

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
November 21, 2022

A regular 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 November 21, 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
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 10 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for \$347, 291.69 from the following listed funds:

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| FY22-23: | General Fund | \$103,799.18 |
| | Water Fund | \$ 28,210.10 |
| | Sewer Fund | \$ 42,003.51 |
| | Capital Fund | <u>\$173,278.90</u> |
| | | \$347, 291.69 |

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the following minutes as written:

Special Meeting November 3, 2022
Regular Meeting November 7, 2022

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the following minutes as written:

Special Meeting November 17, 2022

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

3 Ayes (D’Onofrio, Aylward, Guerrero) 0 Nays 2 Abstains (DiSalvo, Phillips)

motion carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to authorize Mayor D’Onofrio to sign the Right of Way (ROW) Agreement with the Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. for a “turn around” for snow plow trucks and other municipal vehicles, on lands formerly known as the Aloe Property now owned by Scenic Hudson.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned the appointment of Christopher Doak, a Part-time Water Plant Operator at \$25.00/hr with maximum probation of 52 weeks, effective November 22, 2022.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned the appointment of Kaitlin Rodriguez from the Certified List of Eligibles for Full Time Dispatchers from Orange County at the step one rate of \$19.0980 in the FT Dispatchers CBA and with maximum probation of 52 weeks, effective November 22, 2022 as recommended by Police Chief Dreyer.

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

4 Ayes (D’Onofrio, Aylward, DiSalvo, Phillips) 1 Nay (Guerrero)

motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the request from Police Chief Dreyer to attend Breath Analysis Operator Training at the OC Police Chief’s Police Academy in Middletown, NY, January 23-25, 2023 from 0800-1600 hrs.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Declaration of Lead Agency
Telecommunications Facility Zoning Exemption

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

5 Ayes 0 Noes

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the request from Jack Jannarone to be re-appointed to the Consolidated Zoning Board with the term to run January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and on a vote of 4 Ayes (D'Onofrio, Aylward, DiSalvo, Phillips) and 1 Nay (Guerrero) motion carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the low quote from MacGregor Excavating and Landscaping for \$23,500.00 for various sidewalks repair.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve the low quote from Mellon Electric LLC for \$2,950.00 for replacement of 17 fluorescent fixtures with LED lighting in the Police Department.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Phillips motioned to approve the low quote from Elias Plumbing & Renovation Corp for \$4,000.00 to replace cast iron sewer line in Village Hall and repair wall.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Phillips motioned to approve covering of parking meters from December 1, 2022 to January 3, 2023 to encourage local holiday shopping.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Phillips motioned to enter executive session for a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The Village Board entered executive session at 7:23P.M.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:42 P.M.

John Walter, Village DPW, asked the Board if there was any decision regarding the DPW Superintendent position. Mayor D'Onofrio responded that he would not be discussing that in public.

Ron Malecot, 7 Parry Ave, commented that he agrees with Trustee Guerrero and appointments should be opened up for applications. Mr. Malecot recommended to the Board that a process be instituted to alert them when employee licenses are expiring. Mr. Malecot commented that elections are coming up and hopes the Board realizes the community should have a say in the matter of 911.

Michael Joyce, 12 Eagle Valley Rd. asked how much does the attorney make on negotiation process.

Edward Falta, West Point, asked the Board to explain the difference between an answering service and an emergency service in regards to dispatch. Trustee Guerrero answered Mr. Falta's question.

Mayor D'Onofrio updated the community on upcoming events. Announced a public meeting to review the draft comprehensive plan would be held on December 8th at 6:00pm in the Senior Center.

Trustee Guerrero criticized the draft plan and asked the Mayor to change the meeting date until after the holidays and allow time for everyone to read it. The Mayor reported he would find a new date with the LA Group for the presentation.

Trustee Phillips reported that Bog Meadow has been holding steady at about 45% and to please continue to conserve. Trustee Phillips reported the Chief Water Plant Operator is investigating complaints of brown water in Ondaora Park and that the Chief Operator has submitted an application to the Orange County Water Authority for a grant for leak detection services and that the Village has taken advantage of this before with positive results.

Trustee DiSalvo gave the report on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations. Trustee DiSalvo gave a shout out to the Orange County Executive and the Highland Falls West Point Rotary for their help in securing turkeys for the upcoming community Thanksgiving dinner.

Trustee Aylward reported that he had a meeting with the Police Chief on how things are going and changes will be forthcoming on how probationary employees are trained.

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

The meeting closed at 8:30P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk