

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

July 20, 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 20, 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 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 DiSalvo motioned to approve the following minutes:

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the Short Environmental Assessment Form in reference to the project of the Highland Falls Local Waterfront Revitalization Strategy prepared by the LA Group, PC.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to adopt the Highland Falls Local Waterfront Revitalization Strategy prepared by the LA Group, PC.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned the following:

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE  
PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF PAPER ROAD AND  
AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL MAP

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 the following:

VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS  
NOTICE OF HEARING OF INTRODUCTORY 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 Livsey 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 Livsey motioned to approve the quote of \$6,280.00 from Denardo Excavating, LLC to sealcoat, strip and seam seal the North Main Street parking areas.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the appointment of Gregg Jones as a part time dispatcher, effective July 23, 2020 at the salary of \$15.00/hr and with maximum 52 weeks probation, per the recommendation of Police Chief Scott

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the purchase of a DPW Street Sweeper. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the DPW is renting a machine for two weeks, similar to the one that the Village could purchase, with any rental payments being taken off the purchase price. Mayor D'Onofrio reported to the Village Board the differences between the machine being rented and the alternative lower cost option.

Trustee Ramus commented that he had technical questions he would like the Street Superintendent to answer before he decides. Trustee Ramus reported he would like to see the Village continue to rent as long as the budget can support it.

Trustee Livsey commented that he is in favor of renting right now and clean up what is needed. Trustee Livsey commented that he cannot support a bonding for a new machine at this time of uncertainty with the economy.

Trustee DiSalvo commented that he supports a new sweeper, however, he is in favor of the lower cost one and hoping we get at least 10 years out of it. Trustee DiSalvo suggested to rent the other machine for a week and see how it works.

Mayor D'Onofrio tabled the Bond Resolution to purchase a Street Sweeper until the August 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting.

Trustee Livsey motioned to set a special meeting for an executive session to discuss union contracts with the Village Labor Attorney, for Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for FY20-21 for \$224,149.14 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$108,280.93
Water Fund	\$ 4,646.00
Sewer Fund	\$ 11,464.61
Capital Fund	\$ <u>99,757.60</u>
	\$ 224,149.14

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio updated the public on the number of virus cases in the County. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the Farmer's Market is doing well. Mayor D'Onofrio read an email that he received from a resident that suggests now might be a good time to look at Police Consolidation again since a big piece of land was recently purchased by Scenic Hudson and it will take much needed tax revenue potential from the Village.

Trustee Aylward mentioned the passing of John Lewis, a former Congressman and advocate of Human Rights. Trustee Aylward encouraged everyone to register to vote and exercise their right in the upcoming November elections. Trustee Aylward asked residents to slow down on the side streets and asked if a white stop line could be painted across the street where a stop sign is located at the bottom of Tobins Lane and Center Street. Trustee Aylward reported that many residents have voiced concern to him about cars not stopping there and it is an area where many children play.

Trustee Ramus agreed that stripping stop lines should be done throughout the Village. Trustee Ramus presented the Building Department report and pointed out the O&R website to visit for cooling tips and DEC websites to visit for other interesting information.

Trustee Livsey stated he was curious as to the State's plan on Mountain Avenue in regards to gas main replacement and paving. Trustee Livsey thanked the Highland Falls Police Department for the good job they are doing and especially how professional they have been on recent medical calls that Trustee Livsey has been on as a volunteer ambulance driver.

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

The meeting closed at 7:52 p.m.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk