

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

November 5, 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 November 5, 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 Barbara Murphy
Trustee James Ramus

Member absent was:

Trustee Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
Chief WWTP Operator, John Jones
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt (7:15pm)
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.

Mayor D'Onofrio presented Police Officers Frank A. Lilos and Richard Santiago a certificate and ribbon for excellent police work on a recent drug bust that resulted in an arrest. Mayor D'Onofrio thanked them and their fellow Officers for their hard work.

Mayor D'Onofrio commented that Detective Randell Bailey also received an excellent police duty award and ribbon for investigation work that resulted in arrests.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:21P.M. on the Introductory Local Law to Amend the Property Maintenance Law. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that a Notice of Hearing was published. No public comment was heard at this time. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the Building Inspector had some questions about the law. The Mayor adjourned the public hearing at 7:22P.M. until the Board meeting on December 3, 2018.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:22P.M. on the Introductory Local Law to Amend the Zoning Law to Reduce the Minimum Required Square Footage of Dwelling Units. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that a Notice of Hearing was published. No public comment was heard at this time. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the Village Board was waiting on comment from the Consolidated Planning Board and the Orange County Planning Board. The Mayor adjourned the public hearing at 7:23P.M. until the Board meeting on December 3, 2018.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the following minutes:

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to table the Resolution of Adoption for the Local Law to Amend the Property Maintenance Law.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to table the Resolution of Adoption for the Local Law to Amend the Zoning Law to Reduce the Minimum Required Squared Footage of Dwelling Units.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported he has not heard back from Rondout Consulting on the questions raised at the last board meeting and therefore there is no agreement to be signed yet.

Trustee Ramus motioned the following:

Resolution
General Village Election

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Absent (Livsey)

motion carried. (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy for the Village of Highland Falls, per the recommendation from the Village Labor Attorney.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and on a roll call vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Noes and 1 Absent (Livsey) motion carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the Consolidated Planning Board Town of Highlands Village of Highland Falls proposed fee schedule, as recommended by the Chairman of the Consolidated Planning Board, Erik Smith.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to table the proposed zoning code change, recommended by the Planning Board Chairman Erik Smith, for Expiration of Special Exception Authorization’s issued by the Planning Board.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to accept the resignation of PT Police Officer Philip Heckett, effective 10/24/18. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve changing the Village’s Time Warner Accounts to Spectrum Business Accounts per the comparison analysis provided by the Purchasing Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$139,913.77 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$27,639.30
Section 8	\$62,675.00
Water Fund	\$10,891.39
Sewer Fund	\$ 7,208.08
Capital Fund	<u>\$31,500.00</u>
	\$139,913.77

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

Richard Zzie , 23 Sweezy Ave. asked the Board if there was any developments on his request for extending the road by his property since the last meeting. Mayor D’Onofrio responded that the Board would be discussing it further and he will get back to him.

Rebecca Stewart and Chris Slapp, came before the Board to introduce themselves and their Food Truck business.

Trustee Aylward motioned to enter into executive session for advice of counsel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried. Mayor D’Onofrio invited Ken Scott, John Jones and Jim DiSalvo into executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 8:05P.M.

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:54P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned to direct the Village Attorney to draft an easement and release of liability for execution by the owner of property located at 65 Schneider Avenue for the purpose of settling claims related to alleged drainage issues. The settlement amount shall not exceed \$20,000.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and on a roll call vote of 4 Ayes, 0 Noes and 1 Absent(Livsey) motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to be used in law enforcement activity to be managed by the Chief of Police and accountable to the Board of Trustees upon request, and to have a seized vehicle, to be used in law enforcement, added to the Village’s Vehicles insurance policy.

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

The meeting closed at 9:00P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk