

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

October 5, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in the Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on October 5, 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
Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson, P.E.
Sergeant Jason Torpey
Police Officer Robert Ruger
Police Officer Richard Santiago
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
0 Community members

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 gatherings under 25 people with social distancing and wearing masks rule in effective because of the COVID-19 health crisis.

Trustee Livsey motioned to appoint Police Officer Ruger to the position of Sergeant, from the Civil Service Eligible List, effective 10/6/2020, at the salary of \$94,774/year per the PBA Contract with a maximum probationary period 26 weeks per Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting- September 21, 2020

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays motion carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the following minutes:

Special Meeting –October 1, 2020

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (DiSalvo) motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to accept the resignation of PW Supervisor Brent Kuiken effective September 25, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Budget Amendment 20-21
Vehicle Repair

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to complete the probation of Traffic Enforcement Officer Gary Wojciehowski, effective 10/9/20.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Village Engineer Todd Atkinson presented a report on the conditions of the dams at Bog Meadow. Mr. Atkinson reported that both dams are unstable and that the DEC has asked for information from the Village regarding the Emergency Action Plans and work needed to make the dams more stable. Mr. Atkinson reported that the Village was given two proposals regarding evaluation of the dams.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the two proposals from Shumaker Consulting Engineering & Land Surveying, D.P.C. for \$19,125.00 to perform a dam safety assessment of Bog Meadow Dam (Dam ID#195-0462) and \$37,250.00 to perform a dam safety assessment of Highland Falls Dam#2 (Dam ID#195-0461), with the total amount not to exceed \$56,375.00, pursuant to the Mayor's State of Emergency declaration of October 1, 2020 and the guidelines of the Best Value local law adopted by the Village in 2012, because the consultant completed a similar analysis of the dams in 2014 and are therefore best suited by their familiarity with the structures to perform the updated assessments, with the funds to be paid out of the Water Fund, per the recommendation of the Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson P.E.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Di Salvo motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Introductory Local Law
And Setting of Public Hearing
Amending Chapter 235

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for FY20-21 for \$124,225.36 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$41,286.36
Section 8	\$71,865.00
Water Fund	\$ 2,364.44
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 8,709.56</u>
	\$124,225.36

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:01p.m.

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

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

The meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk