

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
March 4, 2024

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 March 4, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor D’Onofrio at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were:

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

Also, present were: Village Clerk, Lynae Mesaris
Village Attorney, Alyse Terhune
Public Works Superintendent, John Jones
Camera Operator, Sean Lackhan
News of the Highlands, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 21 Community Members

Mayor D’Onofrio opened the meeting and remembered our service members and community members who have passed away including Andrew (Andy) Chronopoulos, Ella May Stropfel, and Patrick Donnery.

Mayor D’Onofrio invited residents to address public comment on agenda items.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the bills and claims for FY23-24 for **\$288,616.91** from the following listed funds:

General Fund:	\$ 100,724.02
Section 8 :	\$ 66,008.00
Water Fund	\$ 79,398.43
Sewer Fund	\$ 20,189.60
Pre-Paid	\$ <u>22,296.86</u>
Total	\$ 288,616.91

The highest bills:

Alyse Terhune:	\$ 6,904.70
Biomatrics4All:	\$ 18,096.00
Joseph E. Mastrianni:	\$ 66,008.00
Munistat	: \$ 5,850.00
Optima Environmental:	\$ 11,223.27

The motion was seconded by Trustee Carroll and on a roll call vote. The results follow:
4 Ayes: Trustee Ramus, Trustee DiSalvo, Trustee Carroll, Mayor D’Onofrio, **1 Nays** Trustee Guerrero

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the following minutes:

Regular Board Meeting – February 5, 2024

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.
One (1) Abstain – Trustee Carroll.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned the following:

RESOLUTION
Set a Public Hearing on March 18, 2024
Granting Cable Television Franchise
Held by Spectrum Northeast, LLC in
The Village of Highland Falls
County of Orange

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried. The results follow:
5 Ayes: Trustee Ramus, Trustee DiSalvo, Trustee Guerrero, Trustee Carroll & Mayor D’Onofrio
(A true and complete copy of this public hearing notice is appended to these minutes)

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the mayor to sign the Department of Public Works Supervisor Association Contract (D.P.W.S.A.)

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and on a roll call vote. The results follow:

4 Ayes: Trustee Ramus, Trustee DiSalvo, Trustee Carroll, Mayor D’Onofrio. **1 Nay** – Trustee Guerrero
Motion carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to accept the resignation of full-time dispatcher, Cariann Pettit, effective February 14, 2024.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve Budget Amendment to increase the appropriation budget A.3140.04, contractual for \$3,600.00 and revenue code A2680 for \$3,600.00 FY 2023-2024 to cover repairs to Fire Department Air Compressor.

RESOLUTION
Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees
FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment

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

5 Ayes: Trustee Ramus, Trustee DiSalvo, Trustee Guerrero, Trustee Carroll & Mayor D’Onofrio
Motion carried: (A true and complete copy of this Resolution is appended to these minutes.)

Trustee DiSalvo motion to approve Anastacia Krieger to the position of part-time dispatcher at the rate of \$17.00 an hour, effective immediately.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Carroll and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve American Water to hold their Riverkeeper Sweep on May 1, 2024 from 8A.M along Highland Brook. (Rain date May 8, 2024.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee Ramus motioned to approve the Town of Highlands Recreation to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at Roe Park on March 23, 2024 from 10:00A.M. – 11:00A.M with a rain date of March 30, 2024.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Town of Highlands Little League to hold baseball at the Men’s Softball Fields from April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 at 5:00P.M. – 8:00P.M.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to approve the Town of Highlands to hold the E-Waste Collection (Electronic Waste) on April 20, 2024 from 8:00A.M. – 12:00P.M. at Municipal Lot #2.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the 8th Annual Town of Highlands Juneteenth Parade and Celebration on Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 9:00A.M. – 5:00P.M. (Pending Insurance)

The motion was seconded by Trustee Guerrero and unanimously carried.

Trustee Guerrero motioned to approve a donation of \$500.00 to the Town of Highlands United Youth. This will come out of the donation line.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and unanimously carried.

The Mayor and Trustees presented their reports.

The Mayor invited the public for comments.

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

The meeting closed at 8:47 P.M.

Lynae Mesaris, Village Clerk