

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

January 21, 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 21, 2020.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:00 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 Engineer, Todd Atkinson, P.E.
TOH Consolidated Planning Board Chairman, Erik Smith
TOH Consolidated Planning Board members, Ed Dunn & Harvey Green
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 3 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 7:01p.m.

Comments:

Eric Smith- TOH Consolidated Planning Board Chairman. Mr. Smith commented that the Planning Board still has concerns on the parking proposal and they have provided the Village Board, in writing, suggestions that other municipalities have in their code books regarding the number of parking spaces a hotel should have. Mr. Smith pointed out that none shows less than 1(one) parking spot per guest room. Mr. Smith commented that he is looking at the matter globally, not focused on one proposed hotel. Mr. Smith commented that he would like the Village Board to revise the zone back to 1 parking space per guest room, reminding the Village Board that an applicant can appeal to the Consolidated Zoning Board. Mr. Smith commented that the comprehensive plan encourages changes and that the proposed local law is in line with the comprehensive plan.

Ed Dunn -member of the TOH Consolidated Planning Board. Mr. Dunn commented that the current proposed project shows 79 (seventy-nine) rooms. Mr. Dunn commented that parking spaces should not be given away.

Harvey Green-member of the TOH Consolidated Planning Board. Mr. Green commented that the applicant's request for two-way streets on Drew Ave. and Parry Ave. cannot be done and allow for parking on these streets at the same time.

Ron Malecot- 7 Parry Ave. Mr. Malecot commented that he thought a vote was being held this evening to adopt the local law before the Board. Mr. Malecot commented that he believes the Board is undertaking spot zoning. Mr. Malecot reported that he has driven around the Village and seen vacant buildings and many curb cuts and that the Village Board should look at residential development. Mr. Malecot suggested that the Village Board should develop a comprehensive plan for residential areas. Mr. Malecot commented that if Drew Ave. and Parry Ave. are made (2) two-way streets, five parking spots will be lost on each one.

Mayor D'Onofrio commented that the residential parking on the north end of the Village is caused mainly by single family homes being converted in multiple dwellings and 3 or 4 cars being added on the street. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that there has been no parking problems across from the former PenFed building. Mayor D'Onofrio commented that the Village Board always looks for ways to develop and to do it the right way. Mayor D'Onofrio reminded everyone that nothing has been given to the developer and everything is being looked at very closely.

Trustee Ramus reported that a Comprehensive Plan is a vehicle to look at, a guide. Trustee Ramus responded that the Village Board also looks at the Orange County Planning Board comments.

Mayor D'Onofrio adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:18pm until the next Village Board meeting to be held on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00pm in Village Hall.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting- January 6, 2020

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes:

Special Meeting- January 11, 2020

Special Meeting- January 16, 2020

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and on a vote of 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain (Ramus) motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to accept the resignation of Part Time Police Officer Philip Fagan, effective 12/12/09. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to complete the probation of Part Time Dispatcher Gina Borra, effective 1/22/2020, per the commendation of the Police Chief.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to appoint Luciana Brown a Part Time Account Clerk at \$18.00/hr and with maximum probation of 52 weeks, per the recommendation of the Village Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio tabled the renewal of the Demand Response Services Agreement with Nuenergen, LLC.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the training request for Water Plant Assistant, Ryan Kresback to attend Grade A Operators class in Cortland, NY from March 9-19th at the cost of \$1,000 plus lodging at approximately \$90.00/day, as recommended by Chief Water Plant Operator Jack Sibley.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the low quote of \$34,800 from Denardo Excavating, LLC to install a sanitary sewer line to the sewer main at the Water Plant at 241 Mountain Ave, per the recommendation of the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$144,277.22 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$127,407.80
Water Fund	\$ 5,268.03
Sewer Fund	\$ 10,698.89
Capital Fund	\$ <u>902.50</u>
	\$144, 277.22

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to enter executive session to discuss a real property matter.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

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

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

The Regular meeting reconvened at 9:05p.m.

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

The meeting closed at 9:05p.m. No Village Board action was taken.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk