

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

October 1, 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 October 1, 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
Police Chief, Ken Scott
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 25 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 acknowledged Officer Frank A. Lilos and Richard Santiago on a recent drug bust that resulted in an arrest. Mayor D'Onofrio thanked them and their fellow Officers for their hard work.

Trustee Livsey motioned to appoint Emmanuel Vasquez a PT Police Officer, as a recruit, at \$10.40/hr and with maximum probation, as recommended by Police Chief Scott.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:
 5 Ayes 0 Nays motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes, with corrections requested by Trustee Ramus,
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The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to table signing the contract with Rondout Consulting to complete the remaining steps to provide a full municipal reorganization study and plan until the next meeting.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the annual Civil Rights Certification form for HUD and the Section 8 program.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio motioned to table signing Central Hudson's Letter of Release.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to allow the Farmer's Market to store items in municipal lot#2 until the final Market date of October 28, 2018.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve Account Clerk Barbara Mellon to attend the NYS Employer Education Seminar for the NYS Retirement System in Ulster County on October 11th from 9:00am -3:00pm at no cost for the seminar and that reimbursement of mileage be approved.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to accept the resignation of PT Dispatcher Brandon Hill, effective 9/27/18.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to surplus (1) 1999 Sterling SC7000 sweeper body and (1) 1999 Johnson Perkins auxiliary engine as recommended by interim Street Superintendent John Jones.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the request from James I O'Neill HS to hold a Homecoming Parade , from Buffalo Soldiers Field to Municipal Lot #2, and hold a pep rally, from 4:00pm-6:30pm, on Monday October 8th.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from the Bear Mountain Bakery to hold a grand opening on Main Street from Webb Lane to the Library, from 9:00am-12:00noon, on Saturday October 6, 2018.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the Live Entertainment Application and the \$50.00 fee for the permit for the Bear Mountain Bakery to have live music during their grand opening event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Resolution
Vehicle & Traffic
Village of Highland Falls

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 is appended to these minutes)

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:35P.M. for Notice(s) of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice(s) of Hearing issued to the following Property Owner(s):

53 Villa Parkway 105-3-48.12
28 Fostoria Street 104-9-43

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 this property. No further questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:36 P.M.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

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

53 Villa Parkway 105-3-48.12
28 Fostoria Street 104-9-43

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously 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 \$128,160.70 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$51,238.67
Section 8	\$63,817.00
Water Fund	\$ 9,436.06
Sewer Fund	\$ 3,421.47
Capital Fund	<u> 247.50</u>
	\$128,160.70

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio acknowledged the Highland Falls Fire Department and their 1st Place Trophy in the Engine category of the OCVFA Parade held in September 2018.

Mayor D'Onofrio asked the Board members if they wanted him to move forward with discussions on a cell tower in the Village. Trustees Aylward, Murphy and Livsey commented they would like the Mayor to move ahead and Trustee Ramus did not respond. The Mayor reported that he would set up a meeting with cell tower folks and the Board.

Mayor D'Onofrio thanked the beautification committee for the decorations in Memorial Park, announced that plans are being made for a Christmas lighting ceremony, congratulated Army and O'Neill football teams, and announced a Facebook page coming soon to highlight living in Highland Falls.

Trustee Aylward presented the September 2018 Police Report. Trustee Aylward thanked Vision for their decorations in Ladycliff Park, thanked Ann Molina for arranging with West Point for a successful job fair held recently at The Center and thanked everyone for supporting the 4th Anniversary Celebration at The Center last week.

Trustee Livsey thanked Ann Molina and all the volunteers who work at The Center. Trustee Livsey would like a meeting with the Village Board and the Attorney regarding containers in the Village when people are cleaning out their houses or basements and illegal apartments. Trustee Livsey suggested repurposing of the old bath house in Roe Park to a storage building.

Trustee Murphy suggested the Village should look at the building codes and how certificates of occupancy are issued, especially for older homes, when people are trying to sell them.

Trustee Ramus gave a report of the LED street light replacement project. Trustee Ramus reported that LED lights have been put in from Thayer Gate to down pass the Park Restaurant and in other locations as required. Trustee Ramus reported that the EPA has reminded everyone that it is Healthy Lung Month and to visit their website for more information. Trustee Ramus reported the DEC has reminded everyone that it is Fall Foliage time and visit their website for the best locations for leaf peeping and also to get information on recycling of small appliances.

Public Comment:

Martha Aylward, 13 Church Street, commented the building department should be encouraging businesses and not throwing up road blocks. Mrs. Aylward thanked the Board for continuing looking at cell tower options. Mrs. Aylward commented she was not happy that the signing of the contract for Rondout Consulting was put off.

Kat Degaev, Weyant Green Apts, commented that she sent two emails this past week, one to request the meeting be moved and one to have certain subjects be put on the agenda. Ms. Degaev commented that she was not given a response and by not putting items on the agenda or having questions answered you are blocking public officers accountability which is checks and balances and leaves taxpayers no choice but to continue to file complaints with the appropriate entities to deal with this and to seek legal counsel.

Laura Milsom, 105 Center Street, commented on multiple cars parking on grass on single family residences, speaks to the issue of multi-families living in single family homes. Ms. Milsom commented that she would like to see dog owners picking up after their dogs and if the law can be enforced harder or more efficiently. Ms. Milsom also provided the public with a phone number in the County District Attorney's office to report drug activity.

Pat Flynn, 1 Muller Ave, commented on the LED lighting project. Mr. Flynn commented that he does not see the Board working towards one community and hopes the Board does work with the Chamber of Commerce and new businesses. Mr. Flynn complained that his entertainment business is being hurt by the Village not allowing inflatables on Village property. Mr. Flynn argued that the Village's insurance company does not prohibit them, but it does not cover them, and that is why he has the insurance necessary to allow them. Mr. Flynn commented that he would like to see the Board vote on allowing them on Village property.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter into executive session for advice of counsel on pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:53P.M.

Trustee Livsey motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:36P.M.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize the Village Attorney to represent the Village in the Appeal of the Article 78 in the matter of Katherine Degaev, Patrick Flynn, Laura Milsom & Sharon Guy vs Village of Highland Falls, New York.

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

3 Ayes (Livsey, Ramus, D'Onofrio) and 2 Nays (Aylward, Murphy)

motion carried.

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

The meeting closed at 9:44P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk