

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

April 23, 2022

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held at the Senior Center, 15 Drew Avenue, Highland Falls, New York on April 23, 2022.

The purpose of the meeting was to hold the third budget meeting for FY 22-23.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor D'Onofrio at 9:30A.M.

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Trustee Brian Aylward
Trustee James DiSalvo
Trustee Gary Phillips

Member absent was:

Trustee Melanie Guerrero

Also present were:

Village Clerk, Regina M. Taylor
Village Treasurer, Ralph Walters
News of the Highlands Editor, Mary Jane Pitt
(0) Community residents

Treasurer Walters asked if the Village Board had any revisions of the Tentative Budget and reminded the Village Board that the budget must be adopted on or before May 1 or the Tentative becomes the adopted budget. (May 1st falls on a Sunday, therefore May 2nd is acceptable for adoption of the budget)

Discussion was held regarding reducing the beautification line item A7120.04 \$5,000.00 and increasing the Youth Service line item \$5,000.00. Treasurer Walters was directed to make the change. Treasurer Walters commented that this change will have no effect on the Tentative Budget tax set at \$10.8268, which is a .32¢ increase from last year's budget.

Discussion was held on the Water Fund and the fact that surplus was being used to balance the Fund for the first time in many years. Discussion was held that there are upcoming water projects that will impact the water fund.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to increase the base amount of water fees for Village residents from \$88.80 for the first 0-5000 gallons to \$95.00 and that this increase will increase the Town minimum fee from \$133.20 to \$142.50 and that this change will be effective for the November 1, 2022 billing cycle.

Discussion was held regarding sewer rates. No changes were made at this time.

No further discussion or changes were made to the Tentative Budget. The Village Treasurer will present the Village Board with the budget for adoption at the May 2nd Village Board meeting.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned to enter executive session to discuss a specific individual in a personnel matter.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The Village Board entered executive session at 10:27a.m.

Trustee DiSalvo motioned out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Phillips and unanimously carried.

The Special meeting reconvened at 10:45a.m.

Discussion was held on Village Board meetings and the conduct of those in attendance. The Mayor was reminded that a Resolution on the Policy For the Conduct of Public Meetings And All Communications with the Village Board was passed unanimously at the Board meeting held on October 4, 2021.

Trustee Phillips motioned to adjourned. The motion was seconded by Trustee Aylward and unanimously carried.

The special meeting closed at 10:52A.M.

Regina M. Taylor, Village Clerk