

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

March 4, 2019

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 March 4, 2019.

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 Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.
Trustee James Ramus

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Chief WWTP Operator, John Jones
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
Police Officers, Frank Lilos, Robert Duffy
Town Councilman, Richard Parry
Town Councilman, Richard Sullivan
O.C. Legislator, Laurie Tautel
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 14 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 Livsey motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting- February 19, 2019
Special Meeting-February 23, 2019 budget
Special Meeting –February 27, 2019 Executive Session & budget

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes:

Special Meeting-February 25, 2019 Executive Session & budget

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (Ramus)

motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor Joseph D'Onofrio to sign a one year Contract Renewal with Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc. for the administration of the Housing Choice Voucher Program from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to authorize Mayor Joseph D'Onofrio to sign the agreement with the LA Group Landscape Architecture and Engineering, P.C. (The LA Group) with regard to the work the LA Group intends to perform on the Village of Highland Falls Waterfront Revitalization Strategy, upon review of the Village Attorney.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor Joseph D'Onofrio to sign the Agreement with Complus Data Innovations, Inc. to assist in collection of parking meter fines and outstanding fines at the cost of \$280.00/month out of the Police contractual budget.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to authorize Mayor Joseph D'Onofrio, Sargent Jason Torpey, Trustee Brian Aylward and Police Chief Kenneth Scott to sign Orange County Stop DWI contracts for the calendar year 2019.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to complete the probation of Ryan Kresback , Laborer, effective March 4, 2019.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to appoint Ryan Kresback, Full time Water Assistant, effective March 7, 2019 at the rate of \$16.00/hr and maximum probation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to appoint Emmanuel Vazquez a full time Police Officer from the Civil Service list, at the rate of step 1 (\$51,533) in the collective bargaining agreement and with maximum probation of 78 weeks, as recommended by Police Chief Kenneth Scott.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to complete the probationary period of Part Time Officer Jeffrey Pitt, effective March 18, 2019, per the recommendation of Police Chief Kenneth Scott.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the bills and claims for \$157,115.88 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$24,275.89
Section 8	\$59,059.00
Water Fund	\$ 8,707.60
Sewer Fund	\$ 7,323.39
Capital Fund	<u>\$57,750.00</u>
	\$157,115.88

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Public comments:

O.C. Legislator Laurie Tautel provided information to the Village Trustees regarding consolidation grants and clean energy grant opportunities. Ms. Tautel also encouraged all residents to respond to the next census as these numbers are important for the Town and Village to apply for funding opportunities.

Olga Anderson, 78 Ondaora Pkwy, informed the Village Board and residents that the Community Garden and the Library have teamed up to sponsor Earth Day, April 27th.

Kat Dagaev, Weyant Green Apts, commented that the Village employee handbook defines an in-law as kin and therefore Mr. Ramus should not have voted in the Chief Scott matter, that consolidation has been talked about for two years since this Board took office, but no action has been taken, and that since this Board took office employees have left what they considered a hostile environment.

Mayor D'Onofrio thanked the members of the St. Patrick's Day Committee for putting on a great parade and also thanked the DPW, local Police Departments and the Ambulance Corp.

Trustee Ramus reported that he is working with Orange & Rockland on the replacement of street lights down Main Street with LED lighting and that twenty-one more will be replaced soon.

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

The meeting closed at 7:36P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk