

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

January 4, 2021

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 January 4, 2021.

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
Chief Wastewater Treatment Operator, John Jones
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson, P.E.
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Representative from Hudson Valley Energy
2 Representatives from Town of Highlands Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee
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 effect because of the COVID-19 health crisis.

Mayor D’Onofrio introduced Mr. Jeff Domanski, representative of Hudson Valley Energy, to explain Community Choice Aggregation, which is a policy enabling municipalities to source energy on behalf of their residents, businesses and other organizations. This allows utility customers to choose energy supply. The Village Board thanked Mr. Domanski for explaining this process.

Mayor D’Onofrio introduced the Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson, P.E. to discuss with the Village Board the possibility of replacing the water mains in Ondaora Park, the cost of such a project and how the funding could be handled.

Mayor D’Onofrio continued a public hearing at 8:04p.m. on the Proposed Local Law titled “Amending Chapter 235”, which 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.

No comments or questions asked, Trustee DiSalvo motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried. The Public Hearing closed at 8:05p.m.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting- December 7, 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 Livsey motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting –December 21, 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 Livsey motioned the following:

Resolution
General Village Election

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Livsey motioned to re-appoint Edward Dunn to the Consolidated Planning Board with the term ending December 31, 2025.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the LA Group Proposal to update the Comprehensive Plan through the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant, a \$20,000 grant with a \$10,000 match.

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 \$130,078.25 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$ 42,358.02
Section 8	\$ 62,725.00
Water Fund	\$ 6,157.82
Sewer Fund	<u>\$ 18,837.41</u>
	\$130,078.25

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve the request from the Village Clerk to close the Village Hall office on Monday, January 25, 2021 so office staff can work on records management.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

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

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Village Board entered executive session at 8:31p.m.

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

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:44p.m.

Trustee Aylward motioned to appoint Qudel Washington to Public Works Maintenance Worker effective January 7, 2021, with the starting salary to be determined by the DPWEA contract and with maximum probation of 26 weeks.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 9:46 p.m.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk