

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

September 17, 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 September 17, 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  
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott  
TOH Councilman, Richard Sullivan  
Nancie Williams, Alisha Sedefian, Representatives of Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc.  
Michele Reis, Representative of M&R Energy Resources  
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
TOH Ambulance Corps  
Approximately 7 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.

A public hearing, duly advertised, for the purpose of presenting the Housing Choice Voucher 5 Year Plan was opened at 7:03P.M. Ms. Nancie Williams and Ms. Alisha Sedefian, representatives from Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc. were present to provide information and answer questions related to the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) and the FSS (Family Self Sufficiency) Program. Ms. Sedefian spoke about the FSS program and reported that there are currently 24 vouchers utilizing this program. Ms. Williams answered questions regarding the Section 8 program and commented that it is a Federal funded program administered by Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc. through the Village. Ms. Williams reported the Village currently has 64 vouchers. All questions being asked and all comments heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:14P.M.

Trustee Livsey moved the following:

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE  
SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM  
PHA PLAN 2020

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Discussion was held regarding painting numbers on the sidewalks in the North End to assist the TOH Ambulance Corp with marking out vendor spots for their annual Fall Foliage Festival. The Ambulance Corps members came before the Village Board to request the numbers be painted on the sidewalks. The Mayor and Board members suggested they use chalk or some other non-permanent way to mark the vendor spots. The Mayor commented that the Village is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to improve infrastructure in the North End of Main Street and would not like the sidewalks to be marked up.

Ms. Michele Reis, Representative of M&R Energy Resources presented to the Village Board a comparison of energy rates for the supplier of electricity, to review and discuss, as the contract period the Village is currently under expires in mid-October. Ms. Reis answered any questions the Board had and explained the process of going out to get these quotes from the different utilities.

Trustee Livsey motioned to accept Constellation as the supplier for electricity at the rate of \$0.05256kwh for 25 months and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement after review by the Village Attorney.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes:

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (Ramus) motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

RESOLUTION  
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING DRAINAGE FACILITIES ON SCHNEIDER AVENUE  
NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT DETERMINATION

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS,  
NEW YORK, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 17, 2019, AUTHORIZING  
THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS DRAINAGE  
IMPROVEMENTS ON SCHNEIDER AVENUE, IN THE VILLAGE,  
STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS  
\$185,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE,  
AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL  
AMOUNT OF \$185,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Ramus motioned the following:

VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTION AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE FEES  
FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LAW

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

RESOLUTION  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
2019-2020 Budget Amendment  
I. Donate Goods

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

RESOLUTION  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
2019-2020 Budget Amendment  
Central Hudson

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution  
For Elected and Appointed Officials

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

RESOLUTION  
Vehicle and Traffic  
Village of Highland Falls  
Handicap Parking

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:  
5 Ayes 0 Nays  
motion carried. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes.)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

RESOLUTION  
Vehicle and Traffic  
Village of Highland Falls  
Parking Prohibited at All Times

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:  
4 Ayes 1 Nays (Ramus)  
motion carried. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes.)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the appointment of Salim Agha, from the civil service eligibles list, as a FT Police Officer at the rate of step 1 in the PBA Union Contract and a probationary period of 78 weeks, effective 9/17/19.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the appointment of Racquel Vogel, from the civil service eligibles list, as a FT Police Officer at the rate of step 1 in the PBA Union Contract and a probationary period of 78 weeks, effective 9/17/19.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D’Onofrio motioned to approve Jennifer Constanzo, a member of the HFFD, pending physical, per the recommendation of Fire Chief Erik Smith.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve a Halloween Parade on Main Street from Memorial Park to Municipal Lot#2, where a Trunk or Treat will be held, on October 31<sup>st</sup>, starting at 5:45p.m. to 7:30p.m.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the James I O’Neill HS Homecoming Parade down Main Street from Thayer Gate to Municipal Lot#2, where a Pep Rally will be held, on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve St. John’s AME Zion Church to hold a fundraiser Bake Sale and Sausage sale in Municipal Lot#2 on October 5, October 26, November 9 and November 16, 2019, pending a certificate of liability insurance is provided to the Village Clerk before the first scheduled event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$184,486.40 from the following listed funds:

FY 19-20	General Fund	\$124,968.46
	Water Fund	\$ 45,001.55
	Sewer Fund	\$ 11,285.16
	Capital Fund	<u>3,231.23</u>
		\$184,486.40

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:39p.m.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 8:54p.m.

Trustee Livsey motioned to release \$20,000 in escrow funds to Church Hill Properties, Inc. per the conditions of the Developer's Agreement regarding offsite drainage work, for the Old Guard Hotel, as recommended by the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:  
5 Ayes 0 Nays motion carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:56P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk