

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
August 9, 2021

A special 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 August 9, 2021.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D’Onofrio at 6:00P.M.

Members present were:

- Mayor Joseph E. D’Onofrio
- Trustee Brian Aylward
- Trustee James DiSalvo
- Trustee Melanie Guerrero (6:04p.m.)
- 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
- O.C. Legislator, Laurie Tautel
- Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones
- Officer in Charge, Sgt. Torpey & Officers of the Police Department
- Fire Chief, Steve Suarez
- School Board Member Ned Kopald
- TOH Ambulance President, Jeff Gathers
- Representatives of Laberge Group, Ben Syden & Kathleen Rooney
- Approximately 25 Community members

Purpose: For the Village Board to set the referendum date for village residents to decide whether the Village of Highland Falls should be dissolved.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution Setting Date Of Referendum On Question
Of Whether The Village Of Highland Falls Should Be Dissolved

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

4 ayes, 0 nays, with 0 abstention(s) and 1 absent(s).

Mayor D’Onofrio	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay	<u> </u> Abstain	<u> </u> Absent
Trustee Aylward	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay	<u> </u> Abstain	<u> </u> Absent
Trustee DiSalvo	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay	<u> </u> Abstain	<u> </u> Absent
Trustee Phillips	<u> x </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay	<u> </u> Abstain	<u> </u> Absent
Trustee Guerrero	<u> </u> Aye	<u> </u> Nay	<u> </u> Abstain	<u> x </u> Absent

the Resolution was declared adopted. (A true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes).

Ben Syden & Kathleen Rooney, Representatives from the Laberge Group, offered a presentation to the Village Board and the public on Article 17-A of General Municipal Law on the dissolution process and how Laberge Group will assist with developing an Interim Dissolution Study to help answer questions the Board and public might have during this process. Mr. Syden told the public that a website will be available through a link from the Village’s website or directly from www.labergegroup.com/highlandfalls to keep everyone updated throughout the process up to the date of the vote.

After the presentation Mr. Syden provided a question & answer session. Mr. Syden assured everyone that another public meeting will be held to go over the results of the study, before the vote is held.

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

The meeting closed at 6:56 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk