

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

March 10, 2015

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 March 10, 2015.

The Special Meeting opened at 7:16 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn
Trustee Robert Mellon
Trustee Anthony Farina

Members Absent were:

Trustee Harold Brown
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta
Police Chief, Kenneth Scott

The purpose of the meeting was to hold the sixth Budget Workshop for FY 2015-2016.

Treasurer Magryta opened the meeting and introduced Police Chief Kenneth Scott to present his requested budget for FY 2015-2016.

Chief Scott presented his requested FY 2015-2016 budget. Chief Scott reminded the Board that salaries are driven by contractual obligations. Chief Scott pointed out that the fleet is getting older, so he has increased his vehicle repairs slightly, but because fuel costs have decreased a bit, he lowered his fuel number slightly.

Chief Scott requested a vehicle in this budget. Discussion was held on a new vehicle. Treasurer Magryta recommended that the Board should look to replace a vehicle every three years by funding the Police Vehicle Reserve Fund. The Board agreed to put \$10,000.00 into the Police Vehicle Reserve Fund. The Chief responded that a vehicle should be replaced and that he will look for a lower number than presented. The Board agreed to keep the \$36,000.00 in the tentative budget with the understanding that it will be in the first cut during the final review process.

A discussion was held on weapon repairs and replacement options. Chief Scott responded that he will get prices for replacement of the weapons.

The Board did agree to move \$4,792.00, the cost of painting lines on Main Street and parking spaces from the Police budget to the Street Department budget.

Treasurer Magryta commented that the Entergy grant that Chief Scott has been awarded in the past and continues to receive for the radio lease expense should be accounted for on the revenue side as well as budgeted for in his contractual expenses. The Treasurer stated to the Board that he will set up a public safety revenue line for the \$28,200.00, that Chief Scott reported would be the grant amount, and he would also add \$14,100.00 to both the Police Contractual line and Dispatcher Contractual line where the expense is charged to when the bill arrives.

The Village Board thanked Chief Scott for his budget and accepted his requests with the few adjustments as mentioned above.

Treasurer Magryta stated that after talking with bond counsel, he used a conservative number when putting in the bond payments for the year. The Treasurer informed the Board that the preliminary number to be raised by taxes is \$3,050,000.00 and that this is with the tax cap requirements being taken into consideration. Treasurer Magryta stated that he is looking for guidance from the Board for salaries and what they might want to add before the tentative is finalized. The Treasurer reminded the Board that the tentative budget is to be turned into the Village Clerk by March 20th and that no changes to it can be made until after the public hearing.

The Board set the next budget meeting for Monday, March 16th after the regular board meeting, if time permits. If necessary, the Board will meet in a budget session on Tuesday March 17th at 7:00pm. Salaries to be discussed at this meeting.

Trustee Mellon motioned to go into executive session for a contractual matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried. The Board entered executive session at 9:22pm.

Trustee Farina motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mellon and unanimously carried. The special meeting reconvened at 10:25pm.

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

The meeting closed at 10:25pm.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk