

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
March 6, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held in Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, New York on March 6, 2023.

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
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands, Mary Jane Pitt
OIC Sgt Jason Torpey
Detective Randall Bailey
Members of the Village Police Department
Public Works Superintendent, John Jones
Members of the DPWEA
Town Council Member, Joseph DeWitt
Representatives of the HFFMSCD Board of Education
Approximately 22 Community Members

Mayor D'Onofrio opened the meeting and remembered our service members and Community members who have passed away since the last meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Aylward to approve the bills and claims for FY22-23 for \$380,711.69 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$41,734.85
Section 8	\$65,659.00
Water Fund	\$17,028.53
Sewer Fund	\$25,452.62
Capital Fund	<u>\$230,836.69</u>
	\$380,711.69

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting February 6, 2023

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Members of the HFFMCS D Board of Education were on hand to present a \$45 million dollar Capitol Project that the school district is hoping voters will approve and to answer any questions from the public. They reported that the vote to approve the spending will be held at the HFIS on March 28, 2023 from 6:00am-9:00pm.

Discussion was held on the Community Choice Aggregation Program (CCA).

Public comments were heard regarding the CCA Program. A couple of residents voiced displeasure that the program was an opt-out for residents as opposed to an opt-in and that more information wasn't provided.

Town Councilman Joe DeWitt commented that the program is allowing the residents to make a choice and that he is in favor of the program.

Olga Anderson, 86 Ondaora Pkwy, commented that there were plenty of zoom's held for information on the program & if people had questions on the CCA Program and many more will be held.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

Resolution
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
Budget Amendment FY 2022-2023
CDBG2021

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 Phillips motioned the following:

Resolution For Appointment Of
The Village of Highland Falls Comprehensive Plan Special Board

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve a transfer of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund account#601607927 to the Workers Compensation account, per the recommendation of the Deputy Treasurer.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee Phillips motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Orange County Department of Planning.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign a Renewal Agreement with Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc. for the administration of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve Part-time Police Officer, Leegan Esposito, effective March 6, 2023 at the contractual starting rate of \$25.60 and with maximum probation, as recommended by OIC Sgt Jason Torpey.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to approve Part-time Dispatcher, Eric Apuzzo, effective March 6, 2023 at the starting rate of \$15.00/hr, and with maximum probation, as recommended by OIC Sgt Jason Torpey.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to approve the request from the Village Clerk for a vacation buy back of 9 vacation days at the current salary.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the resignation of Sgt. Robert Ruger, effective February 27, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to complete the probation of Records Retention Clerk Kathy Rochet effective immediately, per the recommendation of the Village Clerk.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Town of Highlands' request to hold an Electronic Waste Event in municipal lot#2 on April 15, 2023 from 8:00am to 12:00pm.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio provided the community with an update of ongoing projects in the Village. Mayor D'Onofrio explained to the community what moving the Village elections to the County will mean for Village elections. Mayor D'Onofrio read the Resolution on Conduct for Public Meetings.

Trustee Guerrero presented the Building Department report for February and commented on the Budget Workshop held to date.

Trustee Aylward presented the Police Report for February and reported on upcoming events sponsored by The Center.

Trustee Phillips reported that Bog Meadow is at 100% capacity and four water leaks have been repaired.

Trustee DiSalvo presented the WWTP report for February and addressed some of the concerns brought up during the meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 9:00 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk