

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
February 21, 2017

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 February 21, 2017.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold the second budget workshop for FY 2017-2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 8:10 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Brian Aylward
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Members absent were:

Trustee Anthony Farina

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta (8:30pm)
Street Superintendent, Gary Boyce
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones
Community members, James Ramus, 29 Liberty Street
Barbara Mennite, 11 Locust Street (8:30pm)

Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator John Jones presented his 2017-2018 requested budget to the Village Board. Mr. Jones commented that major work needing to be done in the plant includes replacing the belt press in a year or two. Mr. Jones reported that a new belt press alone would cost approximately \$225,000, but the old one would need to be removed and the new one installed so the cost would be much higher than the \$225,000.

Discussion on the digester furnace was held. Mayor Flynn asked Mr. Jones to make contact with the Village Engineer to look at getting this done soon. Mayor Flynn explained that this will result in much savings and the Village should be looking for this to be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Jones reported to the Board that the generator should also be replaced in the plant as well as relocated to an area outside the flood plain.

The Village Treasurer recommended to the Village Board to increase the Engineer's line to \$15,000, to add \$10,000 to the vehicle reserve line, to set up a reserve account for a generator and to appropriate fund balance to move forward with the digester furnace project.

Street Superintendent Gary Boyce presented his 2017-2018 requested budget to the Village Board. Mr. Boyce commented that he is in need of vehicles and has requested two dump trucks and one pick-up in his budget.

The Village Treasurer recommended setting up a vehicle reserve for the DPW with \$15,000.

Mayor Flynn commented that he would like to push for one pick up and one dump truck. The Village Treasurer commented that because we have had a light winter it is possible, if the trend continues, to possibly purchase one pick up out of the current year funds. Mr. Boyce commented that he is in need for two dump trucks.

The Village Board agreed for two dump trucks to remain in the budget on the equipment line for Street Maintenance.

Mr. Boyce also agreed that the Board could take \$600.00 from his Street Maintenance Contractual for the Beautification line.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 10:06P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Special meeting reconvened at 11:10P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve paying Fusco Engineering \$5,000.00 out of a \$10,000 bill that was submitted on behalf of work done for the Senior Center bidding process.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to transfer \$3,500.00 from A1210.0110 Mayor's Secretary line to A1210.0400 Mayor's Contractual line.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to pay \$4,000.00 toward bills submitted by Konstantinos Fatsis for work done as Special Counsel to the Mayor out of A1210.0400.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Mellon motioned to transfer \$800.00 from A5110.0400 Street Maintenance Contractual to cover expenses in A7120.0400 Beautification.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Trustee Aylward motioned to pay Lily's of the Valley invoice for \$215.00 for flowers provided for the parade escorting the Army team out of town on their way to the Army/Navy game.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 11:30P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk