

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

March 2, 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 March 2, 2016.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold the fifth budget meeting for FY 16-17.

The meeting opened at 7:12 P.M.

Members present were:

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

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Edward Magryta
Police Chief Kenneth Scott
Street Superintendent, Gary Boyce
County Legislator, James DiSalvo
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 12 members of the Police and Dispatch units

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

Treasurer Magryta opened the meeting and handed out version B of the requested budget that included all department requests and recommendations by the Board to this point in the budget season. Treasurer Magryta pointed out to the Board that the revenue estimates have not yet been populated on the spreadsheet.

Police Chief Kenneth Scott presented his requested budget for FY 16-17. Chief Scott presented the Communications budget and explained that salary increased because of a recent contract settlement and also because of ongoing contract negotiations. Chief Scott reported that the contractual budget has a slight increase from last year and the server is in the process of being upgraded and he has accounted for that in his computer repair line.

Police Chief Scott presented the Police salary budget and explained that the increase is also related to contract settlements and that they are still in contract negotiations. Chief Scott explained he can't control the uncertainty of 207c cases and the unreliability of part time officers to fill shifts. Police Chief Scott reported that he believes the overtime budget that he has to work with is unrealistic and has asked for it to be increased. Police Chief Scott presented the Police contractual budget and explained that the radio lease is tied to the Entergy grant, which Entergy has decreased in the last year. Chief Scott pointed out that the fuel line has decreased slightly because recent fuel prices have declined, however, he explained because of the fluctuation of prices, he doesn't want to go to low. Chief Scott explained that for the last two years he has asked for a vehicle and has been shot down. Chief Scott explained that the fleet is older and in reality two vehicles are due to be replaced. Chief Scott commented that the older fleet means more downtime for repairs which puts added strain on the other vehicles. Chief Scott is asking for one vehicle in this budget. Chief Scott explained that vests are reimbursable with State and Federal funds, but we must purchase them first. Chief Scott reported that he is looking to replace two radar units as well.

Chief Scott reported no major changes to the Traffic Control or On Street Parking budget requests. Chief Scott pointed out that overall his budget request is \$4,000 less than last year's requested budget. Discussion was held on double meter poles. Chief Scott explained that line stripping was taken out of his budget and it was discussed that this should be included in the Street budget.

Treasurer Magryta explained the reserve accounts to the Chief and how the process of putting funds into reserves is handled. Treasurer Magryta explained to the Chief how the overtime line is determined.

The Board thanked Chief Scott for his presentation. No Board action was taken at this time.

Street Superintendent Gary Boyce updated the Board on their request that he look into renting a sweeper. Mr. Boyce explained that the cost of renting a machine would equate to purchasing one in two and a half years.

Mr. Boyce reported to the Board that the DPW would check on the senior center on Friday morning and do basic janitorial services.

Mr. Boyce reported a problem with a wall on 48 Roe Avenue and according to the property owner's survey, the wall is on the property line of the Village and asked the Board if the Village would be fixing it. The Board said the Village would fix it.

Mr. Boyce reported to the Board an unsafe situation with a tree that is located in the right of way in the driveway to the Senior Center from Drew Ave. The Mayor responded that we will check with the attorney to see if we can legally remove it.

Trustee Murphy motioned to enter executive session to discuss contracts. The motion was seconded by Trustee Farina and unanimously carried. The Board asked Officer Mercado and Police Chief Scott to remain for the executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 8:35 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 10:09P.M. No Board action was taken.

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

The meeting closed at 10:09P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk