

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

May 04, 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 May 4, 2020.

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
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
No Public allowed due to COVID-19

Mayor D'Onofrio opened the meeting with a moment of silence for all our fallen soldiers and community members since the last meeting.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting- April 20, 2020
Special Meeting – April 25, 2020

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution
Adoption Of The Budget
Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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 to approve the request for training from Timothy Green to obtain a pesticide license at the cost of approximately \$410.00.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to surplus a 2008 Dodge Durango and put the vehicle on the Village auction site per the recommendation of Fire Chief Erik Smith.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the proposal from Lascon, Inc. for \$108,200.00 for the CDBG 2018 West Point Sidewalk Project per the recommendation of the Village Engineer and authorize the Mayor to sign the Notice of Award.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio tabled the change order increase of \$209,335.50 for the North End Sidewalk Project Phase II and authorization for Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the necessary paperwork until the May 18th meeting.

Trustee Aylward motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the JRFA Construction Administration contract for the CDBG 2018 West Point Highway Sidewalk Project at the cost of \$19,500.00 and the necessary paperwork to move the project forward.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio tabled the authorization for Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the JRFA Construction Administration contract for the North Main Street Sidewalks Phase II, at the cost of \$39,600.00 until the May 18th meeting.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the extension request payment of \$600.00 from American Burrito Food Truck for the use of the Municipal Lot #2 until August 1, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to complete the probation of Laborer Qudel Washington, effective May 4, 2020, per the recommendation of DPW Superintendent, John Jones.

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (D'Onofrio) motion carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the request from the Village Clerk to correct the relevy amount of unpaid 2019 sewer bills to the 2020 Village Taxes from \$115, 707.34 to \$107, 814.90 due to a payment coming into the system after the April 20th resolution.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for \$192,935.64 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$ 44,478.45
Section 8	\$ 65,495.00
Water Fund	\$ 10,098.91
Sewer Fund	\$ 23,669.51
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 49,193.77</u>
	\$192,935.64

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported the following:

- that he has applied to Community Development for funding for PPE and food assistance pertaining to COVID19 and for additional funding of \$12,200 for the CDBG2018 WP Sidewalks Project, to bring the award to \$108,200.00, the amount of the bid for the project.
- an update on COVID 19 and that he would be handing out masks this weekend in Municipal lot#2 and also collecting food for the local food pantries.
- ongoing projects being undertaken by the Village.
- West Point Graduation will be held June 13 with more information to follow.
- Verizon is looking to place antenna's on the roof of the Village Hall and they will provide an escrow account for attorney and consultant expenses.

Trustee Livsey asked if it would be possible for the grassy fields to be opened at Roe Park for people to play catch or kick a ball around.

Mayor D'Onofrio responded that grassy areas will be opened up, however, social distancing must be maintained and there is to be no team play. Mayor D'Onofrio also responded that the Little League Field and the Roe Park Softball field will remain closed until further notice.

Trustee Aylward read a statement regarding Senator Skoufis and the support he is providing to help get Rte 218 paved.

Trustee Livsey reminded residents to watch for water leakage on their valves and to take care of their property maintenance responsibilities. Trustee Livsey reminded residents of the noise ordinance when it comes to barking dogs.

Trustee Ramus thanked the Mayor for all the work he does behind the scenes and the other Board members as well. Trustee Ramus reminded everyone to visit DEC websites for information for kids, teachers and parents.

Trustee DiSalvo commented that he would like to see our elected State representatives do more to help with fixing the road condition of Rte 218.

A motion was made by Trustee Livsey to enter executive session on contract negotiations and a personnel matter on a specific individual.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:37 p.m.

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to increase the stipend of the Interim Street Superintendent, John Jones from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to increase the Police Chief's salary from \$109,500 to \$115,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021. The motion was seconded by Mayor D'Onofrio and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

2 Ayes (DiSalvo, D'Onofrio) 2 Nays(Aylward, Livsey) 1 Abstain (Ramus)

motion does not carry.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to increase the Police Chief's base salary \$5,000.00. No second on the motion.

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

The meeting closed at 9:16 p.m.