

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
MARCH 27, 2013

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 March 27, 2013.

The Meeting was called to order by Trustee James DiSalvo at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were:

Trustee Joseph McCormick
Trustee James DiSalvo
Trustee Harold Brown
Trustee Patrick Flynn

Members Absent:

Mayor Joseph D'Onofrio

Also present were:

Deputy Clerk, Ana I. Sierra
Treasurer, Ralph J. Walters
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
Fire Chief, John Rush

Discussion on the heating system for the Village Hall took place and Trustee Patrick Flynn advised the rest of the Board that the Village Clerk was already looking into it.

Trustee James DiSalvo suggested that every department should reduce their budget by 10%. The Treasurer had concerns about doing this as it could cause departments to be over budget by the end of the fiscal year. Trustee Joseph McCormick agreed with Trustee DiSalvo that all departments should share in the reduction.

Board briefly discussed raising water rates and/or having to increase the minimum amount. Trustee McCormick suggested having a look at other municipalities to see what they are charging. No decisions were made at this time.

Trustee McCormick commented on consolidation of communication services to the E911 system. He reported that since the County does not charge the Town, he does not believe they would not charge the Village. Fire Chief, John Rush responded that 911 is not up to speed and that they are going through major changes. Treasurer, suggested that nothing be cut from the budget until there is a secure signed contract from the County.

Trustee McCormick discussed the hiring of another full-time Police Officer. He would like the Police Department to use more part-time Officers to keep costs down. He also stated that he would like to see everyone pay into the cost of Health Insurance.

The Treasurer reminded the Board that we need money for a March 2014 election.

Trustee Patrick Flynn suggested that the Town pick up the Historians salary and that they do some of the mowing here in the village.

Trustee Patrick Flynn stated he would look into grants for electric cost and that he would contact Orange and Rockland Utilities for options available to reduce costs.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Brown and unanimously carried. Meeting Closed at 8:20 P.M.

Ana I. Sierra, Deputy Clerk