

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 this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Ramus motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Municipal Advisor Services Agreement with Munistat Services Inc. according to the fees and expenses schedule appendix B.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign Consent to Extend Time to Audit Gross Receipts Tax for Broadview Networks until June 30, 2018.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the quote from Gary Rich, Licensed Land Surveyor, for \$2,400.00 to survey the sidewalk from Thayer Gate to Cozzens Avenue.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the proposals to locate and pump out septic tank at the Water Plant. The matter was tabled until the Board could get more information from the Chief Water Plant Operator.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the Chemical Bids for FY18-19 as recommended by the Chief Water Plant Operator.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried. (a copy of the bids is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the HF Intermediate School's 8th grade picnic at Roe Park on Monday, June 18th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:19 P.M. for Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the Property Owner of 72 Mountain Avenue 104-2-33 for detrimental growth prohibited, in violation of the Code of the Village of Highland Falls\Chapter 170- Property Maintenance Code\ 170-1. There were no representatives present for this property. .

No further questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:20P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
72 Mountain Avenue 104-2-33

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried (a true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes).

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:21 P.M. for Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the Property Owner of 128 Mountain Avenue 102-1-31.2 for detrimental growth prohibited, in violation of the Code of the Village of Highland Falls\Chapter 170- Property Maintenance Code\ 170-1. There were no representatives present for this property. Discussion was held on repeat offenders. The Mayor commented that this would be discussed further when the Board and Attorney has a chance to meet with the Building Inspector.

No further questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:32P.M.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
128 Mountain Avenue 102-1-31.2

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried (a true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes).

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:32 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 detrimental growth prohibited, in violation of the Code of the Village of Highland Falls\Chapter 170- Property Maintenance Code\ 170-1. There were no representatives present for this property.

No questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:34P.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 unanimously carried (a true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes).

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$36,819.07 from the following listed funds:

FY 17-18	General Fund	\$24,743.86
	Water Fund	\$ 4,660.69
	Sewer Fund	\$ 7,355.24
	Capital Fund	\$ 59.28
		\$36,819.07

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio thanked the DPW for assisting the Beautification Committee and the Chamber of Commerce with hanging the Military Banners. Mayor D'Onofrio reported the following:

Roe Park pool inspection has been done and work is progressing for the pool to open on schedule.

He would be meeting with CDBG representatives this week for possible funding for sidewalk replacement across from the Funeral Home on South Main St.

The Restore NY grant is moving forward.

The Mearns Avenue funding is moving forward.

John Jones, Interim Street Superintendent will meet with Trustee Aylward to come up with a list of streets to be paved.

The Village Board will be investigating a cell tower on municipal property.

The Village fared well in the storm this week and thanked all departments for attending pre-storm and post-storm meetings to ensure we were prepared.

Trustee Aylward thanked the departments for their work before, during and after the storm. Trustee Aylward reported that the Center held a lunch with veterans and thanked them for their service in conjunction with the military banner program. Trustee Aylward thanked those who voted for the school budget and implored everyone to work together.

Trustee Livsey reminded the public that if they have concerns or suggestions for the Village, they should come to the Board meetings and voice them. Trustee Livsey reported that he had met with a possible vendor to discuss an educational path around Roe Pond. Trustee Livsey asked everyone to support the Fourth of July committee. Trustee Livsey mentioned that the geese are back in Roe Park.

Trustee Murphy reminded everyone that there is \$750 in the Roe Park grant for geese deterrent. Trustee Murphy reported she attended the Department Head meeting last week and was impressed with all the Department Head's reports from the latest storm. Trustee Murphy reported that the Old Guard Hotel is finalizing plans for demolition of the Pointer Echo Motel.

Trustee Ramus presented the WWTP April 2018 report. Trustee Ramus reported that the installation of the EV Charging Station will done soon. Trustee Ramus reported on many DEC programs.

Martha Aylward, 13 Church St, reported that she agrees with the Trustees on civility being needed and again spoke in favor of consolidation.

Jim DiSalvo, Villa Parkway, commented that he had spoken with a member of the Orange County Transportation Council and it looks like the money for Mearns Avenue might be available sooner than anticipated from the State and that the worst part of Mearns Avenue might be able to be done sooner than expected.

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

The meeting closed at 8:33 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk