

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

April 25, 2017

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 April 25, 2017.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold the tenth budget workshop for FY 2017-2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 6:00P.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Trustee Brian Aylward
Trustee Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.
Trustee Barbara Murphy
Trustee James M. Ramus

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
O.C. Legislator, James DiSalvo
Ralph J. Walters, Interm Treasurer
2 Community members

Mayor D'Onofrio commented that this should be our last budget workshop.

Mr. Walters reported that he had received an email from the Office of State Comptroller with questions regarding our AUD submission for FY-15-16. Mr. Walters reported that he would have to do some research and would respond as soon as possible to their inquiries.

Mr. Walters reported that the tax cap filing for 2018 had not been done and that he would make sure it is filed.

Discussion was held regarding Police contract negotiations and staffing levels in the Police Department and Dispatch that Trustee Aylward said were verbally committed to. Mayor D'Onofrio commented that at the end of FY16-17 the Police Salaries will have surplus and enough to hire staff in Police and Dispatch. Mr. Walters commented that he agrees surplus will be available.

Mayor D'Onofrio commented that one Police Vehicle will remain in the budget and also the DPW's request for three vehicles remain in the budget.

A discussion was held on the Bog Meadow school tax that the Water Department pays each year and how it's a topic every year.

Barbara Mennite, 11 Locust Ave., commented that she would like the Board to consider adding funds to hire a grant writer and adding funds for the engineering cost to administer the RestoreNY grant awarded to the Village.

After final review, Mayor D'Onofrio confirmed that there were no changes to be made to the Tentative Budget, except lowering the amount of taxable assessed value by \$59,400.00, due to a tax certiorari and that the amount of fund balance appropriated would remain at \$255,000.00 .

Mr. Walters commented that this would bring the tax rate to \$10.16.

Mayor D'Onofrio thanked everyone for their efforts in preparing the new budget.

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

The meeting closed at 7:25P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk