

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

October 29, 2009

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 October 29, 2009.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 8:00A.M.

Members present were:

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

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones
Police Chief, Peter Miller
Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson (J. Robert Folchetti & Associates)

A motion was made by Trustee Brown to enter executive session to discuss a particular employee. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:01am.

The special meeting reconvened at 8:05am.

Discussion was held on the Manupelli (25 Laurel Lane) drainage issue. A proposal to resolve the situation has been given to the Village officials. Mr. Manupelli would take care of handling the water that effects the south side of his property to the backside and the Village would install two catch basins in the ground on the west side of the property to allow water to be captured and then disbursed through natural ground filtering. The cost for the Village would be approximately \$3,000 to install these basins. It would be a stand alone system. The project would not get started until June 2010, so it would not impact the current year budget.

Trustee McCormick motioned to have the attorney move forward and firm up the proposal for the Manupelli settlement. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on a proposal from Cherokee Enterprises, LLC, to dispose of ground water extracted from the proposed Prep School site on West Point, into our wastewater treatment system. This company has been awarded the contract to prepare the future site of the USMA Prep School and they are looking to dispose of approximately 6 million gallons of water through our wastewater system. The job would run for approximately 60 days and they would dump approximately 100,000 gallons per day. They have asked to dump in the Village because the alternative would be to truck the water to Poughkeepsie, approximately 50miles away. Neither West Point nor the Town of Highlands has the capacity to entertain the offer. Todd Atkinson, Village Engineer, reported that he has talked with this company and has received a list of approximately 40 chemicals or contaminants that are in the water. Cherokee Enterprises will pretreat the water to be dumped, however, this only pulls out sediment or sand, not contaminants. Most of these contaminants are below the minimum levels for their classification. Mr. Atkinson reported that the current DEC spdes permit for the wastewater treatment plant does not allow for this extra water. The Village would need to apply to DEC for a modification and the cost would be approximately \$10,000. It would also take 4-6 weeks for the approval.

Mr. Atkinson reported to the Board that the engineers feel there is a less than 5% chance of the plant getting damaged because of this extra dumping. They believe the risk is minimal, however, they want to see more information on the chemicals and/or contaminants and how the procedure will work.

The Mayor responded that the contractor has indicated he would pay for all additional expenses the Village would incur, ie, spdes permit, engineer & attorney fees and labor costs.

The Village Board would like more information on how the Village will be protected and more information from Mr. Atkinson on the chemical/contaminant concerns before they decide on how much they would want the contractor to pay for this proposal. Mr. Atkinson hopes to have this information for the Board before the next regular scheduled Board meeting on November 2nd.

Trustee Brown motioned to enter executive session to discuss a particular employee. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:50am.

The special meeting reconvened at 9:00am.

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

The meeting closed at 9: 00A.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk