

## TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a special meeting on Monday, May 17, 2010 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY 10928 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:     Edward Magryta     ----     Supervisor  
              Holly Gokey        ----     Council Member  
              William Edsall     ----     Council Member  
              Laurie R. Tautel    ----     Council Member  
              Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.  ----     Council Member

Supervisor Magryta opened the special meeting at 7:40pm. The Supervisor explained that this meeting is being held primarily for budget recovery purposes.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### PAYROLL PERIOD CHANGE RESOLUTION

Supervisor Magryta said that at the last meeting there was discussion about changing the payroll periods to get all the employees on the same pay period. The Supervisor said that the Comptroller was asked to provide the employees with a memo informing them of the imminent change.

Comptroller Blauvelt said the memo was sent out and everyone has initialed the memo and returned it to her.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to change the payroll period effective June 25, 2010.

**MOTION CARRIED:   5-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)**  
**0-nays**

### 5K & 10K RUN

Supervisor Magryta received a request for the Town's support for a 5K & 10K run to benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation. The Town needs to forward a letter of support to the NYS DOT in order for permission to be granted for this race.

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to authorize Supervisor Magryta to endorse a letter of support to NYS DOT for the 5K & 10K Benefit Run.

**MOTION CARRIED:   5-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)**  
**0-nays**

**TOH AMBULANCE PERSONNEL REQUEST**

Supervisor Magryta has a request from Capt. Stroppel to hire Joseph Reardon as a part-time EMT to fill in for EMT Tyminsky who is in Iraq for 1 year. Mr. Reardon will be put in the pool and used as needed.

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to hire Joseph Reardon as a part-time EMT.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)  
0-nays**

**BUDGET RECOVERY PLAN WORKSHOP**

Supervisor Magryta has received proposals from the following Departments: Justice Court, Building Dept., Recreation Dept., Dial-A-Bus and Tax Receiver.

The following budget decreases were proposed and discussed:

Tax Receiver	\$ 1,750
Building Dept.	\$ 5,200
Dial-A-Bus	\$ 700
Highway/Sanitation	\$30,500
Justice Court	\$ 5,500
Recreation Dept.	\$ 6,000
Comptroller	\$10,000
Assessor	\$ 1,000

The total proposed reduction is \$60,650.00

Supervisor Magryta would like to look at the budget for the Library.

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to freeze the Star Administrator’s stipend and remove it from the budget.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)  
0-nays  
1-abstention (Tautel)**

Council Member Edsall would like to discuss the Assessor’s Office further in an executive session.

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Council Member Livsey asked when the next budget workshop would be.

Supervisor Magryta said that next Monday's workshop will be 1/2 business and 1/2 budget.

Council Member Livsey also asked which Department Head would be present at the workshop.

Supervisor Magryta said that Supt. Squicciarini is going to be at the workshop.

Council Member Tautel brought up some budget transfers that were approved when the budget was adopted. She would like to hold off on making any transfers into the reserve accounts for about 3 weeks.

A long discussion followed.

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to hold off making the transfers into the reserve accounts for approximately 3 weeks.

**MOTION DEFEATED: 2-eyes (Edsall, Tautel)**  
**3-nays (Magryta, Gokey, Livsey)**

Council Member Edsall asked if Mr. Rider was still going to prepare a draft on the burning regulations.

Supervisor Magryta would like the Board to prepare a list of proposals to discuss and choose from.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to adjourn the special meeting. Special meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)**  
**0-nays**

Attest,