

TOWN CLERK

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held their Regular Meeting on Monday, July 12, 2010 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY 10928 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Edward Magryta ---- Supervisor
William Edsall ---- Council Member
Mervin R. Livsey, Jr. ---- Council Member
Justin Rider ---- Counsel
June Patterson ---- Town Clerk

ABSENT: Holly Gokey ---- Council Member
Laurie R. Tautel ---- Council Member

Supervisor Magryta opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Supervisor Magryta said the Board has two (2) sets of minutes to approve, but due to the fact that Council Member Edsall was not present for the June 28 meeting, only the minutes from the June 14 meeting will be voted on.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2010 Town Board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-eyes (Magryta, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
2-absent (Gokey, Tautel)

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Supervisor Magryta received the following Accounts Payable from the Comptroller: 6/4/10 in the amounts of \$105,393.52 and \$122.90; 6/18/10 in the amount of \$34,325.50 and a wire transfer of \$177,192.22 for a bond payment and interest; 6/29/10 in the amount of \$175.00; 7/2/10 in the amount of \$142,977.73.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to accept the Audit of Accounts Payable.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-ayes (Magryta, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
2-absent (Gokey, Tautel)

BURNING REGULATIONS

Supervisor Magryta said that at the last meeting Mr. Rider was asked to prepare a draft of the proposed new burning regulations. The Supervisor and the Board have received this document.

Council Member Edsall has already spoken to Mr. Rider about some changes he would like to see.

Mr. Rider said he will clean up the language to make it less confusing.

Supervisor Magryta would like to introduce this and schedule a public hearing at the next meeting.

TOWN BOARD LIAISON MID-YEAR ASSIGNMENT CHANGE

Supervisor Magryta would like Council Member Livsey to be the liaison to the Buildings/Grounds. The Supervisor would also like to assign each Board member a park that they can focus on and possibly improve. Supervisor Magryta will have the assignments at the next meeting.

Supervisor Magryta informed everyone that the Town should have some time information on Water District #2 soon.

Council Member said he has a meeting set up for this week.

Supervisor Magryta reported that he and Comptroller Blauvelt have been working to find out what debts the Town has. It was discovered that the School Street Bridge was paid off last year which means that \$200,000 plus interest can put back into the budget.

SANITATION TRUCK PURCHASE UPDATE

Supervisor Magryta said that after contacting the Town's bond counsel and exhaustively searching the Town's files, there does not seem to have been any bond for the sanitation trucks, but there are paid receipts. The Supervisor is working towards understanding the Town's debt situation.

OLD TOWN GARAGE PROPERTY – MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT PROPOSAL

Supervisor Magryta suggested the Board consider making the old Town garage property a municipal parking lot until something can be done with it. The Supervisor is sure that this would be beneficial to many. The Supervisor would like to discuss this further at the workshop.

Council Member Livsey thinks this is a good idea that would benefit a lot of people. He would ultimately like to see that piece of property put back on the tax rolls.

Supervisor Magryta said the Board will discuss this matter at the workshop and asked Mr. Rider to check to see if there are any restrictions.

DONATION OF SICK TIME

Supervisor Magryta has received a request for some employees to donate sick time to another employee. The Supervisor said this is something he would consider, but more information is needed to see if it is permissible.

DONATION BOXES

Council Member Livsey said that there are too many clothing donation boxes in Fort Montgomery. He is also not happy that profit is being gained from the donations.

Supervisor Magryta is not in favor of anyone profiting from the donations. The Supervisor will put it on for discussion at the workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Madigan is concerned with the tenants of MRS parking on Mind Dock Rd. He said that at the present time, two (2) parking spaces are allotted per unit and he would like the Board to consider increasing that for future development.

Supervisor Magryta said the Town would look into it and see what can be done.

Capt. Bill Stoppel reported that the Ambulance Corps had 20 calls, including one (1) fatality during the July 4th weekend and the Town of Highlands Ambulance Team did a great job. Capt. Stoppel asked the Board that if there is a complaint to please speak to him and not change any of his policies.

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Capt. Stroppel said that Ambulance 385 will 16 years old and the repairs are becoming costly. Capt. Stroppel said that the Town needs to start thinking about replacing this ambulance.

Supervisor Magryta understands and he will put it on for discussion at the workshop.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to go into Executive Session to discuss proposed, pending or current litigation. Board went into executive session at 8:20pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-eyes (Magryta, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
2-absent (Gokey, Tautel)

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to close the Executive Session. Executive Session closed at 9:14pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-eyes (Magryta, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
2-absent (Gokey, Tautel)

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-eyes (Magryta, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
2-absent (Gokey, Tautel)

Attest,