

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

June 1, 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 June 1, 2020.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:08P.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
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
Tracey Clothier, Jeremy Monte, Representatives of the LA Group.
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
Chief WWTP Operator, John Jones
Chief Water Plant Operator, Jack Sibley
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. The meeting was held under the guidelines of Governor Cuomo's Executive Order prohibiting the general public from physically attending the Board meeting and restricting attendance.

Trustee Ramus motioned to open up the Reorganization meeting of the Village of Highland Falls at 7:09p.m. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio stated his Mayoral appointments for the period of June 1, 2020 through April 5, 2021. Mayor D'Onofrio requested Board approved appointments the period of June 1, 2020 through April 5, 2021.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to closed the Reorganization meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and on a roll call vote, the results which follow: 5 Ayes 0 Nays motion carried. (A copy of the Reorganization meeting is appended to these minutes)

Reorganization closed at 7:18p.m. The Regular meeting continued at 7:18p.m.

Mayor D'Onofrio introduced Senior Planner Tracey Clothier from the LA Group to present the Village Revitalization Strategy to the public, before finalization of the Strategy, as required under the NYS LWRS Grant guidelines. Ms. Clothier remarked that the power point presentation would be available on the Village website along with the Village Board meeting in the next day or two. Ms. Clothier mentioned that the comment period would remain open for the next two weeks and encouraged anyone to comment by postal mail or emails to the Village Clerk or Mayor. Ms. Clothier reported that the final Strategy should be completed in early July.

Mayor D'Onofrio thanked Ms. Clothier and Mr. Monte for travelling down for this presentation and for the hard work they have put into this project. Mayor D'Onofrio thanked both for the good working relationship that has developed between the Village and the LA Group.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting- May 18, 2020
Special Meeting – May 28, 2020

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW
AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF THE ZONING LAW MODIFYING THE APPLICABILITY
OF SPECIAL EXCEPTION REGULATIONS TO WIRELESS COMMUNICATION
FACILITIES LOCATED ON VILLAGE PROPERTY

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo 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 Aylward motioned to approve and authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the Thayer Resort and Spa Grading Plan as recommended by the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo 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 authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign an Amendment Request Form for COVID-19 Cost Increases to be sent to the Office of Community Development, as recommended by the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the Comp Alliance Member Participation Agreement for FY 20-21.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to accept the resignation of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Timothy Doherty, effective COB June 1, 2020.

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 \$12,569.26 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$ 1,543.97
Water Fund	\$10,404.20
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 621.09</u>
	\$12,569.26

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for FY20-21 for \$162,802.01 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$84,400.71
Section 8	\$70,769.00
Water Fund	\$ 3,816.15
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 3,816.15</u>
	\$162,802.01

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to enter executive session on contract negotiations and to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter. Mayor D'Onofrio invited the Village Engineer and Department Heads to the session.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:42p.m.

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:07p.m.

Trustee Livsey motioned to advertise in house, per the DPWEA, for a Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Worker.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to have the DPW street sweeper repaired. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

1 Aye (Livsey) 3 Nays (Aylward, Ramus, D'Onofrio) 1 Abstain (DiSalvo)

motion **did not** carry.

Mayor D'Onofrio commented that he would ask Mr. Jones to get the Board some prices on pre-owned street sweepers.

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

The meeting closed at 10:07 p.m.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk