

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

April 1, 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 April 1, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:00P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Trustee Brian Aylward
Trustee James DiSalvo
Trustee James Ramus

Member absent was:

Trustee Mervin R. Livsey, Jr

Also present was:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Chief WWTP Operator, John Jones
Police Chief Kenneth Scott
Police Officer, Tom Kleveno
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
8 Community residents

Mayor D'Onofrio welcomed the newly elected Trustee, James DiSalvo and the recently re-elected Trustee Brian Aylward to the Village Board and commented that we look forward to everyone working together.

The approval of the minutes for March 18, 2019 was tabled.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the request from Vision to hold the 2019 Farmer's Market in Municipal Lot#2 on Sundays from June 16, 2019 to October 27, 2019 from 7:30am – 3:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to accept the bid of \$300.00 from Mad Marvins Merchandise for a permit to occupy Vendor Spot#1, in Municipal Lot #2, from July 11, 2019 to March 31, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported that Vendor Spot #2 will be re-bid and the notice will be placed in the News of the Highlands this week, with a bid opening date of April 12th at 10:00am.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve DPW Bucket Truck Certification training for Michael Jones, Cody Jados and Kevin Barnes at the DPW in the Town of Crawford, on April 29 & April 30, 2019 at the cost of \$125.00 per person.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the proposal from J. Robert Folchetti & Associates for \$24,000.00 for engineering services for the North Main St. Sidewalk Rehabilitation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to put the WWTP Belt Press specs prepared by McGoey, Hauser and Edsall,D.P.C. out for bid asap.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned for the Village Attorney to send a letter to Rondout Consulting canceling the contract with the Village of Highland Falls to prepare a Reorganization Study.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio commented that approximately 50% of grant funds have been used on a matching grant. The Mayor reported that the Village has any documents that they did finish, however the update was never completed. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that we will need to re-bid for a new consultant.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$151,534.41 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$41,264.47
Section 8	\$73,302.00
Water Fund	\$ 545.51
Sewer Fund	\$ 6,064.33
Capital Fund	<u>\$30,358.10</u>
	\$151,534.41

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio updated the Village Board on the following:

1. The Mayor reported that a kick-off meeting will be set up soon with the Marina Committee, the Village Board, the LA Group and the Department of State in order to proceed with the grant requirements.
2. The Mayor met with the LA Group and discussed various ways the LA Group might be able to help the Village apply for grants and also update the Village Master Plan.
3. The April 15th meeting will be held at the Senior Center and a public hearing will be held first to get comments on possible CDBG 2020 funding projects.
4. The Village Treasurer is working with Bond counsel to refinance a 2009 Bond that will result in approximate savings of \$240,000.00.
5. Thanked the Police Department on a recent drug bust that resulted in approximately \$4,800.00 in confiscated assets that were turned over to the Village of Highland Falls.
6. The Mayor has a phone call into the Town Supervisor to discuss how the Senior Center can be utilized more.

Trustee Aylward recognized Officer Fernandez and Staff Sargent Pitino of the National Guard for their help with March Mania and that they will be working with The Center and its drug coalition to get services for young people. Trustee Aylward notified the public that The Center would be giving out free books on 4/10/19 to youngsters and adolescents to encourage them to read more.

Trustee DiSalvo reported he is working with Community Development and hopefully secure more funds for the CDBG 2018 award the Village already received.

Trustee Ramus reported that it was National Public Health Week and mentioned more information was available on the EPA website. Trustee Ramus reported that he sent Dr. Sheboy information from the EPA website for him to share with his staff on National Healthy School Day. Trustee Ramus reported that today was opening day for Trout season and he was going to put some information on the counter in Village Hall regarding rules and guidelines for fishing in New York State.

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

The meeting closed at 7:28P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk