

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

June 25, 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 June 25, 2020.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing for the submission of a CDBG 2021 funding application and for any other items that may come before the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 5:06P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio  
Trustee Brian Aylward  
Trustee James DiSalvo  
Trustee Mervin R. Livsey, Jr

Member absent was:

Trustee James Ramus

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune (via Zoom)  
Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson, P.E.  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt (via Zoom)  
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan

The meeting was held under the Executive Order of Governor Cuomo and held through a Zoom meeting and televised on local channel 23. No community members joined the meeting.

The Mayor reported that the hearing notice was published in the Times Herald Record, posted on Facebook, on the Village website and on the front door of the Village Hall.

A Public Hearing, as duly advertised, for comments regarding the Community Development Block Grant 2021 Funding Application, was opened by Mayor D'Onofrio at 5:07p.m.

Mayor D'Onofrio introduced the Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson, P.E. who explained that the application would be for \$125,000.00 to fund improvements to the Senior Center that will include, but not limited to, lowering the ceiling to aid in fuel cost savings, HVAC work, installation of LED lighting for energy efficiency, and an outdoor patio area.

Receiving no comments or questions, Trustee Aylward motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried. The Public Hearing closed at 5:10p.m.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Resolution  
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees  
Supporting and Concurring in the  
Orange County Community Development  
Block Grant Program  
FY-2021 Funding Application  
Municipal Grant Program

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

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

Discussion was held on the street sweeper. Mayor D'Onofrio reported a second vendor provided a demonstration of a street sweeper for the Board to consider. The Board discussed the options available.

Trustee Aylward motioned to purchase the street sweeper from RAVO Fayat Group that was demonstrated to the Village Board and DPW employees.

The motion was seconded by Mayor D'Onofrio and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

3 Ayes (Aylward, Livsey, D'Onofrio) 1 Nay (DiSalvo) 1 Absent (Ramus)

motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to authorize the Village Treasurer to start the process to bond for \$260,000 to purchase the new street sweeper.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:  
3 Ayes (Aylward, Livsey, D'Onofrio) 1 Nay (DiSalvo) 1 Absent (Ramus)  
 motion carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened up discussion with the Village Board on possible streets to be paved and associated costs for the 2020 summer season. Mayor D'Onofrio reviewed with the Board the different sources of finances available and how much more would be needed.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize the Village Treasurer to start the process to bond for an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 and not to exceed 15 years for repayment for the purpose of repaving roads and associated costs.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:  
4 Ayes 0 Nay 1 Absent (Ramus) motion carried.

A discussion was held on the proposed leasing of two police vehicles as recommended to the Village Board by the Police Chief. Mayor D'Onofrio explained that \$25,000.00 would be coming out of the FY 20-21 police equipment line budget and a small amount, approximately \$4,000.00 to be taken out of the police vehicles reserve fund. The Mayor reported that the lease for the two vehicles totals \$80,101.49.00 with 3 annual payments of \$28,501.60.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to authorize the Village Treasurer to sign the necessary lease paperwork for the Chief to move forward with the order of the two vehicles.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:  
4 Ayes 0 Nay 1 Absent (Ramus) motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the retirement of Part time Police Officer Gregg Jones, effective COB June 19, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the proposal from Denardo Excavating, LLC for \$34,900.00 to repair a Village wall on Mearns Avenue, per the recommendation of the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to inquire about a Police Consolidation Study to be funded by the reorganization grant funds available.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:  
4 Ayes 0 Nay 1 Absent (Ramus) motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize the Village Treasurer to transfer the amount in the FY 20-21 budget for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to enter executive session for personnel issues on specific individuals and union contract negotiations.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 6:27p.m.

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

The Special meeting re-convened at 7:17p.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 7:17p.m.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk