

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

January 19, 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 19, 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
Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson, P.E.
Town Councilperson, Richard Sullivan
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 effect because of the COVID-19 health crisis.

Mayor D'Onofrio introduced the Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson, P.E. to continue the discussion with the Village Board on the replacement of the water mains in Ondaora Park. Mayor D'Onofrio commented that the Village was looking for grants to help with the project and that he was in favor of adding Cragston to the plan. The Mayor acknowledged that a Village code change will be necessary, but it can be done at a later time. Trustee DiSalvo commented that he spoke with Todd and had his questions answered and that he would like to see Cragston added to the planning and development stage along with Ondaora Park. Trustee Ramus commented that he too spoke with Todd and agrees with Trustee DiSalvo and would like to see both areas done as well.

The Village Board agreed to rename the project the Ondaora Park and Cragston Potable Water Main Replacement Project. Mr. Atkinson agreed to combine the Engineering Agreements into one document, the Ondaora Park and Cragston Potable Water Main Replacement Project.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the following minutes:

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve and authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the Agreement for Engineering Services for the Ondaora Park and Cragston Potable Water Main Replacement Project at the estimated cost of \$306,000.00 plus reimbursable costs according to the agreement.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve and authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the proposal from Axis Geospatial for \$11,750.00 for a Village of Highland Falls Mapping, as recommended by the Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson PE.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve and authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign Change Order #8 to the General Services contract with the LA Group for the updated fee schedule for 2021.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned to approve and authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign Change Order #9 to the General Services contract with the LA Group for \$20,000 to develop the Comprehensive Plan Update under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Grant, which provides for a \$10,000 match.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to complete the probation for Part- time Account Clerk Luciana Brown as recommended by Village Clerk Regina Taylor.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Livsey motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution
General Village Election Inspectors

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo 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 Aylward motioned the following:

Resolution
General Election
Mask Required

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo 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 Ramus motioned to approve the event “People Make A Difference” request from The Center, to honor people who serve others, at Memorial Park on April 10, 2021 at 10:00am.

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Abstain (Aylward) motion carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to reschedule Board meeting on February 15th to February 16th at 7:00pm due to the President’s Day holiday.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to rescind the motion of Trustee Livsey at the May 18, 2020 Village Board meeting to approve a change order increase of \$209,335.50 with Kelleher Construction Corp for additional sidewalk work on the south end of Main Street and authorize Mayor D’Onofrio to sign the necessary paperwork.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and on a roll call vote the result which follows:

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

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for FY20-21 for \$121,235.43 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$ 66,397.32
Water Fund	\$ 21,392.64
Sewer Fund	\$ 14,333.38
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 19,112.09</u>
	\$121,235.43

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Civil Rights Certification form for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Livsey and unanimously carried.

Mayor D’Onofrio asked the Village Board if they want to move forward with the reorganization grant that the Village has not completed. Trustee Livsey commented for the Mayor to have the gentleman come back to refresh their memories and have the Board consider it. The Mayor commented that he would arrange to bring the gentleman back to a meeting.

Discussion was held on the position of Police Chief.

Trustee Alyward motioned to hire a full time Police Chief after the current Police Chief retires.

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

4 Ayes 0 Noes 1 Abstain (Ramus) motion carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:34p.m.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk