

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

May 3, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held at the Senior Center, 15 Drew Avenue, Highland Falls, New York on May 3, 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
Officer in Charge, Sgt Jason Torpey
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Frank Sheboy
TOH Councilman, Jim Modlin
Approximately 15 Community members

Mayor D'Onofrio introduced Dr. Frank Sheboy, Superintendent of the HFFMCSD to present to the public the upcoming school budget and reminded residents to go out and vote on May 18th. Dr. Sheboy answered any questions from the public and Village Board.

Comments were received on agenda items:

Regina Taylor, 98 Roe Ave., commented with concerns about a softball league that is currently using the Roe Park softball/baseball field on Sunday afternoons. Ms. Taylor expressed concerns to the Board that this one entity should be using the field every Sunday for six months seven hours a day. Ms. Taylor commented that it prevents community residents from using the field.

Ed Rose, 7 Park Place, commented with concerns about the softball league that is currently using the Roe Park softball/baseball field on Sunday afternoons. Mr. Rose expressed concerns that most of the league was predominantly outside users and that they were operating outside the purview of the Recreation Department. Mr. Rose commented with concerns about no guidelines in place for them to maintain and use the field. Mr. Rose commented that he sees lapses in enforcement of Village Codes with traffic, noise and alcohol use. Mr. Rose suggested the hours of use be limited to allow for community residents to use the facilities.

Officer in Charge- Sgt Jason Torpey commented that concerns about traffic and noise will be addressed as they come to the Police Department's attention.

Kat Degaev from Highland Falls commented that she believed state grant money was used for this facility and anyone can use the field.

Scott Granger, 102 Roe Ave, commented that the softball league plays very loud music all day and does not pick up their trash upon leaving.

Ned Kopald, 98 Roe Ave, commented that he looked at last year's agreement and believes there were violations, ie loud music, cleaning up the area and use of alcohol. Mr. Kopald commented that the wearing of masks and social distancing rules were not adhered to. Mr. Kopald commented that he didn't think they should be rewarded with a license this year. Mr. Kopald suggested a more reasonable timeframe for the games and the games should be monitored for compliance.

Trustee Guererro responded that she had talked to some neighbors around the park and some of them did think the music was not only loud but full of expletives.

Trustee Phillips responded he thought a shortened time frame, no music and no alcohol was reasonable.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting- April 19, 2021
Special Meeting- April 17, 2021 budget
Special Meeting – April 26, 2021 budget

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
RESOLUTION
ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

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

4 Ayes 1 Nay
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	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Trustee Brian Aylward	x	
Trustee James DiSalvo	x	
Trustee Melanie Guerrero		x
Trustee Gary C. Phillips	x	
Mayor Joseph E. D’Onofrio	x	

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
HUDSON RIVER VALLEY GREENWAY
GRANT APPLICATION

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

5 Ayes 0 Nay

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Trustee Brian Aylward	x	
Trustee James DiSalvo	x	
Trustee Melanie Guerrero	x	
Trustee Gary C. Phillips	x	
Mayor Joseph E. D’Onofrio	x	

The Mayor declared this resolution adopted. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee DiSalvo authorized Mayor D’Onofrio to sign contract change order #11 with the LA Group for \$3,500.00 to prepare and submit a Grant Application for developing an Ecological Assessment for the Scenic Hudson property, section 105 block 5 lot 6.212.

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

RESOLUTION
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NYSDEC HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and duly put to a roll call vote, the results which follow:

5 Ayes 0 Nay

	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Trustee Brian Aylward	x	
Trustee James DiSalvo	x	
Trustee Melanie Guerrero	x	
Trustee Gary C. Phillips	x	
Mayor Joseph E. D’Onofrio	x	

The Mayor declared this resolution adopted. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

RESOLUTION
VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC
VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
HANDICAP SPOT

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and duly put to a roll call vote, the results which follow:

5 Ayes 0 Nay

The Mayor declared this resolution adopted. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee Guerrero motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign an agreement with CGR (the Center for Governmental Research, Inc.) for Professional Services for \$28,000.00 to evaluate the operations of the Village Police Department and the Town Police Department to identify options for changes including a potential consolidation, with half the cost to be reimbursed through a Department of State grant .

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays motion carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio motioned to approve the request from the Highland Falls Softball Team to hold a league on the Roe Park softball field, on Sundays, with the following conditions: timeframe from noon to 5:00pm; no alcohol use; no music; and a month to month approval to reevaluate conditions, effective immediately.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims for FY20-21 for \$261,681.20 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$ 12,943.70
Section 8	\$ 60,129.00
Water Fund	\$ 4,859.14
Sewer Fund	\$ 9,079.98
Capital Fund	<u>\$174,669.38</u>
	\$261,681.20

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve a request from Cadet Schnurr to reserve the Memorial Park Gazebo on May 22nd from 2:00-4:00pm to hold pinning ceremonies after their graduation from West Point, for herself and a couple of friends, upon the Village Clerk receiving a certificate of liability insurance naming the Village as additional insured during this time period.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve a request from Myra Mendez to hold a High School graduation party at the pavilion at Roe Park, with a DJ, and a food truck from 10:00am-6:00pm on Saturday June 26th, with the following conditions: a certificate of liability insurance naming the Village as additional insured; obtain a live entertainment permit for the DJ; food truck issued an Orange County Department of Health inspection permit and no alcohol permitted on premises.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned for the Village Treasurer to contact with Bond Counsel about a resolution to bond for a street sweeper and skid steer for the DPW.

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

4 Ayes 1 Nay (Guerrero) motion carried.

Trustee Aylward read a letter of resignation from Mervin Livsey Jr. from his Mayoral appointment as Village of Highland Falls Program Director at the reorganization meeting held on April 5th.

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

The meeting closed at 8:46 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk