

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
September 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in the Senior Center, 15 Drew Avenue, Highland Falls, New York on September 8, 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
Trustee Gary C. Phillips

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
Chief WWTP Operator, John Jones
Senior Auto Mechanic, Tim Green
DPW Maintenance Worker, John Walter
DPW Laborers, Mike Jones, Pete Baker, John Walter, Jeffrey Colbert, Bernard Scherman
Water Maintenance Worker, Pablo Pulido
WWTP Operator, David Hurst
Approximately 6 Community Residents

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.

Olga Anderson, 78 Ondaora Pkwy, commented to the Village Board that at the last August board meeting, she believed Trustee DiSalvo spoke inappropriately to describe a discussion between the Village Attorney and Trustee Guerrero and that the Village Board should censure Trustee DiSalvo for his comments.

Michael Joyce, Eagle Valley Rd, commented to Trustee DiSalvo that he should be more respectful when he speaks to others.

Edward Falta, West Point, asked if the Village has looked into the water testing requirements and costs associated with, that are coming down from NY State? Trustee Phillips responded that he is looking into it.

A motion was made by Trustee DiSalvo to approve the bills and claims from the following listed funds:

FY22-23:	General Fund	\$48,808.96
	Section 8	\$69,395.00
	Water Fund	\$28,235.31
	Sewer Fund	\$47,006.29
	Capital Fund	<u>\$253,233.61</u>
		\$446,679.17

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting August 15, 2022

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the following minutes:

Special Meeting August 31, 2022

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (Aylward) motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes:

Special Meeting September 6, 2022

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio opened a public hearing at 7:08P.M. for Notice of Violation and Order to Remedy and Notice of Hearing issued to the Property Owner(s) below:

22 Mountain Avenue 104-3-31
47 Ondaora Parkway 106-2-7

for detrimental growth prohibited, in violation of the Code of the Village of Highland Falls\Chapter 170-Property Maintenance Code\ 170-1. There were no representatives present for either property. Public Hearing closed at 7:09P.M.

Trustee Guerrero motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Resolution
Concerning Violation of Property Maintenance
22 Mountain Avenue 104-3-31
47 Ondaora Parkway 106-2-7

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Guerrero motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
2022-2023 Budget Transfer-General Fund

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Phillips motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
2022-2023 Budget Transfer-General Fund

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee Guerrero motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Supporting and Concurring in the
NY Forward Funding Application

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request from Tim Green, for training, needed to renew a pesticide application license, in Liverpool, NY from October 13-14, 2022 at the cost of \$85.00 for school & \$110.00 for lodging and the use of a Village vehicle for transportation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to approve the low quote from C&B Construction for \$3,200.00 for renovation work on the 2nd floor of Village Hall.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to appoint Vincent Biele a Part-Time Police Officer, at \$24.60/hr. per the CBA, with maximum probation of 78 weeks, effective September 15, 2022, as recommended by Police Chief Dreyer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve HFFD member Anthony Gartland, pending the physical, per the recommendation of Fire Chief Steve Suarez.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to approve the request from the TOH Chamber of Commerce to use Roe Park Pavilion for a Community 5K Walk Day, Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 9:00am-1:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request from the TOH Chamber of Commerce to Use Roe Park for a Trunk or Treat Halloween Event, Sunday, October 30, 2022 from 2:00pm -6:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve James I. O'Neill HS Homecoming Parade, Main Street-Thayer Gate to Municipal lot #2 followed by rally in Lot#2, Thursday, October 13, 2022, 4:00pm-6:00pm and request to waive live entertainment fee.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to not accept additional vouchers for the Section 8 Housing Program from HUD. The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Public Comment:

John Walter, DPW Maintenance Worker, Highland Falls, read a prepared statement regarding actions taken by the Mayor and Village Board, that he believes prevents promotional opportunities within the DPW. Mr. Walter commented that promises made during dissolution are not being kept.

Pablo Pulido, Water Maintenance Worker, Highland Falls, spoke out that he job descriptions have been changed that prevent promotional opportunities within the DPW.

Trustee Guerrero, Trustee DiSalvo, and Mayor D'Onofrio all responded to the comments being made.

Mayor D'Onofrio updated the Village Board that he met with the new Superintendent of West Point and the new Garrison Commander this past week to discuss various needs of both communities. Mayor D'Onofrio read a letter from Senator Skoufis that supports local municipalities having a seat at the table with IDA's regarding tax incentives to developers.

Mayor D'Onofrio appointed Trustee Melanie Guerrero as the Deputy Mayor as of today's date.

Trustee Guerrero presented the Building Department report. Trustee Guerrero commented on the District Attorney's report regarding the investigation of the Orange County IDA last year.

Trustee DiSalvo explained to Trustee Guerrero the operations of an IDA.

Trustee Phillips presented the Water Department report and encouraged the community to continue to conserve water.

Trustee Aylward reminded the community of the Vision sponsored 9-1-1 Ceremony on Sunday in Fort Montgomery. Trustee Aylward thanked Pat Patterson, Town Highway Supervisor, for his time in the Village of Highland Falls and the Town of Highlands and wished him well in his new job. Trustee Aylward read a tribute to Dan Ricci, a former resident, Trustee, Police Officer, Chief of Police and friend who passed away last month.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and carried 3-2.
3 Ayes (Guerrero, Aylward, D'Onofrio) 2 Nays (DiSalvo, Phillips)

The meeting closed at 8:15P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk