

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

March 11, 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 March 11, 2019.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold the fifth budget workshop for FY 2019-2020.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 6:14P.M.

Members present were:

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

Member Absent:

Trustee James Ramus

Also present was:

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

The Village Treasurer, Ralph Walters, reported to the Village Board that the Village has been selected by the Office of State Comptroller to have the tax cap calculation reviewed. Mr. Walters assured the Village Board that this is routine for so many municipalities a year to be reviewed and this happens to be our year.

Mr. Walters reported to the Village Board that he had made changes to the Water Fund based on the submission of the Chief Operator's requested budget from the last meeting.

Mr. Walters explained that to balance the water fund the following adjustments were made:

Revenues	
F2148 interest & penalties	(\$1,985.00)
F2378 Town water revenue	(\$5,000.00)
F5031 Interfund transfer	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
Total	\$18,015.00

Expenses	
F8330.02 Purification Equi	\$24,000.00
F8330.04 Purification Cont.	\$2,315.00
F8340.02 Trans & Distr Equip	\$2,350.00
F8340.04 Trans & Distr Contr	\$10,200.00
F9730.0770 Water tanks interest	\$4,150.00
F9901.0900 Interfund Trsf to Capital	<u>(\$25,000.00)</u>
Total	\$18,015.00

Mr. Walters reported that no other changes have been made since the last budget meeting and that he was looking for input from the Board members to finalize the Tentative Budget. Treasurer Walters commented that he was comfortable with estimated Sales Tax revenue at \$1,180,000 even Orange County projections were a bit higher.

Mayor D' Onofrio commented that he would like to increase the Beautification code by \$13,600 for the final phase of the Christmas lights project and \$48,400 for Streetscape and that the money will come from surplus funds from the completed North End drainage project. Mayor D'Onofrio reported that \$8,000 needs to be put into A7110.0400 (Parks Cont) for tree removal and A3120.0200 (Police Equip) should be

increased \$5,000 for 20 parking meter heads. Treasurer Walters commented that he would increase surplus for these additional requests.

Trustee Aylward requested that the Board look into giving Vision and the Garden Club a donation. A discussion was held regarding this request and the Treasurer commented that he will put an additional \$500 for Vision and \$500 for the Garden Club into beautification for now.

The Village Treasurer reminded the Village Board that no changes can be made to the Tentative Budget until after the public hearing and that the Tentative Budget will be delivered to the Village Clerk for presentation to the Village Board at the March 18th regular board meeting.

The Village Board agreed to hold the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:30P.M., followed by Reorganization of the Village, followed by the Regular Board meeting and asked the Village Clerk to publish the necessary notices.

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

The meeting closed at 7:09P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk