

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

August 5, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in the Senior Center, 15 Drew Avenue, Highland Falls, New York on August 5, 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
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
Police Officer, Robert Ruger
TOH Councilman, Richard Parry
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 4 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- July 15, 2019
Special Meeting- July 30, 2019

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:01 P.M. for Notice(s) of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice(s) of Hearing issued to the following Property Owner(s):

6 Catherine Street 104-8-8
10 Muller Avenue 103-19-9

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 these properties. No further questions or comments from the public. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:05P.M. on a motion by Trustee DiSalvo with a second by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned the following:

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

6 Catherine Street 104-8-8
10 Muller Avenue 103-19-9

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

motion carried.(A true and complete copy of the resolutions are appended to these minutes)

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the request for training for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ana Sierra and Account Clerk Barbara Mellon to Civil Service Training August 7th from 1:30pm -4:30pm in Goshen, NY with mileage reimbursement.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to reschedule the Monday, September 2nd meeting to Tuesday, September 3rd, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

RESOLUTION FOR FINAL NOTICE AND TERMINATION
OF SERVICE FOR UNPAID WATER BILLS
FOR : May 2019

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

motion carried. (A true and complete copy of the resolutions are appended to these minutes)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to appoint Antonio Esparra, a PT Police Officer at \$22.25/hr (step 1 of the PT Union Contract) and with maximum probation, pending background and psychological testing.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign a one year IT Agreement with High Tech Computer Solutions, per the recommendation of Police Chief Scott.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the bid from Tam Enterprises, Inc. of \$169,728.73 WWTP Fire Damage Repairs Phase 1 (Demolition), per the recommendation of the Village Engineer and approval of the Insurance Company, and authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign necessary contract paperwork.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the contract with Kelleher Construction, Inc. low bidder of \$201,500.00 for North End Sidewalk Project, per the recommendation on the Village Engineer.

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Abstain (DiSalvo) motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims from the following listed funds:

FY 19-20	General Fund	\$ 59,506.69
	Section 8	\$ 58,995.00
	Water Fund	\$ 6,533.41
	Sewer Fund	\$ 12,096.80
	Capital Fund	<u>\$ 7,476.63</u>
		\$144,608.53

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to enter executive session for Advice of Counsel on Real Property matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:40p.m.

Trustee Aylward motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried. The Regular meeting reconvened at 8:11p.m.

Discussion was held on Homeland Towers' application, received on August 1, 2019, seeking approval to build a wireless telecommunications tower on Village property located at 26 Havens Road. The Board discussed concerns that this is the property that houses the Village's Department of Public Works ("DPW"). Several Trustees had apprehensions about tying up part of the DPW site for 35 years or longer, if the Village agreed to lease a portion of the land to Homeland Towers. The Trustees questioned if the need for expansion of the DPW for services or equipment in the future would be constrained by the cell tower operation.

Discussion was held on other Village-owned property that could be offered to Homeland Towers for a potential cell tower location, and two sites that were mentioned: 241 Mountain Ave (the Water Plant) and 95 Rose Drive (Wastewater Treatment Plant).

Trustee Livsey motioned to reject Homeland Tower's request to lease Village Property located at 26 Havens Road, return the lease option agreement, the escrow check and the application to Homeland Towers and to direct the Village Attorney to prepare a letter to accompany the returned materials for the Mayor's signature, which letter should also include an invitation to explore the other two Village properties as possible locations for a cell tower in the Village.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:15P.M.