

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

September 21, 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 September 21, 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. (left meeting 8:49pm)
Trustee James Ramus

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
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 suspending in-person attendance of the general public because of the COVID-19 health crisis.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes:

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the proposal, dated 8/19/20, from Donegal Construction Corporation for milling of streets per the recommendation of the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the bid proposal from Eventus Construction Company, Inc. for \$1,598,980.00 for the WWTP Fire Damage Repair Phase 2 (Construction), pending payment approval from the insurance company for the cost coverage, per the recommendation of the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to accept the resignation of Part Time Police Officer Robert LaGrow, effective 9/15/2020.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned a budget transfer of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund to the Workers Compensation Fund per the recommendation of the Village Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the HFFD Junior Member Jacob Luzzatto, pending the results of a physical, per the recommendation of Fire Chief Erik Smith.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the HFFD Junior Member Danielle Rush, per the recommendation of Fire Chief Erik Smith.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

The request to hold a Halloween Parade/Trunk or Treat/Dance Party, Saturday October 31st at Roe Park from 3:00pm -6:00pm was tabled.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to appoint Ryan Kresback a Water Treatment Plant Operator, effective the date that Orange County Civil Service confirms his approval.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to amend the motion to appoint Ryan Kresback a Water Treatment Plant Operator, to include maximum probation and the salary to be determined by DPWEA contract.

The motion was seconded by Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the two new Police Vehicles will be operational soon and recommended that Police Vehicle #937 be transferred over to the WWTP and that #932 be surplus.

Trustee Livsey motioned to have Police Vehicle #932, surplused.
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 \$44, 025.70 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$18,056.51
Water Fund	\$17,539.19
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 8,430.00</u>
	\$ 44,025.70

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:
5 Ayes 0 Nays motion carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported that Bog Meadow is down to 52% and asked residents to please watch water usage, no washing cars or driveways until Bog Meadow rises. Mayor D'Onofrio asked the Village Board to review the draft local law on water connections and to bring any questions to the Village Attorney. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that he would like to introduce the law at the next meeting. Mayor D'Onofrio read a thank you letter from Mr. Sierra for the drainage work down on Schneider Avenue. Mayor D'Onofrio gave an update on the virus numbers in Orange County and reported that the Orange County doctor advised that the Senior Center should remain closed until further notice. Mayor D'Onofrio reminded residents to please support the local businesses.

Trustee Aylward reported that he and Mayor D'Onofrio had an impromptu informative meeting earlier in the week with Senator Skoufis.

Trustee Ramus presented the building department report for August 2020.

Trustee Livsey reiterated that Bog Meadow is down and to conserve water. Trustee Livsey asked residents to continue to have patience with the condition of Mountain Avenue and to drive carefully as they maneuver uneven road conditions.

Trustee Livsey motioned to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations and specific individuals in specific personnel matters.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:05p.m.

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:09 p.m.

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

The meeting closed at 9:10p.m.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk