

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

August 6, 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 August 6, 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:

Deputy Clerk, Ana I. Sierra  
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune  
County Legislator, Laurie Tautel  
Old Guard, Greg Louks  
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan  
Approximately 6 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 reminded the public that we lost a few residents including SGT Tony Pesa who was a former employee of the Village. The Mayor plans a memorial in his honor in the near future.

Mayor D'Onofrio introduced Meaghan Russell a new business owner of Pavonine Yoga. Every month Mayor D'Onofrio would like to invite a new or existing business to come in to introduce themselves to the community.

Greg Louks, Representative for the Old Guard Hotel, explained the steps needed in order to demolish the Pointers Echo Motel and the reason why it has taken the amount of time it has. He explained he hopes to be able to start and be done with demolition within two weeks. Mayor D'Onofrio asked for advanced notice from Mr. Louks when he plans to attend a Village Board meeting so that he may have the Village Engineer present to ask and answer any questions for the Village Board.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes as written:  
Regular Meeting- July 16, 2018

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio presented the Village Board with memo a from Chief Scott for approval of one of two quotes to have the A/C unit replaced in the Police Department. Mayor D'Onofrio asked the Village Board to table the request for the next Village Board meeting as some questions needed to be clarified.

Trustee Aylward motioned to table the approval of the A/C unit replacement until next meeting.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the EAP Services Agreement from Catholic Charities for the new Fiscal year of June 1, 2018, to May 31, 2019 at a cost of \$1,802.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Resolution  
Authorizing the Mayor to seek a Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant under the  
NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act for the WWTP.

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(s) are appended to these minutes)

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
2018-2019 Budget Amendment

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(s) are appended to these minutes)

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor D’Onofrio to sign the Renewal of the IT Service Agreement from FirthCliffe Technologies, Inc.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Resolution(s)  
Rescind Property Maintenance at the following location:

18 Wyandotte Avenue

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(s) are appended to these minutes)

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Resolution for Final Notice and  
Termination of Service for Unpaid Water Bills  
For: May 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(s) are appended to these minutes)

Mayor D’Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:41 P.M. for Notice(s) of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice(s) of Hearing issued to the following Property Owners:

1610 Route 9W	111-1-15.422	64 Center St.	104-4-423.1
1424 Route 9W	107-3-19	22 Mearns Av	111-1-6
117 Center Street	103-20-3	138 Mearns Ave	10-1-8
6 Catherine St.	104-8-8		

in violation of the Code of the Village of Highland Falls\Chapter 170-Property Maintenance Code\170-1 Detrimental growth prohibited. There were no owners or representatives present for any of these properties. No further questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:50P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Resolution(s)  
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance at the following locations:

1610 Route 9W	111-1-15.422	64 Center St.	104-4-423.1
1424 Route 9W	107-3-19	22 Mearns Av	111-1-6
117 Center Street	103-20-3	138 Mearns Ave	10-1-8
6 Catherine St.	104-8-8		

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (Murphy 1610 Route 9W)

motion carried. (a true and complete copy of the resolution(s) are appended to these minutes)

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy, to approve the bills and claims for \$ 109,031.85 from the following listed funds:

FY 17-18	Water Fund	<u>\$ 9,571.48</u> \$ 9,571.48
FY 18-19	General Fund	\$ 19,958.24
	Section 8	\$ 63,317.00
	Water Fund	\$ 9,891.02
	Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 6,294.11</u> \$ 99,460.37

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio advised the community of a fall Youth Soccer League with sign-ups at the Recreation Department.

Mayor D'Onofrio read a letter which was sent to the News of the Highlands from Pat and Marilyn Kelly thanking Police Officer David Yates and Police Officer Phil Heckett for their professionalism.

Mayor D'Onofrio advised the community of recent changes and improvements on Main Street including the sale of the Pentagon Federal Credit Union.

Mayor D'Onofrio advised that they will be starting the \$500,000.00 Grant for the renovation of brick buildings on Main Street.

Mayor D'Onofrio reminded the community of the National Night Out which will be held tomorrow night August 7, 2018 beginning at 5:00pm in the municipal lot.

Mayor D'Onofrio advised the community of his meeting with the Garrison Commander about reopening the Transfer Station on 293 to local residents and hopes to have an answer soon.

Trustee Aylward presented the July 2018 Police report.

Trustee Ramus presented the July 2018 Wastewater Treatment Plant report.

Public Comment:

Resident from 2 Wyandotte Avenue commented on her concerns about trash left behind at Roe Park and on Wyandotte after events.

Laurie Tautel, County Legislator commented, on the Salt Shed and advised the Village Board that it is in the hands of the DOT and they are assessing the areas that West Point will allow them to put them on. She also brought to the attention to the Village Board the Hotline for Zombie properties which Mayor D'Onofrio stated that they were aware of this information. She thanked many for their hard work on the grant for the rehab of Roe Park including Assemblyman James Skoufis.

Martha Aylward commented on how pleased she is about all the homes being rehabilitated and that the Village is a great place to live.

Jose Sierra, 65 Schneider Avenue, spoke to Village Board about all the rain we have had and all the rain still coming. Mr. Sierra wants to know why the Village wants to continue paying Attorneys on an issue that should have been resolved years ago. Mr. Sierra wanted it to be on record that the Village could save the taxpayers money if they would remedy the problem instead of getting Attorneys involved.

James Modlin commented on the grand opening of the new Yoga studio on Friday August 10, 2018 at 4:00pm and invited the Village Board and Mayor to attend. Mr. Modlin also thanked the Mayor for his plan to invite the new businesses to the Village Board meeting. He also asked if he could be considered to be a part of the consolidation committee being put together.

Loma Yehl asked about the grant for \$500,000.00 and wanted to know if was for businesses outside of the scope of Main Street. Mrs. Yehl also commented on the lighting on Kleitz Street and encouraged the Village Board to go up and observe how dark it is at night.

Trustee Livsey motioned to enter into executive session for a legal matter.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. No Board action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 9:12 P.M