

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

July 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 July 6, 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 James Ramus

Member absent was: Trustee Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune  
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan  
No Public admitted under Governor's Executive Order 202.1.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened the meeting with a moment of silence for all our fallen soldiers and community members since the last meeting. The meeting was held under the guidelines of Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 which allows for suspending in-person attendance of the general public because of the COVID-19 health crisis.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting- June 15, 2020  
Special Meeting – June 25, 2020

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to appoint Daniel Stalter to the position of Wasterwater Treatment Plant Operator, effective July 9, 2020 at the starting salary of \$16.64/hr., per the DPWEA union contract.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to have the Village Clerk advertise for two (2) Laborers in the DPW.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS,  
NEW YORK, ADOPTED JULY 6, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO VILLAGE STREETS,  
STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS  
\$400,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE,  
AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL  
AMOUNT OF \$400,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Livsey)

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

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve Kourtney Menches a new member of the HFFD, pending a physical, per the recommendation of Fire Chief Erik Smith.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the use of the Roe Park softball field by the Los Picantes, softball team on Sunday's from 12:00pm to 7:00pm, from July 12<sup>th</sup> through October 25<sup>th</sup>.

The motion was seconded by Trustee D'Onofrio and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the use of the Roe Park softball field by the Pine Bush Little/Senior League on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to complete the probation of Part Time Police Officer Stephen Smedley, effective April 15, 2020, per the recommendation of Police Chief Kenneth Scott.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to authorize Mayor D’Onofrio to sign a separation agreement and general release between the Village of Highland Falls and Full time Police Officer Vogel.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve Orange and Rockland’s plan for pole removals, replacements, and upgrades at the north end of Main Street in the vicinity of 479 Main Street, and surrounding block, as recommended by the Village Engineer and at the expense of the property owner and with the stipulation that double poles be removed within the Village by Orange & Rockland before the project is started.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for FY19-20 for \$46,251.71 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$22,566.48
Water Fund	\$10,707.63
Sewer Fund	<u>\$12,977.60</u>
	\$46,251.71

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for FY20-21for \$492,961.67 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$81,830.25
Section 8	\$66,638.00
Water Fund	\$ 2,242.24
Sewer Fund	\$ 1,469.64
Capital Fund	<u>\$340,781.54</u>
	\$492,961.67

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 to be used in law enforcement activity, to be managed by the Chief of Police and accountable to the Board of Trustees upon request.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to authorize Mayor D’Onofrio to sign a Temporary Easement with the property owner of 36 Roe Park for the purpose of reconstruction of a Village wall that has collapsed on the property.

The motion was authorized by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the proposal from ACS Underground for \$1,650.00 to perform a water leak detection survey on the property of 89 Center Street.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to enter executive session on contract negotiations and to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:57p.m.

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:18p.m. No Board action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 8:19 p.m.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk