

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

February 24, 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 February 24, 2014.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Flynn at 7:08P.M.

Members present were:

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

Member Absent was:

Trustee Harold Brown

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta
Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones
Village Residents: Sandra Capriglione- 26 Kings Rd., Brian Alyward-13 Church St.
Ed Rose-7 Park Place

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

Treasurer Magryta gave a brief summary of the last meeting and reported to the Board that his investigation around the county found that the norm for salary increases has ranged from 1%-2%. The Treasurer also reminded the Board about the Bog Meadow school tax requirement that continues to arise each year and that they should try to reach out to the school district about getting it waived like the County and Town currently do for the Village.

Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones, presented his requested FY2014-2015 budget. Mr. Jones pointed out some big ticket items which included a security camera for \$15,000, which he argued could be used for Water and Streets as well. Replacement of pumps for \$14,000 for the Webb Lane pump station as those pumps have been rebuilt about seven years ago and not functioning as they should be. Mr. Jones explained the cost is high because repair or replacement of these pumps require a crane to reach them.

Discussion was held on setting up reserves for the WWTP to help with these costly repairs. The Treasurer commented he would add a reserve line for WWTP. The Treasurer also pointed out to the Board that some of the costs should be coming down in the department with all new equipment having been installed over the past year. Discussion was held on the Water and Sewer Department's working together to get lower fuel costs or supply costs where possible. Discussion was also held on overtime costs and the need to lower them.

The Board thanked Mr. Jones for his presentation. No Board action taken at this time.

Chief Water Plant Operator, Kevin Hurst, presented his requested FY2014-2015 budget. Highlights included discussion of installation of a cable, at approximate cost of \$10,000 to run from the plant to the water tanks for monitoring water loss electronically. Mr. Hurst also asked the Board to consider starting reserve funds for the purchase of a large piece of equipment that would clear the sewer or storm drains and also do excavation of the area. The approximate cost of a machine like this is \$250,000. Mr. Hurst reported that he is working on a new rate schedule for water billing which would make more equitable the rates for residential and commercial users.

Treasurer Magryta commented that he will set up a reserve line for the water fund.

The Board thanked Mr. Hurst for his presentation. No Board action taken at this time.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter executive session to discuss specific individuals in personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 9:54 P.M.

Trustee Murphy motioned to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The Special Meeting reconvened at 10:24 P.M.

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

The meeting closed at 10:24 P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk