

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

January 11, 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 January 11, 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 Joseph McCormick
Trustee Richard Parry

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ralph Walters

The purpose of this meeting was a workshop with Village Treasurer, Ralph Walters on the current year budget and the status of the Village finances. Also on the agenda was to address any other items that might come before the Board and Executive Session to discuss union negotiations and specific individual personnel issues.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the purchase, nte \$30,000.00 for a truck in the WWTP, to replace the truck that was totaled in an accident during the snowstorm on 10/29/11, using \$20,000.00 from the vehicle reserve funds and \$9,453.50 from insurance recovery received through the insurance claim on the totaled vehicle.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and on a roll call vote the results which follow:
5 Ayes 0 Noes

motion carried.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to approve the Street Department purchasing safety lights, nte \$1,000.00 , for the new backhoe, with surplus funds.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Trustee Brown motioned to approve Timothy Doherty to attend SUNY Ulster Community College, for the "Basic Wastewater Operations –Lecture" course, at a cost of \$993.00, from January 17, 2012, to March 29, 2012 and the "Basic Wastewater Operations – Laboratory" course at a cost of \$485.00, from April 3, 2012 – May 5, 2012 and to pay for mileage, with the understanding Mr. Doherty will sign an agreement to reimburse the Village the cost of the classes, \$1,478.00, plus any mileage paid, if the employee should voluntarily leave employment with the Village within one year of completion of the courses.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McCormick and unanimously carried.

Discussion was held on the Schneider Ave sidewalk project. The Board said they would like to see a list from the Village Engineer of what is not acceptable about the work completed to date on the project. No action was taken on approving payment for the vendor.

Budget dates were set for the upcoming season as follows: February 23rd, February 28th, March 8th, March 10th and March 14th, with start times at 6:00pm with the exception of Saturday, March 10th to start at 1:00pm. The Treasurer reminded the Board that the Tentative Budget needs to be turned into the Clerk by March 20th and a budget adopted by May 1st.

The Treasurer gave an overview to the Board on the status of the budget for the current fiscal year and said overall he was pleased at where the Village stands at this point. The Mayor commented that it would still be a good idea to cut back on spending when possible because of the 2% Property Tax Cap facing the municipality this upcoming budget season.

The Mayor reminded the Board that the extension on the lease with USAA for use of the parking lot is due to expire in early February and that the Village Attorney should prepare for another extension at the same rental agreement rates.

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

The meeting closed at 7:50 p.m.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk