

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
April 18, 2022

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 April 18, 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 James DiSalvo
Trustee Melanie Guerrero

Member absent was:

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
6 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 recommendations.

Mayor D’Onofrio continued the public hearing on the Introductory Local Law “Moratorium On Land Use Development” at 7:04p.m. The Village Attorney gave a brief overview of the Local Law and what it entails and what exceptions there are. Trustee Guerrero questioned how the LA Group had information in the draft comp plan regarding the square footage recommendations.

Mr. Edward Falta, 427 Main Street, questioned paying the LA Group to fix mistakes they made.

The Village Attorney reiterated how the Introductory Local Law on the Amendment to the B3 District came about and how the Introductory Local Law for a Moratorium On Land Use Development Approvals came about. The Village Attorney reiterated that an administrative mistake was made when the B3 District was created and that she wrote the Introductory Local Law to Amend the Square Footage in the B3 District to be the same as the B1 District. The attorney commented that she contacted the Village Board to suggest action be taken to make the correction. The Village Board then decided another complete look at the District might be necessary. The Village Attorney explained the LA Group was not involved with this process.

With no other public comment, on a motion by Trustee DiSalvo, with a second from Trustee Aylward the public hearing was closed at 7:15p.m.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting April 4, 2022
Special Meeting April 4, 2022

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Village of Highland
Resolution Adopting A Temporary Moratorium On
Land Use Development Approvals
LL 03-2022

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Phillips)

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

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK,
ADOPTED APRIL 18, 2022, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, STATING THE ESTIMATED
MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$2,000,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR
SUCH PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL
AMOUNT OF \$2,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION**

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Phillips)

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

Trustee Aylward motioned the following:

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK,
ADOPTED APRIL 18, 2022, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF
IMPROVEMENTS TO STORM WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, STATING THE
ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$2,400,000, APPROPRIATING
SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
OF BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,400,000 TO FINANCE SAID
APPROPRIATION**

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Phillips)

motion carried (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution to Relevy
Unpaid Water Bills
For: May/Nov 2021

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Phillips)

motion carried (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution to Relevy
Unpaid Sewer Bills
For: Jun/Dec 2021

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent (Phillips)

motion carried (A true and complete copy of this resolution is appended to these minutes)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the bid from Jesse Marvin (DBA 2 Dogs Hot Dogs) for the vendor spot in municipal lot#2 for \$300.00 pending all insurance and all necessary documents are turned into the Village Clerk before a permit is issued.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for FY21-22 for \$92,647.60 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$34,397.40
Water Fund	\$41,908.06
Sewer Fund	\$14,362.14
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 1,980.00</u>
	\$ 92,647.60

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio read a press release regarding the Police Department and their participation in an arrest resulting from a local robbery. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that he has given directives to the Police to help curtail speeding on the side streets. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the Village has been awarded \$100,000 in grant funds from Senator Skoufis' office for Downtown Revitalization.

Trustee DiSalvo reported on the progress at the WWTP regarding the replacement of RBC's and repairs from the fire damages nearing completion.

Mr. James Ramus, Liberty Street, commented that revisiting the square footage requirements is a good thing and he suggested the Board may want to look at how many bedrooms should be allowed in future development projects.

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

The meeting closed at 7:41P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk