

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

April 11, 2016

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held at the Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY on April 11, 2016.

The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were:

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

Member absent was:

Trustee Anthony Farina

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta
Street Superintendent, Gary Boyce
Planning Bd Chairman, James Ramus

The purpose of the meeting was to hold the eighth budget meeting for FY 16-17.

Treasurer Magryta opened the meeting and reminded the Board that the budget needs to be adopted by May 1st. The Treasurer remarked that he would like to reduce the amount of fund balance being used in the tentative budget by \$50,000 to \$70,000 dollars before adoption.

Treasurer Magryta reported that he received the audit report for FY ending May 31, 2015 and overall it is a good report. The Treasurer explained that the special districts, water and sewer, have improved their fund balances and are stronger than ever. The Treasurer reported the General Fund surplus has decreased and the Board should look to reduce the amount being used this year to help offset the budget.

After review of the tentative budget, the Village Board directed the Treasurer to reduce the beautification line item from \$12,000 to \$7,000 dollars. The Mayor explained this number will still include the request from Vision for help with their planter project.

Discussion was held on the Fire Department Reserves funding level. The Village Board made no changes to the tentative numbers for the Fire Department reserve funds. Trustee Murphy asked for reassurance from the Board that funds would be available to the fire department equipment reserves if needed. The Mayor reassured Trustee Murphy and the rest of the Board that the Fire Department will get what it needs.

Street Superintendent Gary Boyce asked the Board if the request for the dump truck was in or out of the budget. The Treasurer confirmed that the dump truck has been removed, however, the Treasurer recommended to review the budget in the Fall and see if it would be possible to purchase one then.

The Mayor asked the Treasurer to review the tentative budget and look to see if or where fund balance could be reduced and make any necessary adjustments.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:32P.M.

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

The special meeting reconvened at 9:59P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Mastrianni, Inc. to administer the Section 8 Program for one year.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn set a meeting to adopt the budget for Monday, April 25th at 8:30am.

Trustee Aylward motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 10:00P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk