

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

October 19, 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 19, 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
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Emergency Management Coordinator, Kurt Hahn
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 with social distancing and wearing masks rule in effective because of the COVID-19 health crisis.

Mayor D'Onofrio introduced Mr. Kurt Hahn, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Highlands to explain to the Board and the public what is required under mandatory water restrictions. Mr. Hahn remarked that with no significant rain in the foreseeable future the Village should declare a water emergency as the levels at Bog Meadow are extremely low. Mr. Hahn commented that he is working with the Orange County Health Department and officials at West Point to assist with supplemental water if it becomes necessary.

Mayor D'Onofrio thanked Mr. Hahn for his assistance and working with the Village and other departments on our behalf. Mayor D'Onofrio reminded residents that it is very important to conserve water whenever possible.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the following minutes:

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The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution Requesting Real Property Tax Exemption
Of the Village Owned Water Supply Property

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo 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 approve Hannah Nyberg a new member of the HFFD, pending results of a physical, per the recommendation of Fire Chief Erik Smith.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request from the HFFMCSO to use the Roe Park baseball field for Varsity, JV and Modified baseball practices and games from April 19, 2021 to June 15, 2021 pending receipt of Certificate of Liability Insurance being received by the Village Clerk prior to the event.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

A discussion was held on filling positions in the DPW.

Trustee Livsey motioned for the Village Clerk to post the Public Works Maintenance Worker position in house according to the DPWEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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 \$116,051.45 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$69,938.76
Water Fund	\$ 7,737.15
Sewer Fund	\$15,122.34
Capital	<u>\$23,253.20</u>
	\$116,051.45

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported the road paving schedule for the week. Mayor D'Onofrio remarked that he will be meeting soon with Verizon representatives to go over cell antennas to possibly be located on Village Hall and at the Senior Center. Mayor D'Onofrio commented that he would be naming a committee to work with Scenic Hudson to design walking trails on the property they recently purchased formerly known as the Aloe Property.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the Village is not cancelling Halloween, however, after speaking with the County, the Mayor provided guidelines to promote a safe way to celebrate. Mayor D'Onofrio presented some safety tips such as, treat or treat from 3:00pm -7:30pm, turn off porch lights if you do not want to give out candy, no more than 10 children in a group and the home owner should put pre-bagged candy in children's bags, do not let children reach into bowls of candy.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned that if an organization wants to hold a Trunk or Treat around Roe Park, it will be from 3:00pm -7:30pm around Roe Park with cars spaced 6-8ft apart and cars will drive up to trunks and vehicle owner will deposit candy into children's treat bags.

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

4 Ayes 1 Nay (Livsey)

motion carried.

Trustee Aylward reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming November elections.

Trustee Ramus presented the monthly report of the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Building Department. Trustee Ramus remarked that he would like to see the Village look into the possibility of solar lighting in the municipal parking lots.

Trustee DiSalvo gave a shout out to the Rotary Club for their work with the local food pantries. Trustee DiSalvo remarked that Roe Park looks great after the recent upgrades.

Trustee Livsey remarked on how good the basketball court looks and that he would like to see lights on the court again. Trustee Livsey commented that kids have remarked to him that they would like to have benches on both sides of the court.

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

The meeting closed at 7:57 p.m.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk