

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

February 26, 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 February 26, 2013.

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

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Trustee James DiSalvo
Trustee Patrick Flynn
Trustee Joseph McCormick

Member Absent was:

Trustee Harold Brown

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Treasurer, Ralph J. Walters
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott
WWTP Operator, John Jones
TOH Ambulance Captain, William Stroppel
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Village Resident: Gus Koutsourades – 156 Main Street (WP Motel)

Village Treasurer, Ralph Walters presented the Board members with the Requested 2013-2014 Budget and explained that the numbers shown were taken from the requested budgets of the department heads and what they believe their contractual expenses will be based on actual spending to date and last year's expenses.

Mr. Walters reminded the Board that this is a Requested Budget. The Tentative Budget needs to be turned into the Clerk, by March 20th. Mr. Walters explained that Chief Scott budgets the salary lines for his departments based on negotiated union contracts and because negotiations are ongoing, he used a 2% increase over the contractual salary amounts. Treasurer Walters commented that Chief Scott's current budget for salaries is right in line with the current budget and not knowing how negotiations will fare, the numbers used for the 2013-2014 budget should be right in line also.

Police Chief Scott, presented his 2013-2014 Requested Budget to the Board for review. Chief Scott pointed out to the Board that there is a request for a PT Parking Enforcement Officer in this budget. He also reported that many of the meters that were taken down have been recycled for parts with current meters that needed repairs. The budget is asking for replacement parts because he would like to make the meters more uniformed in appearance and functionality.

Chief Scott pointed out there is a vehicle request in this budget. A new vehicle was purchased in the current year with reserve funds. Mr. Walters commented that he has put \$20,000 into the reserve account with \$10,000 for a Police Vehicle and \$10,000 for DPW vehicles.

Chief Scott pointed out an increase in the uniform replacement line because he would like to bring the current supply up to the standards they should be.

Some discussion was held on the status of going to the County E911 system. The Mayor responded he is waiting to hear from the County Executive on the letter that was sent requesting the cost associated with the Village joining the system.

Trustee McComick asked if there are any purchasing contracts that could be piggy backed by the Village for possible saving in the contractual line. Mr. Walters responded he would check with the Purchasing Clerk.

The Village Board thanked Chief Scott for his work on this budget. No action taken.

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

The meeting closed at 6:49 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk