

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS

June 14, 2010

A special 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 June 14, 2010.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 8:30 A.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Trustee June Gunza
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Members absent were:

Trustee Harold Brown
Trustee James DiSalvo

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson, P.E.

The purpose of the meeting was for the Village Engineer to review the different projects underway in the Village, for example, the sewer plant repairs, Cozzens Ave. Wall repairs and the pool repairs and to discuss projects that are needing to be done in the near future, for example, paving of streets, painting of the water tanks, and continued repairs in the sewer plant.

The Village Engineer will bring back cost estimates to the Village Board for additional street paving work to include milling, curbs and sidewalk installations. The Board estimates another \$500,000 in borrowing will be needed to complete the work they want to complete. No action taken at this time.

The Village Engineer reported that the sewer pump replacement project should be completed in the next day or two and that an estimate has been given of additional work needed, replacement of the mechanical bar screen. He estimates that this job along with some other deficiencies that the DEC would like to see addressed, could cost an additional \$150,000. Trustee McCormick would like the Village Treasurer to provide a chart that shows how much water and sewer rates would need to be raised in order to pay back a borrowing of \$300,000, \$400,000 or \$500,000 dollars. No action taken at this time.

A discussion was held on the status of the various grants that the Village has applied for or will apply for. The Village Engineer recommended that the grant for the Parks & Recreation be scaled back a bit to give us a better chance of receiving an award. It was suggested to apply for funding to build a walkway around the pond and to stabilize the shoreline. It was also suggested to apply for a security surveillance system that will include the pavilion area

The Village Engineer reported that he would like to see the brush and debris cleared around the water tanks before any bidding takes place on the painting of the water tanks. He believes this will allow potential bidders to have a clearer view of the tanks and see exactly what needs to be done. The Village Board agreed and asked Todd to put a small scope of work together so they can review it before deciding whether it is something that would need to go out to bid.

The Village Engineer reminded the Village Board that an inspection is due on the Village Dams by August 19th, as required by the DEC and that our engineers do not do the type of special inspection needed to meet the DEC requirements.

The Mayor asked Todd to see if we could get an extension on the deadline while the Board decides what to do. The Mayor also asked Todd to call Mr. Goff, of the NYSDOT to make an appointment to discuss where the Village stands in regard to the SAFETYLU money that was awarded back in 2006, and which we have not seen any money yet.

The Village Engineer reported that the Manupelli's have completed the work in their yard as required and their attorney would like to know when the Village will do its share of the work that was agreed to be done. The Village Board will check into the DPW work schedule and make a determination. No action taken at this time.

Discussion was held on a letter received from Mr. & Mrs. Frank DiSalvo regarding their driveway and sinkholes near the roadway. The Village Board directed the Village Clerk to send a letter to the DiSalvo's requesting a copy of their survey before the Village proceeds.

The Mayor asked the Board if they were still interested in USAA's proposal to rent a portion of the Municipal Parking Lot #2 while work is done on their property location at 522 Main St. Trustee McCormick commented that he is interested as long as USAA says they have exhausted every effort to find a store front that could satisfy their temporary situation. No action was taken at this time.

The Mayor commented that the Village Board should have a meeting to discuss water issues and billing procedures before anymore research is done to go with quarterly billing for water and sewer rents.

A motion was made by Trustee McCormick to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 10:00 A.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk