

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

April 29, 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 April 29, 2011.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 8:00 A.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
Village Treasurer, Ralph J. Walters
Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst
Village residents – Laura Milsom – 105 Center Street, Gus Koutsourades – Owner West Point Motel
Town residents – Sal & Ann Marie Fiducia, Ft Montgomery

The purpose of this meeting was to conduct a budget workshop to set water and sewer rates for new billing periods.

Trustee Gunza recommended that fire hydrants be replaced in house and the possibility of accepting partial payments for utilities. Trustee Gunza also suggested to skip putting money into a reserve equipment fund this year.

The Mayor responded these were down the road discussions and tonight's purpose is to set rates. He further stated he was not in favor of any water rate increases.

Trustee McCormick responded that an increase was needed and that the discussion of 5% increase across the board for water, would probably still not be enough to help the water and sewer departments. Trustee McCormick reported he would like to make things easier for the public and suggested the Village go to quarterly billing.

The Mayor asked Mr. Hurst how many hydrants needed replacement and how long it takes to replace one. Mr. Hurst responded that three in Ondaora Park need to be done and that it takes about a day and half to replace one. Mr. Hurst said he tries to replace three a year. Mr. Hurst also reminded the Board that fire hydrants are a safety concern and need to be operational when needed.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to start the replacement of three hydrants, budgeted for in 2010-2011, in house. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned that there be no increase to the water rates for the May 2011 billing, they are to remain at \$68.80 for the first 0-5000 gallons and \$3.97 for each 1000 gallons thereafter. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

	Ayes	Nays
Trustee Brown	x	
Trustee DiSalvo	x	
Trustee Gunza	x	
Trustee McCormick		x
Mayor D'Onofrio	x	

Motion carried.

There was no action taken on increasing the sewer rates.

Trustee Brown made a motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 8:30 A.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk