

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

April 14, 2014

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held at the Village Hall, 303 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY on April 14, 2014.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:15 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Anthony Farina
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Members Absent were:

Trustee Harold Brown

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta
Fire Chief, Steve Suarez
1st Assistant Chief, Erik Smith
Village residents- Sandy Capriglione-26 Kings Rd

The purpose of the meeting was to hold the tenth Budget Workshop for FY 2014-2015.

Before the budget workshop session began, Mayor Flynn brought to the Board's attention a request for approval from the Fire Department to hold a recruiting event in municipal lot#2 on Sunday, April 27th from 12 noon to 3:00pm. The Mayor further explained that the Department would like to begin advertising the event as soon as possible which is why they would like approval at this meeting.

Trustee Murphy motioned to approve the request from the Fire Department to hold a recruiting event in municipal lot #2 on Sunday, April 27th from 12 noon to 3:00pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

Treasurer Magryta opened the workshop with a review of the budget recap. The Treasurer pointed out that he reduced the appropriated Fund Balance to a conservative number and reminded the Board that the taxable assessed valuation will be reduced by the certiorari currently in hand. He explained that this could cause the rate per thousand currently set at \$9.69 to increase one or two pennies.

Other changes that Treasurer Magryta pointed out included an increase to the water metered sales with the anticipation that water rates will have to be increased. An increase to the Water Contingency Fund in case meter sales falls short and an increase to the Sewer Contingency Fund because of the sewer main replacement project that is currently in progress, were also pointed out by the Treasurer.

Fire Chief Suarez and 1st Assistant Chief Erik Smith came before the Board to discuss their concerns over reductions in the Fire Department's requested budget. Chief Smith explained that he felt a lean budget was turned in and that the Board took his plan for a Command Vehicle Reserve out and turned it into a Truck Reserve when a Command Vehicle Reserve is more sensible. Erik further argued that realistically when a truck needs to be replaced a bond will have to be secured.

The Treasurer will make the following changes before the Board meeting on April 21st:

Increase A.1990.1990 General Contingency from \$50,000.00 to \$58,000.00.

Split Truck reserve \$20,000.00 into \$15,000.00 for Truck Reserve and \$5,000.00 for Vehicle Command Reserve

Increase A.1210.0110 Mayor Secretary Salary from \$1,500.00 to \$3,500.00.

The Treasurer concluded by reminding the Board that there is the potential for the Appropriated Fund Balance to be increased. The Treasurer assured the Board that all changes will be made and presented to them at the April 21st meeting, however he recommends holding off on adoption until April 28th so he can look closer at the fund balance number and hopefully the Village has a better idea of tax certiorari's that are imminent.

Trustee Mellon motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 8:39 p.m. The Special meeting reconvened at 9:34 p.m.

Trustee Farina motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The meeting closed at 9:35 p.m.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk