

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

March 16, 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 16, 2011.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 9:00 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
Treasurer, Ralph J. Walters
Chief WWTP Operator, John Jones

Discussion was held on the effects and costs associated with the water plant discharging water and sludge through the sewer lines as opposed to having the water and sludge hauled out of the system, twice a year, during routine maintenance of the system. One recommendation was to just allow water through and haul sludge separately. Mr. Jones will investigate the costs associated with this recommendation and report back to the Board.

A motion was made by Trustee Gunza to set the Public Hearing for the Tentative Budget on Monday, April 4th at 6:30pm followed by Reorganization of the Village and the Regular Village Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

The Mayor reported that the Engineer will provide a full bid document to go out soon for the Water Tanks Painting Project. He will confirm with the Engineer that the 2013 mapping project will span two years with the cost being spread out over FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-2013, and will be done by a staff member of the Village's Engineering Firm. The Mayor reported that bid documents for the roof repairs at the WWTP should be out for advertisement by March 25th and will have a bid opening date of April 18th with a bid guarantee of 60 days.

Further budget discussions resulted in the Village Treasurer being directed to make the following changes:

Decrease A7310.04 \$8,000 (allotment to BBBS)

Increase Appropriated Fund Balance in General \$15,000 (Total of \$115,000)

Mr. Walters reported that these changes should allow for the Tentative Budget to show a tax rate increase of 1.8% which results in approximately a .27¢ (twenty seven cents) increase to the current tax rate. Mr. Walters cautioned that it is likely an increase in water rates will be needed in the minimal and additional rates. He is hopeful sewer might be able to remain as is or need only a 1% or 2% increase to the current rate. Mr. Walter reported he will have a Tentative Budget to the Village by March 21st and this document can not be changed until after a Public Hearing is held on it. He noted the Public Hearing will be held on April 4th, at 6:30pm.

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

The meeting closed at 10:15 A.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk