

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS  
February 7, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held at the Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on February 7, 2022.

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 Melanie Guerrero  
Trustee Gary C. Phillips

Member absent was:

Trustee James DiSalvo

Also Present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune, Esq.  
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
0 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 CDC and Orange County Department of Health recommendation to wear masks inside buildings & for public gatherings whether a person is vaccinated or not, due to the rise in the Covid-19 & the delta variant.

Mayor D'Onofrio introduced two State Police Officers who gave a short recruitment speech to encourage interest and promote advantages in a career with the State Police.

Trustee Phillips motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting January 18, 2022

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve Alyse Terhune, Esq. as the Consolidated ZBA Attorney for calendar year 2022, as recommended by Chairman Jack Jannarone.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Phillips motioned to approve the Chief Water Plant Operator and the Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator signing service letters for 479 Main Street, as recommended by the Village Engineer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

The Refunding Bond Resolution was tabled by Mayor D'Onofrio.

Trustee Phillips motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls  
Resolution Introducing and Setting A Public Hearing For  
Local Law "Amendment To The Zoning Law To Increase The Required  
Minimum Lot Area Per Dwelling Unit In The B-3 Business District"

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls  
Resolution Introducing and Setting A Public Hearing For  
Local Law "Amendment To Chapter 146 Of The Village Of Highland Falls Code  
To Prohibit Smoking In All Village Parks"

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

4 Ayes (Aylward, Guerrero, Phillips, D'Onofrio) 0 Nays 1 Absent (DiSalvo) motion carried.

Trustee Phillips motioned the following:

Resolution  
Vehicle & Traffic  
Village of Highland Falls  
Handicap Parking Space-Church Street

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

4 Ayes (Aylward, Guerrero, Phillips, D'Onofrio) 0 Nays 1 Absent (DiSalvo) motion carried.

Trustee Phillips motioned the following:

Resolution  
Vehicle & Traffic  
Village of Highland Falls  
Parking Prohibited At All Times

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:  
4 Ayes (Aylward, Guerrero, Phillips, D’Onofrio) 0 Nays 1 Absent (DiSalvo) motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the appointment of Jose A. Santiago a Part-time Police Officer at \$29.60/hr, step 5 of the part time CBA, with maximum probation, as recommended by Sergeant Jason Torpey, Officer in Charge.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:  
4 Ayes (Aylward, Guerrero, Phillips, D’Onofrio) 0 Nays 1 Absent (DiSalvo) motion carried.

Trustee Phillips motioned to authorize Mayor D’Onofrio to sign a letter to approve Orange & Rockland’s Electric Pole Realignment Plan for 479 Main Street Thayer Flats Resort and Spa project, pending the old poles are removed prior to completion of the resort project.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to accept the resignation of DPW Laborer Larry Dunn, effective February 3, 2022.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to accept the resignation of DPW Laborer John Scherne, effective February 6, 2022.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Approval for Mayor D’Onofrio to sign Authorization Letter for Verizon to get building permit to install telecommunication antenna & support equipment at 15 Drew Avenue was tabled by Mayor D’Onofrio.

Trustee Phillips motioned to approve \$10,000.00 transferred from the General Fund account 601607927 to the Worker’s Compensation Fund 83140178 to replenish the workers compensation account.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:  
4 Ayes (Aylward, Guerrero, Phillips, D’Onofrio) 0 Nays 1 Absent (DiSalvo) motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to accept the following surplus bids from AuctionsInternational.com:  
2011 Ford Crown Victoria (police car) -\$1475.00; 2011 Ford Crown Victoria (police car)-\$1525.00;  
2005 Volvo XC90 (police vehicle)-\$890.00; 1996 International 2554 (large dump truck)-\$7600.00;  
1999 Sterling (retired street sweeper) \$5600.00 and a Grimer Schmit 125 Air Compressor-\$640.00 for a total of \$17,730.00, as recommended by Senior Auto Mechanic, Tim Green.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to approve a request from The Center the use of Memorial Park to honor volunteers on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 9:00am-1:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips, pending insurance is provided to the Village Clerk prior to the event being held, and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

3 Ayes (Guerrero, Phillips, D’Onofrio) 0 Nays 1 abstain, (Aylward) , 1 Absent (DiSalvo) motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for FY21-22 for \$264,815.21 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$131,660.44
Section 8	\$57,430.00
Water Fund	\$16,315.73
Sewer Fund	\$56,904.26
Capital Fund	<u>\$2,504.78</u>
	\$264,815.21

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:22 P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk