

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
May 1, 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 May 1, 2023

The Regular meeting was called to order by Mayor D’Onofrio followed the Annual Reorganization of the Village at 7:00 P.M

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D’Onofrio
Trustee James DiSalvo
Trustee Melanie Guerrero
Trustee James Ramus

Member(s) absent were Trustee Gary C. Phillips

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Lynae Mesaris
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 15 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 Guerrero to approve the bills and claims for FY22-23 for \$234,733.23 from the following listed funds:

General Fund	\$26,946.78
Section 8	\$86,925.00
Water Fund	\$22,428.35
Sewer Fund	\$15,273.17
Capital Fund	\$78,843.00
Pre-Paid	<u>\$ 4,316.93</u>
	\$234,733.23

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to approve the following minutes:
Regular Meeting April 17, 2023

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to appoint Pablo Pulido as Water Plant Operator at the starting salary rate of no less than \$27.80 per hour. Final salary to be determined after discussion with labor attorney, with maximum probation of 26 weeks, effective immediately, recommended by Chief Operator, Jack Sibley.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the April 17, 2023 regular board meeting minutes.

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

3 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstain (Trustee Ramus)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

**Village of Highland Falls
Resolution
Adoption Of The Budget
Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

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

	<u>4</u> Ayes	<u>1</u> Nay	<u>1</u> Absent
Trustee DiSalvo	x		
Trustee Guerrero		x	
Trustee Ramus	x		
Trustee Phillips			x
Mayor D’Onofrio	x		

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

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to appoint Bryan Shiver as Full-Time Police Officer at the starting rate of \$58,462.00 per year, with 18 months' probation, recommended by Officer in Charge, Jason Torpey, effective immediately.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to authorize Mayor D'Onofrio to sign the Municipal Advisor Service Agreement with Munistat.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

The approval of a sign to be posted saying "Daycare Parking Only" at 67 Schneider Ave. for parents to drop off and pick up children has been tabled until the May 15th board meeting. There are some more questions to be answered by the building inspector.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the request to declare Highland Falls Fire Department's Decon Trailer as surplus and turn it over to Orange County Hazmat.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Mayor D'Onofrio received a sales tax check for the first quarter in the amount of \$359,357.84.

Mayor D'Onofrio lists the Trails Committee Members for the Scenic Hudson property behind the village highway garage. The members are: Trustee Ramus, Stella Bailey, Kathy Rochet, Ronnie Coffey, Tyree Lanier and Mayor D'Onofrio. This committee will keep the public notified of anything happening at the property.

Before closing, members of the New York Citizens Audit, a volunteer organization addressed the Village Board regarding their system on reporting voter fraud and understanding the depth of breaches in the voter rolls and election process and how it can be fixed.

Trustees presented their departmental reports.

Trustee Ramus made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.

Lynae S. Mesaris, Village Clerk