

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

November 16, 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 November 16, 2020.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 7:01P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio  
Trustee Brian Aylward  
Trustee James DiSalvo (7:17p.m.)  
Trustee Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.  
Trustee James Ramus

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune  
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan

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.

A Public Hearing, which was duly advertised, was continued on the Proposed Local Law titled "Amending Chapter 235". The local law proposes to amend Chapter 235 of the Water Code under the Service Installation requirements by adding a new subsection which prohibits shared water lateral service lines. Mayor D'Onofrio continued the public hearing at 7:09pm. There was no public comment at this time or written comments received.

On a motion by Trustee Livsey and second by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried, the public hearing was adjourned to keep open until the next meeting on December 7, 2020.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting- November 2, 2020  
Special Meeting- November 7, 2020

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio presented an update on water conditions and possible options to prevent a reoccurrence in the future of a similar situation. Mayor D'Onofrio commented that nothing is certain yet, that these are only ideas and to be used, if needed:

- a) Raise the capacity of Bog Meadow
- b) Tap into water line near West Point Golf Course
- c) Look into the Village Farm streams & Wilkins Pond overflow
- d) Ask Black Rock for a couple more feet into Jim's Pond
- e) Research possible well near Eagle Valley Cemetery
- f) Dredge 9W reservoir to increase capacity
- g) Try to impound more water at Glycerin Hollow

Trustee Aylward motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign change order #1 decreasing by \$5,000 the original Contract Price of \$137,000 to \$132,000 for Black Electric, electrical contractor for the Belt Filter Press Replacement Project.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign change order #1 decreasing by \$45,625 the original Contract Price of \$719,000 to \$673,375 for Eventus Construction Company, General contractor for the Belt Filter Press Replacement Project.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to deny the request from American Burrito to sponsor an Army/Navy Spirit Event in municipal lot#2 on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am-9pm in the interest of public safety after consultations with the Orange County Health Department officials and an uptick in coronavirus cases locally.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign a Spay/Neuter Agreement with The Animal Rights Alliance, Inc. (T.A.R.A.) in support of addressing the increase in the local feline population.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve a request from Sergeant Torpey to buy back thirteen vacation days, according to section 703 of the employee handbook, at the cost of \$4,880.86.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve a request from Ana Sierra to buy back fifteen vacation days, according to section 703 of the employee handbook, at the cost of \$3,715.20.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to cover parking meters from December 1, 2020 to January 4, 2021 in support of and to encourage shopping local for the holidays.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Livsey to approve the bills and claims for FY20-21 for \$347,264.37 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$ 26,191.48
Water Fund	\$ 1,072.11
Sewer Fund	\$ 6,810.44
Capital Fund	<u>\$313,190.34</u>
	\$347,264.37

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned for the Village Clerk to advertise for two (2) Part time Dispatchers at the starting rate of \$15.00/hr.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio reported to the Village Board and residents an update on the coronavirus cases in Orange County.

Mayor D'Onofrio confirmed with the Village Board the date of Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. to meet in a workshop setting with the Village Treasurer and for the Clerk to make any necessary postings of the meeting. Mayor D'Onofrio wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Aylward thanked all health care workers for keeping us safe as possible during this difficult time.

Trustee Ramus presented the Wastewater Treatment Plant report for October 2020 and the Building Department report. Trustee Ramus informed everyone that this is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Maritime Museum.

Trustee Livsey thanked Mayor D'Onofrio for his hard work in finally getting Mountain Avenue paved after the State promised for years that the work would be done.

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

The meeting closed at 7:45p.m.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk