

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

December 19, 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 December 19, 2012.

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 Patrick Flynn
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Engineer, Todd Atkinson, PE (J. Robert Folchetti & Associates)
Village Residents – Gus Koutsourades, 156 Main St., Ray Devereaux -48 Ondaora Pkwy.

The Mayor opened the meeting by stating that the press had been notified of the meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Primary Digester Repairs in the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Todd Atkinson, Village Engineer presented the Village Board with a summary analysis of existing conditions and estimated cost budget of the repairs for the Primary Digester System. Mr. Atkinson explained that he has provided a conservative estimate and that until bids are obtained for the work the final cost cannot be determined. He explained that the money received from FEMA was to clean out the digester system to assess how much work needs to be done and now that the tanks are empty he was able to do that.

Mr. Atkinson explained that a plant's useful life is typically twenty plus years and the Village plant is now going on twenty seven years. He also emphasized that these repairs should get the WWTP through another twenty or so years. Mr. Atkinson provided a breakdown of the repairs required and what repairs could be pushed off, if necessary, to hold down costs.

Mr. Atkinson answered a question on what would happen if there was an increase in volume by stating that any costs necessary for any upgrades to ensure any increases can be handled, should be borne by the agency requesting the service.

The Mayor answered a question on the urgency of the meeting by explaining that although these repairs have been talked about before, now that the digesters have been emptied, the engineer was able to make a full assessment of what work needs to be done, and the contractor doing the work authorized by FEMA, needed to know how to proceed.

The Mayor also commented that an authorization for work on the Grit Chamber could possibly be transferred to fund these repairs through a public hearing.

Trustee McCormick motioned to have the Village Engineer prepare specs for the Primary Digester Repairs and to go out to bid. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried.

The Village Engineers responded to Trustee McCormick's request for an update on the Water Tank Painting project. Trustee McCormick informed the Board that a decision needs to be made on the boiler system at the water plant. Trustee McCormick said one quote has been obtained and they are waiting on a second.

No action was taken on the boiler system.

Trustee McCormick motioned to waive the late fee of \$11.69 for a delinquent water account because of a communication issue with a deployed property owner.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Flynn and unanimously carried.

Trustee McCormick motioned to approve the change from Standard Security to Security Mutual Life (VESO Life) for term insurance for the Village of Highland Falls Fire Department

LOSAP and the premium payment of \$1,107.79, per the recommendation of Hometown Insurance, broker for the Village of Highland Falls LOSAP.

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

The meeting closed at 8:35am.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk