

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

April 9, 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 April 9, 2019.

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

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 James DiSalvo
Trustee Mervin R. Livsey, Jr
Trustee James Ramus

Also present was:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ralph Walters
1 Community member

Mayor D'Onofrio opened the meeting by prefacing that this is the first meeting after the public hearing and the time for any Board member to add or subtract from the Tentative Budget.

Mayor D'Onofrio commented that he would like to reduce the amount to be raised by taxes by \$40,000.

Treasurer Walters commented that he would increase A3001 State Revenue Sharing \$40,000.

Discussion was held on a funding request from Vision. Trustee Aylward reported that Vision was seeking \$2,000 from the Village for projects related to Ladycliff Park and the flower baskets that they maintain.

Mayor D'Onofrio pointed out that the Town has included funding for Vision, the Garden Club and The Center in the Town budget.

Trustee Ramus reminded the Board that at the last budget meeting they agreed to allot \$500 to Vision and \$500 to the Garden Club.

Treasurer Walters remarked that he has included this allotment in the beautification line item in the Tentative Budget.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to keep the allotment to Vision and the Garden Club at \$500 each as was discussed and agreed to at the previous budget meeting.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Ramus and on a roll call vote, the results which follow:

3 Ayes (D'Onofrio, Ramus, DiSalvo) 2 Nays (Aylward, Livsey) motion carried.

Trustee DiSalvo remarked that he would like to see an increase to the Mortgage Tax revenue based on recent home sales in Orange County. No action was taken to increase the Mortgage Tax revenue line item.

Discussion was held on Roe Park and the renovations that are needed. Discussion was held on the grant paperwork that the Village is waiting for so that the project can get started. Mayor D'Onofrio commented that he would try to reach out to the State agency that is administering the grant tomorrow to see if the paperwork is close to being approved.

Treasurer Walters commented that he would make the appropriate changes that were discussed and agreed upon and bring the Budget to the Village Clerk later in the week for an Adoption at the Monday April 15th Board meeting. Treasurer Walters reported that the change discussed tonight would reduce the tax rate by approximated .10 cents, from the Tentative Budget of \$10.66. Treasurer Walters remarked that this would be approximately a .15 cent increase from the 2018-2019 adopted budget tax rate of \$10.41.

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

The meeting closed at 7:00P.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk