

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

August 20, 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 20, 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 Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.
Trustee Barbara Murphy
Trustee James Ramus

Members absent were:

Trustee Brian Aylward

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones
Town Councilman, Richard Parry
West Point Garrison Commander, Col. Marson
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
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.

As part of Mayor D'Onofrio's initiative to invite a new or existing business to come in to introduce themselves, Karen Parashkevov, chairperson of the Farmer's Market, presented to the community what the Farmer's Market has to offer each Sunday and encouraged all residents to support our local farmers and vendors each Sunday in the municipal lot#2 from 9am-2pm until October 28th.

Mayor D'Onofrio introduced and welcomed the new West Point Garrison Commander, Col. Marson. Mayor D'Onofrio commented that he is looking forward to working together with Col. Marson and the new administration.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the following minutes as written:

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from the Recreation Director to change the date of the Michael Kohus Softball Tournament from August 25th to Saturday September 29th.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the quote from Mountain Breeze, Inc. for \$9,500.00 to replace the air conditioner in the Police Department, per the recommendation from Chief Scott and as reviewed by the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the acknowledgement of "Braking Aids Ride" on Sunday, September 16th as requested by the Orange County Department of Public Works.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the new member of the HFFD, Joshua Keena, pending the results of his physical, per the recommendation of the Fire Chief Erik Smith.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to change the date of the Board meeting scheduled on Monday, September 3, 2018 to Tuesday, September 4, 2018 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:29 P.M. for Notice(s) of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice(s) of Hearing issued to the following Property Owners:

128 Mountain Ave	102-1-31.2	9 Sweezy Ave	103-25-8.2
20 Lake Street	103-10-3.2	22 Mountain Ave	104-3-31
14 Lake Street	103-10-3	Mountain Ave (lot)	104-3-30
17 Liberty Street	103-23-3		

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 7:30P.M.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

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

128 Mountain Ave	102-1-31.2	9 Sweezy Ave	103-25-8.2
20 Lake Street	103-10-3.2	22 Mountain Ave	104-3-31
14 Lake Street	103-10-3	Mountain Ave (lot)	104-3-30
17 Liberty Street	103-23-3		

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Aylward)

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 103,639.79 from the following listed funds:

FY 18-19	General Fund	\$84,512.69
	Water Fund	\$ 5,500.20
	Sewer Fund	\$13,521.90
	Capital	<u>\$ 105.00</u>
		\$103,639.79

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported the following;

- that there is a possibility that the Village would be able to apply for an IDA grant that would cover the cost of the Engineering for the Restore NY grant.
- that the Village is working with the State to become a Climate Smart Community
- that hazardous waste collection will be held September 22nd at the O.C. Fire Training Center in New Hampton for residents of the County.
- the Village Attorney is looking at ways to increase fines for repeat offenders of the property maintenance code.

Trustee Livsey reminded residents to be mindful of speeding as schools will be opening soon. Trustee Livsey commented that the Village should look at a code for waste containers and a time line for how long these containers should be allowed to remain on public or private property. Trustee Livsey criticized Facebook statements that businesses are losing business because Police are giving too many speeding tickets.

Trustee Murphy presented the Building Department report for July 2018 and gave an update on the timeline for the Old Guard Hotel to abate asbestos and begin demolition of the building.

Trustee Ramus commented that the fire damage at the WWTP is still being assessed and repairs will begin once all insurance investigations and cost estimates are completed.

Ray Deveraux-48 Ondaora Parkway, asked if any of the property maintenance issues were repeat offenders. Mayor D'Onofrio confirmed that some were repeat offenders. Mr. Deveraux asked for an update to the Consolidation Study. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that he had reached Tim Weidemann and provided him paperwork to review and that Mr. Weidemann will get back to the Village Board after he updates the study with new budget information.

Richard Zzie-23 Sweezy Ave.-presented the Board with a plan to have access to the driveway at 23 Sweezy Ave and offered to donate barriers for the end of the road at Sweezy. Mayor D'Onofrio thanked him for his drawing and will have the Village Engineer and Street Superintendent review it.

Trustee Ramus motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter and asked Street Superintendent John Jones to remain. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:04pm.

Trustee Ramus motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried. The Regular meeting reconvened at 8:45pm.

Trustee Livsey motioned to ratify the agreement, signed and dated August 6, 2018, between the Village of Highland Falls and Stephen Gass, to accept the voluntary and irrevocable resignation of Mr. Gass, effective August 6, 2018, as witnessed by John Jones his supervisor and Dan Maldonado, representative of the Teamsters Local 445, at the separation cost of \$9,692.80 for unused accruals and for remaining on the payroll until September 29, 2018.

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent (Aylward) motion carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:50 P.M

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk