

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

May 17, 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 May 17, 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 Melanie Guerrero
Trustee Gary C. Phillips

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
TOH Councilman, Jim Modlin
TOH Councilman, Ty King
13 Community members

Mayor D'Onofrio opened the meeting and remembered our service members and Community members who have passed away since the last meeting. The meeting was held under the guidelines of Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1 which allows for gatherings with social distancing and wearing masks rule in effect because of the COVID-19 health crisis.

Mayor D'Onofrio introduced Sophia, a representative of TNR, a rescue organization that works with T.A.R.A (The Animal Rights Alliance, Inc.) to explain how the program of Trap, Neuter, Release works to humanely deal with the overpopulation of cats and dogs in the county as well as our own Village. After a question and answer period regarding the program, Sophia thanked the Village Board for allowing her the opportunity to promote the program. The Village Board thanked Sophia and the other T.A.R.A representatives for coming to the meeting.

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Loucks, 48 Roe Avenue, came before the Village Board to report their retaining wall on the Mearns Avenue side of their property is being compromised by poor drainage and is in need of repair before a major collapse happens. Mrs. Loucks pointed out to the Village Board that the wall problem is due to a drainage problem on Mearns Avenue that the Village needs to fix. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the Village Engineer has looked at the problem and the Village Board will discuss the problem with him and find out how the repairs can be funded.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes:

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The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to authorize Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio and Sergeant Jason Torpey to sign Orange County DWI Contracts for calendar year 2021.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to authorize Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio to sign the Member Participation Agreement with Comp Alliance for Workers' Compensation insurance, per the recommendation of the Village Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to authorize Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio to sign the VHF NYSDEC Annual MS4 Report that needs to be submitted by May 31, 2021, per the recommendation of the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the resignation of part-time Police Officer Mario Strianese, effective May 8, 2021, with regret.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to accept the resignation of full-time Water Plant Operator, Ryan Kresbeck, effective COB May 25, 2021, with regret.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request for the Highland Falls Annual 4th of July Firecracker 5K, July 4, 2021 from 6:00am -9:00am, Memorial Park, and waive the fee for the live entertainment permit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request from the TOH Ambulance Corps to hold the Fall Foliage Festival, October 16, 2021 from 5:00am to 6:00pm, from Cozzens Avenue to Drew Avenue and to waive the live entertainment permit fee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve Jr Firefighter Joseph Lennon, per the recommendation of Fire Chief Steve Suarez. The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve Jr Firefighter Christopher James, pending physical, per the recommendation of Fire Chief Steve Suarez. The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Chemical bids for FY 21-22 as recommended by Chief Water Plant Operator Jack Sibley and Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator John Jones. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried. (A copy of the bids is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the low quote of \$13,045.00 from L&L Property Maintenance for the grass cutting contract for FY21-22, per the recommendation from the Interim Street Superintendent John Jones. The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried. (A copy of the quotes is appended to these minutes.)

Trustee Aylward motioned to set a special meeting to pay bills and claims for the end of fiscal year 2020-2021 on Wednesday May 26th at 9:00am. The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for FY20-21for \$122,774.74 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$62,143.29
Section 8	\$13,253.00
Water Fund	\$26,120.85
Sewer Fund	\$13,502.92
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 7,754.68</u>
	\$122,774.74

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve sidewalk replacement from Cozzens Avenue to the end of the wall in front of the Methodist Church, as a change order to the current contract, per the recommendation of the Village Engineer, for an amount not to exceed \$95,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on moving the recreation director’s office into the Senior Center. No Village Board action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 8:31P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk