

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

April 28, 2014

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 28, 2014.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Patrick Flynn at 6:30 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Harold Brown
Trustee Anthony Farina
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Members absent:

Trustee Robert Mellon

Also present were:

Deputy Clerk, Ana I. Sierra
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta
Approximately 3 Community Residents

The purpose of this meeting was to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015.

Treasurer Edward Magryta advised the Village Board that he had added \$10,000.00 to the fund balance to defray the amount of taxes to be raised.

Mayor Flynn advised the public that the Village Board increased the Reserve & Contingency funds in order to avoid any further bonding and to deal with any unexpected expenses.

Total appropriations for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year is \$6,497,550.00.

General Fund budget in the amount of \$4,675,948.00
Water Fund budget in the amount of \$ 787,665.00
Sewer Fund budget in the amount of \$1,033,937.00

The budget adopted by the Village Board has a \$9.73/thousand tax rate.

Trustee Farina motioned the following:

Village of Highland Falls
Resolution
Adoption of the Budget 2014-2015

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and on a roll call vote, the results which follow.

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent

motion carried. (a true and complete copy of the resolution is appended to the minutes).

Trustee Murphy asked the board to reconsider the use of Municipal Lot 1 on May 2, 2014 for extra parking for the Fire Departments Installation Dinner. After a short discussion the Village Board agreed to allow them the use of the Lot.

Mayor Flynn motioned to approve expenses not to exceed \$1,000.00 in the event that any of the Board members attend the NYCOM conference May 4, 2014 through May 6, 2014 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

Mayor Flynn reminded the community about the Public Hearing for the Industrial Development Agency regarding the tax abatement request from Church Hill Properties, regarding the Old Guard Hotel, was being held at the Highland Falls library the next morning at 10:00A.M.

Mayor Flynn motioned to enter into executive session. Motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The Board entered into executive session at 6:50 P.M.

Mayor Flynn motioned to come out of executive session at 8:15 P.M. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The special meeting reconvened at 8:15 P.M.

The Village Board discussed briefly the Village Engineering services and the hiring of Fusco Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C under the terms of their proposal.

Trustee Brown motioned to hire Fusco Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C. under the terms of their proposal dated April 2014.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

The Village Board had a brief discussion on the Village Attorney. Mayor Flynn commented that he had no issues with retaining Alyse Terhune from Jacobowitz & Gubits, LLP to continue with the Planning Board at the request of James Ramus, Chairman of the Planning Board.

Trustee Murphy motioned to hire William Florence as the new Village Attorney under the terms of his proposal for \$33,000.00 for municipal services, excluding the Planning Board, dated April 2014.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried.

A brief discussion on two (2) previous requests to raise chickens was held.

Trustee Murphy motioned to allow the Farina family on Mearns Avenue and the Broesler family on Knox Road to raise chickens with a minimum of six (6).

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and on a vote which follows:

3 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Abstain (Farina), 1 Absent, motion carried.

Trustee Murphy motioned to impose a six (6) month moratorium on requests to raise chickens in the Village.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and on a vote which follows:

3 Ayes, 1 Nay (Farina), 1 Absent (Mellon),
motion carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:35 P.M.

Ana I Sierra, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer