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SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS  
February 27, 2019

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 February 27, 2019.

The purpose of the meeting was to have the third budget workshop for FY 19-20.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 9:18A.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio  
Trustee Brian Aylward  
Trustee Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.

Member absent was:

Trustee Barbara Murphy  
Trustee James Ramus

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor  
Village Treasurer, Ralph Walters  
Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, John Jones

Treasurer Walters remarked that the Wastewater Treatment Plant budget has increased over last year's budget by approximately \$35,000. Mr. Walters reported that he did not appropriate surplus to the WWTP budget. Mr. Walters explained that another debt was paid off in the WWTP fund this year. Mr. Walters commented that the employee contracts are in negotiations so the salaries have been based on current hourly rates. Mr. Walters commented that the vehicle reserve fund is approximately \$40,000 and at the end of May another \$10,000 will be added to it, with another \$10,000 being budgeted for in the 19-20 budget.

Mr. Walters introduced Mr. Jones to present the Wastewater Treatment Plant budget to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Jones highlighted to the Board his equipment requests, specifically a push camera to allow for inspection of sewer lines, and explained that the fuel costs could be lowered if the furnace digester is realized.

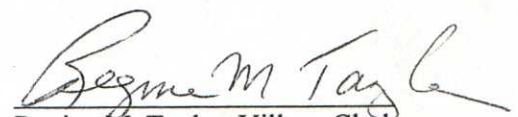
Treasurer Walters remarked to the Board that the Central Garage section of the DPW budget has increased by \$500.00 in the repairs line because of an aging furnace. Mr. Walters also informed the Board that the salary line in Street Administration includes the stipend for the interim Street Superintendent and additional funds if the Board decides to hire a full time Street Superintendent. Mr. Walters explained that the other salary lines were based on current salaries because contract negotiations are ongoing. Mr. Walters pointed out that because the winter has been good to us, there may be funds in the snow budget this current fiscal year for Mr. Jones to purchase a needed snow plow.

Mr. Walters introduced Mr. Jones to present the DPW budget to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Jones explained that the sweeper is almost thirty years old and although it's not an emergency now, it may be time to look at how to replace it. The Board asked Mr. Jones to get prices on a new one, cost to lease one, and the cost if the Village contracted the service out. Mr. Jones also was asked to get prices on tree removal. The Mayor reported that he knew of at least two, possibly three trees that the Village will have to remove for safety reasons. Mr. Jones reported that he would like to get a tractor capable of cutting grass in the spring & summer and plowing sidewalks in winter.

Mayor D'Onofrio reminded the Village Board that paving streets will be done soon and he has learned that Central Hudson has some of the same streets on their list to replace mains. Mayor D'Onofrio explained that Central Hudson will restore the streets once they replace their lines and this will help the Village save some money on this project. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that the Village will also save money by using the County Bid for the paving work.

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

The meeting closed at 10:00A.M.

  
Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk