

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

July 16, 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 July 16, 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
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Fire Chief, Erik Smith
Police Sargent, Jason Torpey
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
Approximately 10 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.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes as written:

Special Meeting- June 12, 2018

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the following minutes as written:

Regular Meeting- June 18, 2018

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Abstain (Murphy)

motion carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the following minutes as written:

Special Meeting- July 2, 2018

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Abstain (Livsey)

motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign agreement with Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. for services to perform audit for fiscal year ending May 31, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$22,500.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to appoint Cariann Pettit, full time dispatcher, at the salary of step 1 in the CBA, with 52 weeks maximum probation, per the recommendation of Police Chief Kenneth Scott.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to appoint Kaitlin Rodriguez, full time dispatcher, at the salary of step 1 in the CBA, with 52 weeks maximum probation, per the recommendation of Police Chief Kenneth Scott.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to appoint Ryan Kresback to the position of seasonal employee at the rate of \$11.00/hr, Monday to Thursday 8:00am to 3:30pm for approximately 12 weeks, effective Wednesday, July 18, 2018, per the recommendation of the interim Street Superintendent, John Jones.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to accept the resignation of Mary Laders, Clerk, effective August 1, 2018, beginning of business, with extreme regret and many thanks.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the request from Highland Falls Softball Team to use Roe Park Softball Field on Sunday afternoons from 12:00noon to 4:30pm on the dates 7/22 through and including 10/21 pending proper insurance paperwork is received by the Village Clerk prior to the start of games.

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the request from the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County to hold an Agency BBQ/family picnic at Roe Park on August 4, 2018 from 11:00am to 4:00pm and to waive the Live Entertainment permit fee of \$50.00, with the stipulation that bouncy houses are not permitted on Roe Park.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from the Town of Highlands Recreation Department to hold a Memorial Tournament for Michael Kohus on the Roe Park Softball Field on August 25, 2018 from 8:00am to 8:00pm and waive the Live Entertainment permit fee of \$50.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the request from the HFFMCSO the use of Roe Park field for James I. O'Neill HS Varsity, JV and Modified baseball teams for practices and games from March 1, 2019 to June 10, 2019.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from the Village Clerk to attend a NYCOM workshop August 9, 2018 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm in Walden, NY at no cost for the workshop but that mileage reimbursement be approved.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the request for membership for the Highland Falls Fire Department for Roger Waufle, pending the results of his physical, per the recommendation of Fire Chief Erik Smith.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve U430 or Engine 428 to a Wet Down at Salisbury Mills Fire Department July 28, 2018 and Engine 428 attending the Orange County Parade on Saturday September 23, 2018, per the request of Fire Chief Erik Smith.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:28 P.M. for Notice(s) of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice(s) of Hearing issued to the following Property Owners:

14 Lake St.	103-10-30	21 Center St.	104-2-26
20 Lake Street	103-10-3.2	8 Fostoria St.	104-9-34
22 Mountain Ave.	104-3-31	25 Liberty St.	103-22-4
vac lot Mountain Ave.	104-3-30	9 Sweezy Ave.	103-25-8.2
128 Mountain Ave.	102-1-31.2	6 Cooks Lane	104-8-10

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 these properties. No further questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:29P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

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

14 Lake St.	103-10-30	21 Center St.	104-2-26
20 Lake Street	103-10-3.2	8 Fostoria St.	104-9-34
22 Mountain Ave.	104-3-31	25 Liberty St.	103-22-4
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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)

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to approve the bills and claims for \$ 92,353.15 from the following listed funds:

FY 17-18	General Fund	<u>\$10,556.30</u>
		\$10,556.30
FY 18-19	General Fund	\$ 62,238.70
	Section 8	\$ 10,223.00
	Water Fund	\$ 853.83
	Sewer Fund	\$ 8,385.07
	Capital Fund	<u>\$ 96.25</u>
		\$ 81,796.85

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Fire Chief Erik Smith presented the June 2018 Fire Department Report.

Trustee Aylward made a motion to open up the process where we start looking at Consolidation, answer the questions people have and start moving on it.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward presented the June 2018 Police report.

Trustee Murphy presented the June 2018 Building Department Report and gave a brief update on the Old Guard Hotel and the demolition plan for the existing building on the property.

Trustee Ramus presented the June 2018 Wastewater Treatment Plant report. Trustee Ramus reported that the Electric Charging Station in Municipal Lot#2 is operational and encouraged people to park in the spaces only to charge their vehicles. Trustee Ramus reported that he is looking into a geese deterrent in Roe Park with the DEC.

Trustee Livsey encouraged residents to prepare basements for heavy rain events, but do not pump into the sewer system. Trustee Livsey commented on young adults using the Middle School basketball court and that the court should only be used by children.

Public Comment:

Jose Sierra, 65 Schneider Ave, asked the Board where the Village is with the drainage situation on his property.

Mayor D'Onofrio responded that the Village needs to do a survey of the easement and he will contact with the Village Engineer about this. Mayor D'Onofrio commented that he will arrange for the Village Engineer to meet with the Mayor, Mr. Sierra and Board members, on site, to discuss the plan.

Olga Anderson, 78 Ondaora Parkway, thanked Trustee Aylward for bringing up consolidation and commented she would like to see consolidation discussed at each meeting.

Ned Kopald, 98 Roe Park, commented on concerns of outside residents using Roe Park facilities and asked the Board to consider the residents of Roe Park when issuing permits for facilities use. Mr. Kopald also asked the Board to consider moving the sheds on Roe Park from where they are currently located.

Ray Deveraux, 48 Ondaora Parkway, thanked Trustee Aylward for bringing up Consolidation and suggested the Village follow-up with the State regarding the consultant's non-responsiveness.

Irena Kelly, Villa Parkway, commented to the Village Board her concerns over the location of a possible cell tower and that it not being high enough for the transmitters to be effective.

Rita Daugherty, Riverview Rd., commented to the Village Board that she is not in favor of a cell tower being located behind her house.

Jim Modlin, Webb Lane, thanked the Village Board for moving forward with Consolidation and commented that a plan needs to be put into place for updates to the community on this matter.

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

The meeting closed at 8:15 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk