

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

January 6, 2020

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 January 6, 2020.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:04 P.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, P.E.  
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott  
TOH Consolidated Planning Board Chairman, Erik Smith  
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Approximately 5 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.

Mayor D'Onofrio reconvened the public hearing for the Introductory Local Law – Amendment of the Zoning Law Modifying the Uses Allowed Within the Business-1 Main Street Corridor and Associated Bulk Table Modifications at 7:04p.m.

Comments:

James Titolo- 95 Mountain Ave. Mr. Titolo commented the following:  
B3 should extend from Thayer Gate all the way to 9W to encourage development.  
The Board should consider PUD's (Planned Unit Developments) and define the requirements.  
Wider sidewalks should be considered in new developments and natural finishes.  
Consider a fee for parking spaces similar to the parkland fees.

Eric Smith- TOH Consolidated Planning Board Chairman. Mr. Smith commented that the Board should consider the parking, not just for transient but for residential areas in surrounding areas of development.

Ron Malecot- 7 Parry Ave. Commented that parking will be an issue. Suggested parking on side streets for residents only. Mr. Malecot questioned if the Village utilities have the capacity for services for higher density projects.

Julianna Connelly- 15 Regina Rd. Commented that snow creates parking issues now on the north end of Main Street and the Board should consider parking with any development.

Mayor D'Onofrio commented the following:  
He is in favor of PUD development but it should be something the Community needs and a developer presents to the Village Board. We want development but we will pay close attention to local resident parking needs.  
The Board is also in favor of wider sidewalks. The Village utilities are capable of handling development projects.

Trustee Ramus commented that parking is a main concern to any development.

Mayor D'Onofrio adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:28pm until the next Village Board meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in Village Hall.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the following minutes:

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to recognize the Fire Department Officers for the calendar year 2020 as follows: Fire Chief Erik Smith; Assistant Fire Chief Steven Suarez ; Deputy Fire Chief Jerry Galu; Captain John Rush; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Andrew Patterson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Jacob Sibley.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the annual paperwork necessary to obtain chemical application permits for Roe Pond management.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve all Village employees who are required to attend Public Employee Safety and Health (PEOSH) training seminars are authorized to do so in the calendar year 2020.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the appointment of Jayden Little to Part time Dispatcher at the rate of \$13.25/hr with maximum probation of 52 weeks, as recommended by Police Chief Kenneth Scott.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$203,295.03 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$100,284.54
Section 8	\$ 59,553.00
Water Fund	\$ 6,689.89
Sewer Fund	\$ 7,160.33
Capital Fund	\$ <u>29,607.27</u>
	\$ 203,295.03

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to enter executive session to discuss specific individuals in specific personnel matters and contract negotiations.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:01p.m.

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:32p.m.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve settlement payments to Michael Dietrich, Esq. for \$4,000.00 and Stephen Gass for \$11,000 as recommended by the Village insurance carrier.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to not complete the probation of Account Clerk Amy Luna, as recommended by the Village Clerk effective January 8, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the proposal from J. Robert Folchetti & Associates , LLC for engineering services for the CDBG 2018 West Point Highway Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project for \$25,800.00 and authorize Mayor D’Onofrio to sign the necessary documents.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 9:35p.m.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk