

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

February 29, 2016

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 February 29, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Mellon at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Patrick Flynn  
Trustee Brian Aylward  
Trustee Robert Mellon  
Trustee Barbara Murphy

Members Absent was:

Trustee Anthony Farina

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Treasurer, Ed Magryta (via phone conference)  
Fire Chief, Erik Smith  
1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief, Andrew Patterson  
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt

The purpose of the meeting was to hold the fourth Budget Workshop for FY 2016-2017.

Fire Chief Erik Smith presented his requested budget to the Board. Mr. Smith reported that he has been doing budgets for the department for about 6 years and has been able to maintain as needed. Mr. Smith remarked that he applied for a grant to replace SCBA's last year and they did not get one and he has reapplied again this year. Mr. Smith reported that he is waiting to hear about this one. Mr. Smith explained the life expectancy of these devices and how important it is to have ones that comply with safety regulations.

Mr. Smith explained the laptops have come in very handy with all the administrative work required. Mr. Smith reported that the department has been able to maintain the fire rating of IOS5, which is very good and an important number to residents when shopping for their homeowner's insurance.

Discussion was held on radio upgrades, through the County, that might be happening within the next couple of years.

Mr. Smith explained the budget numbers for his equipment and contractual are solid and if cuts are necessary he is most flexible in the reserve numbers of the budget proposal. Discussion was held on the amount to put into the reserve funds. The Board agreed to put enough in the equipment reserve fund to support the match of the grant submitted for the SCBA's, and an equitable distribution between the CMD Vehicle and Apparatus Vehicle reserve funds, to stay even with last year's contributions. The Board thanked Mr. Smith for his presentation. No Board action taken at this time.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter executive session to discuss contractual matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The Board entered executive session at 7:45P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously carried.

The special meeting reconvened at 8:29P.M.

Trustee Mellon motioned to pursue a \$5,000.00 community development grant opportunity sponsored through Home Depot to use in sprucing up Memorial Park. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

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

The meeting closed at 8:42P.M.

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Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk