

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

March 9, 2011

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 March 9, 2011.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 6:30 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Trustee Harold Brown
Trustee James DiSalvo
Trustee June L. Gunza
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Treasurer, Ralph J. Walters
Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus
Planning Board Secretary, Teresa Gibney
Village Residents – Mr. Mrs. Ray Deveraux- 48 Ondaora Pkwy, Mrs. Bobbie Polak – 15
Knox Rd, West Point Motel Owner- Gus Koutsourades – 361 Main St.
Ed Magryta, Town Supervisor

The Mayor requested the Board meet at 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 16th on Highland Street to review the survey of this street.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the second extension of the Moratorium on conversion of single family homes to 2-family and multi-dwellings, to an expiration date of June 17, 2011 as provided for in local law 01-2010.

The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Planning Board Chairman, James Ramus presented his requested budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 to the Board. Mr. Ramus included funds for mandatory training that planning board members need to attend, facilities use of the Library to hold meetings and requested a new line, equipment, for the purchase of a projector for use at meetings. The Treasurer noted that there were no changes for the salaries of the members or the secretary.

Mrs. Bobbie Polak, a member of Vision, came before the Board to request an increase from their budget of \$500 to \$1,000 for beautification. The Board thanked Mrs. Polak and Vision for all they do and plan to do, however, at this time, the funding will remain at \$500.

The Mayor reported that he is still trying to reach the Big Brothers Big Sisters coordinator and for now the \$8000 funding should remain.

Discussion on the request for a new backhoe resulted in Trustee McCormick requesting that more detail on the condition of the backhoe, specific, how many hours are logged, and Trustee DiSalvo requesting that money be set aside for the purchase of a new one, if it is removed from this year's request.

The Treasurer will make the following changes to the General Fund requested budget in preparation of the Tentative Budget:

Add and create new A1210.0110 \$3,000. for a secretary for the mayor
Decrease A1420.41 \$3,000 for court appointed attorney
Increase A3020.01 \$3599 after adjustments to requested budget were provided
Increase A3120.1 \$847.00 after adjustments to the requested budget were provided
Decrease A5110.02 \$80,000 for backhoe
Decrease A5410.2 \$5000 for steam weed eater
Add and create new Planning Board equipment - A8020.2 \$800 for projector
Decrease A8020.01 \$160 based on adjusted requested budget
Decrease A 8020.4 \$1940 based on adjusted requested budget
Add and create new A8140.041 Storm Sewers for 2013 mapping pjt - \$10,000.
Increase A9060.08 - \$38,000 trsf from sewer fund
Create capital repair fund for Village Hall - \$10,000.

The Treasurer will make the following changes to the Sewer Fund requested budget in preparation of the Tentative Budget:

Decrease G9060.08 -\$38,000 trsf to general fund
Decrease G8120.02 - \$18,000 for inspection camera
Decrease G8130.02 - \$1,700 for computer
Decrease G8130.04 - \$33,000- from electrical/ plumbing repairs and equipment replacement

The Treasurer will make the following changes to the Water Fund requested budget in preparation of the Tentative Budget:

Decrease F8330.02 - \$1,200-for security camera
Decrease F8330.04 - \$2,000 –exterior doors
Decrease F8340.02 - \$300 – chain saw

The Treasurer reported to the Board that a tax certiori had been settled with one of the hotels and the assessment on this property will be reduced by \$323,000 for the 2011-2012 budget year. This will affect the amount of taxes needed to balance the budget. The Board will meet on Wednesday, March 16th at 9:00am to discuss the budget after these changes have been made and to set a Tentative Budget to present at a public hearing.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific employee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:15 P.M. The Special meeting reconvened at 8:30 P.M.

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

The meeting closed at 8:30 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk