

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

April 12, 2012

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 12, 2012.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 6:00 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio  
Trustee Harold Brown  
Trustee James DiSalvo  
Trustee Patrick Flynn (6:20pm)

Member Absent was:

Trustee Joseph McCormick

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Treasurer, Ralph J. Walters  
Village Street Superintendent, Pat Patterson  
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones  
Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst  
Police Sgt. James Lavelle  
Head Dispatcher, Gina Borra  
Town Ambulance Captain, Bill Stroppel  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt  
Employees of the Dispatching Department  
Volunteer Ambulance Corp Members & approximately 5 audience members

The purpose of this meeting was for the Village Treasurer to go over the proposed Village Budget for the new Village Trustee and to answer any questions regarding the budget and the process to this point.

The Mayor reminded the public that this is a workshop and the budget will need to be adopted by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Mayor also reported to the Treasurer that he had received \$9,000 in cuts from the Highland Falls Fire Department Equipment line. He thanked the Fire Chief and the department for making these tough decisions.

After review of each code in the General Fund the Treasurer will make the following changes to the budget:

Increase A1010.41 Trustees (TV Meetings)	\$1,500.00
Increase A1450.4 Elections	\$1,000.00
Decrease A3410.2 Fire Department Equip .	\$9,000.00
Increase A5110.4 Street Maintenance	\$14,000.00
Decrease A7110.41 Parks (mowing)	\$ 3,000.00
Decrease A9025.8 LOSAP	\$50,000.00

The Treasurer reported that the overall decrease to the General Fund Expenses will be \$45,500.00. The Treasurer will decrease the amount of Appropriated Fund Balance to be applied by \$45,500.00.

After a review of each code in the Water Fund and Sewer Fund, there were no changes to be made. The Treasurer did comment that the estimated May water billing appears to be short of the amount budgeted for and it is possible that the Board should consider raising the water rates at this time. No action was taken.

The Treasurer reported that the current tax rate is at a 2% increase over last year's tax rate and that the Village will be below the 2% tax cap on the tax levy as mandated by New York State. The Treasurer reiterated the Mayor's comments that the budget needs to be adopted by May 1<sup>st</sup> and

that another meeting or two will probably be needed before adoption. There was no meeting date set at this time.

After comments from the public were heard and any questions answered, Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss union negotiations. The Mayor asked the Street Superintendent, the Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator and the Village Clerk to remain at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:50 P.M. Trustee DiSalvo motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. The special meeting reconvened at 8:20 P.M.

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

The meeting closed at 8:20 P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk