

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS

March 26, 2020

A special 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 March 26, 2020.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve bids for the Schneider Avenue Drainage Project and for any matters that might come before the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 8:35A.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
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan

The meeting was posted and the press had been notified. Due to the pandemic health crisis currently underway in the United States and Worldwide, New York Governor Cuomo issued an executive order to prevent the public from attending meetings and limiting the numbers of people that can attend to 10 or less, who must practice social distancing. The meeting was televised live on Channel 23, the local media channel, and is available for viewing on the Village website.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the low bid from Denardo Excavating, LLC of \$168,981.46 for the Schneider Avenue Drainage Property, per the recommendation of the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the Schneider Avenue Drainage Project construction inspection proposal from J. Robert Folchetti and Associates for \$24,502.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the proposal from Fairway Testing to perform Windsor Probe Testing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, per the recommendation of the Village Engineer, for \$395.00 per man, per day up to 8 hours and \$66.00 per test. Funding for testing to come from the Wastewater Treatment Plant insurance proceeds.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to correct the minutes of March 16, 2020, to approve bills and claims for \$94,462.49 from \$95,000.76, a decrease of \$538.27, due to a clerical error, as recommended by the Village Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to complete the probation of the Chief Water Plant Operator, John Sibley, effective 8/21/19.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the Parking Space Lease Agreement with South Gate Flats Ltd. for ten parking spaces on Station Hill Road and five parking spaces in the Senior Citizen Center's parking lot.

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

4 Ayes 1 Nay (Ramus)

motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement for the property located at 11 Main Street (107-3-18.1). Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the Village Attorney is corresponding with the property owner's Attorney to make sure language is in the agreement that the Village will select the inspector that will make sure that MS4 requirements are being adhered to in the project.

Mayor D'Onofrio updated the Village Board on a couple of wall issues. The Mayor reported that the Village Engineer is reviewing surveys and looking into possible costs of the projects.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported that Central Hudson will be mobilizing in March to prepare for replacement of the gas main down South Main Street. The Mayor reported that once the Main has been replaced the Village will look to do the sidewalks and paving on Main Street as well as a few more side streets.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the Village is dealing directly with Verizon and Sprint to possibly install antennas on Village Hall to assist with cell phone coverage in the Village.

Trustee DiSalvo commented that the Mayor should talk with the Treasurer and see if the new security cameras could be purchased out of the current budget. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that he would have that discussion with the Treasurer.

Mayor D'Onofrio asked the Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator to work with Trustee Ramus and map out the complete sewer system.

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

The meeting closed at 9:25A.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk