

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

May 20, 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 May 20, 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 Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.  
Trustee James Ramus

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune  
Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson, PE  
Police Officer, James Ripa  
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
1 community resident

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 reported that the Village will be putting in an application for a Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant for \$10 million dollars and invited public comments or suggestions on this matter. The Mayor spoke on some of the possibilities that \$10 million dollars could do to help with improvements to our Downtown. Mayor D'Onofrio mentioned that a petition was being circulated and that there is one in the Village Hall and encouraged residents to sign to show their support of the Village in applying for this grant. Mayor D'Onofrio reported a new website ([www.highlandfallsrevitalization.org](http://www.highlandfallsrevitalization.org)) has been established to support the DRI application and that support letters have been received and will be posted to the website.

Mr. Jim Modlin, Webb Lane, reported that the Chamber of Commerce held the banner raising ceremony this past week and expressed how successful the program has been. Mr. Modlin thanked John Jones and the Village DPW for their help in hanging the banners on the poles. Mr. Modlin thanked the Police Department for their support while the flags were being hung and during the ceremony.

A public hearing, for the purpose of the Village Engineer presenting the Stormwater Management report and getting public comment, was opened at 7:23 P.M.

Mr. Todd Atkinson, Village Engineer explained that the Stormwater Management Report is an annual requirement of the NYSDEC and this year the time period runs from March 10, 2018 to March 9, 2019. Mr. Atkinson remarked that MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Stormwater System and means that the Village is responsible to keep stormwater and sewer discharge separate. Mr. Atkinson reported to the Board that the Village has met the requirements of the of NYSDEC guidelines and that a copy of the report was available in the Village Clerk's office for anyone to review. Mr. Atkinson asked for Board approval and authorization for the Mayor to sign the report so that he can submit it by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to the NYSDEC. Mr. Atkinson reported that he did verify that reports for the 2016, 2017, and 2018 years had been submitted timely.

No questions being asked and no comments being heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:25 P.M.

Trustee Aylward motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Stormwater Management Annual Report, March 2018-March 2019 and authorize the Village Engineer to submit the document to the NYSDEC by June 1, 2019.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Follow up discussion was held on the HF Softball team's request for the use of Roe Park field for Sunday's in June through October. It was noted that insurance has been provided for the length of the season.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the schedule of the HF Softball Team as presented, with Sunday afternoon play, from June through October 2019.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the Chemical Bids for FY 19-20 as recommended by the Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried. (A copy of the bid results is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the proposal from Clint Smith, PE for \$6,500.00 for services to the Village in reference to the proposed cell tower, with the stipulation that Homeland Towers puts the \$6,500.00 in an escrow account to pay for the services.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$104,954.65 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$28,652.01
Water Fund	\$ 5,838.70
Sewer Fund	\$ 7,859.94
Capital Fund	<u>\$62,604.00</u>
	\$104,954.65

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 7:48 P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk