

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
March 2, 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls was held at the Senior Center, 15 Drew Ave., Highland Falls, New York on March 2, 2024.

The purpose of the meeting was the 1st Budget Workshop for FY 2024-2025.

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

Members present were:

Mayor Joseph E. D'Onofrio
Trustee James DiSalvo
Trustee Melanie Guerrero
Trustee James Ramus
Trustee Peter Carroll

Also present were: Village Clerk, Lynae Mesaris
OIC Sgt. Jason Torpey
News of the Highlands, Mary Jane Pitt
Approximately 6 Community Members

Mayor D'Onofrio opened the budget meeting and reported that the purpose of the meeting is to make any cuts or additions to the Requested Budget so the Treasurer can prepare the Tentative Budget.

Trustee DiSalvo commented he has been working with the Treasurer and Department Heads.

Trustee DiSalvo commented that contractual salary changes are the most notable changes. There is also a request for a new police officer.

Mayor D'Onofrio questioned if there are grants for cameras. Chief Torpey said they put in for a technology grant which totals \$50,000.00. This grant could also encompass license plate readers and other items.

Trustee DiSalvo commented one of the marked cars needs to be replaced, but removing from the budget and taking out of a reserve account. This vehicle is 8 years old with over 100,000 miles and in need of a lot of repairs.

Trustee DiSalvo commented that there is income to offset meter collections from the electric car chargers.

Chief Torpey stated that he received two grants. One was for \$18,000.00 for a Livescan system and the other was for a matching grant for \$4000.00 for bullet proof vests which matches 50%.

Trustee Guerrero thinks we should look at cutting spending.

Trustee DiSalvo recommends removing a new police officer and using 911 dispatch system.

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

The meeting closed at 10:09A.M.

Lynae Mesaris, Village Clerk