

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

April 16, 2013

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 16, 2013.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 6:00 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Harold Brown
Trustee James DiSalvo
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Also present was:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ralph J. Walters
Fire Chief, John Rush
1st Assistant Chief, Erik Smith
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Village Resident, Gus Koutsourades, 156 Main St.

The purpose of this meeting was to hold a budget workshop for FY 2013-2014.

The Village Treasurer reviewed the changes made from the April 10th meeting with the Village Board.

The Treasurer pointed out that he reduced the amount of fund balance used from \$275,000 to \$246,670 and again explained the tax cap options to the Board. The Treasurer informed the Board that since the Tentative Budget was formulated, the Town Assessor provided the Village Clerk with \$887,600 dollars in reduced assessments due to small claims adjustments. The Treasurer informed the Board that he was working on the Village taxable assessed valuation. The Treasurer noted that because of the revaluation of the Town, it is not easy to give a tax percentage increase from last year's budget to the proposed 2013-2014 budget.

Discussion was held on separating funds out from the Police salary lines to a separate line to be available for when a contract settlement is achieved. The same would hold for the DPWEA contract.

The Treasurer was directed to reduce the A3120.1 Police Salary by \$15,000.00 and A3020.1 by \$3,000.00 and increase a new restricted funds code, to be established, by these same amounts to be available for when contracts are settled. The Treasurer was also directed to likewise do this for the DPWEA codes.

The Board decided to leave in a 2% increase for the non-union employees with the exception of the part time operator in the water plant and the part time operator in the wastewater treatment plant. The Treasurer was directed to leave those hourly rates as is.

Trustee Brown brought before the Board a request from the Chief Water Plant Operator to put back into the budget \$2800.00 for a pipe cutting chain saw.

The Board approved the purchase out of the 2012-2013 budget as long as funds are available in his budget and that the water and sewer departments could share in the cost and share in the use of this piece of equipment.

With no substantial changes being made to the budget, the Mayor set a special meeting for Monday, April 29th at 7:00pm to adopt the budget after the Treasurer makes the changes discussed at this meeting, confirms the tax rate and compliance with the tax cap and barring the Board requesting any additional items to be added or subtracted.

A motion was made by Trustee Murphy to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee DiSalvo and unanimously carried. The meeting closed at 8:30P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk