

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held their meeting on Monday, September 13, 2010 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY 10928 at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Edward Magryta ---- Supervisor (Arrived 8:00pm)
Holly Gokey ---- Council Member
William Edsall ---- Council Member
Mervin R. Livsey, Jr. ---- Council Member

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

Deputy Supervisor Gokey opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Lilos asked if Time Warner was the only company allowed to provide service to this community.

Justin Rider said that other companies can come in to the community.

Mr. Lilos is concerned about the parking on Firefighter's Memorial Drive and would like it to be on one side only.

Council Member Livsey said that parking is already restricted to one side and he will mention it to Supervisor Magryta and OIC Bailey.

MINUTES

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to approve the minutes from the August 19 and August 23 meetings.

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

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Deputy Supervisor Gokey is in receipt of the A/P Register from August 27, 2010 in the amount of \$67,080.74.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to approve the Accounts Payable register in the amount of \$67,080.74.

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

Deputy Supervisor Gokey has a request from Capt. Bill Stroppel to hire two (2) EMT's off the Orange County list. Capt. Stroppel would like to hire David Ringel to the permanent slot and Kyle Shorette to finish the six (6) months of a one (1) year leave of absence of EMT Tymansky.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to offer David Ringel the permanent EMT slot.

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

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to hire Kyle Shorette to complete 6 months of a 1 year leave of absence of EMT Tymanski.

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

Deputy Supervisor Gokey received a copy of a letter that Mayor D'Onofrio received from the NYS Dept of State stating that the application for the Local Government Efficiency grant was not approved.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Council Member Livsey commended Patricia Pfeister for the work she has done to prepare the Emergency Action Plan. Because of her work, the Town is now in compliance with the County and State. Mr. Livsey said that the plan will be available in the Town Clerk's office if anyone wants to look at it. Mr. Livsey will also be attending a meeting at West Point about dams and he plans to keep Ms. Pfeister involved.

RECREATION

Council Member Livsey met with Mayor D’Onofrio, Trustee Harold Brown, Supt of Schools Debra Jackson and School Board President Kevin D’Onofrio and received information on the use of the school facilities. Mr. Livsey said that the cost for the basketball program is \$14.50 per hour and the program is approximately 129 hours. Mr. Livsey suggested that all participants pay a \$15 fee to help cover this cost and if anyone is concerned about not being able to afford that fee, he will be available at the Town Hall on Sunday at 3pm.

Council Member Livsey would like to see the Junior Black Knights use Fickens Field and the Town will maintain it. Mr. Livsey also stated that there will additions to the Long Pond area next summer.

BROOKS PARK

Council Member Livsey commended previous Supervisor Quaintance and the Town Board for getting the park together. Mr. Livsey was approached by Dr. David Baker about putting an educational kiosk at Brooks Park. The kiosk will be built by volunteers and this will fall under the grant.

Deputy Supervisor Gokey said that in 2004 Sedore Company was hired to help get the records on the computer. There is an outstanding invoice from last year and there is a question as to pay it or not.

Council Member Edsall said the service was done and the bill should be paid. The Board can deal with why they were doing work in 2009 at a later date.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to allow up to \$2,000 to pay the invoice from Sedore.

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

Deputy Supervisor Gokey will instruct Comptroller Blauvelt to send the check.

RESOLUTION ON RENEWAL OF SLUDGE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Deputy Supervisor Gokey has a resolution for the renewal of the Sludge Management Agreement between the Town of Highlands and the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority.

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Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to adopt the Resolution for the Renewal of Sludge Management Agreement Between the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority and the Town of Highlands.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 3-eyes (Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
2-absent (Magryta, Tautel)**

******RESOLUTION ATTACHED******

Deputy Supervisor Gokey tabled the Building Department's request until the workshop.

MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT – PLAN OF ACTION

Deputy Supervisor Gokey said that the Highway Department removed the bushes and cleaned the lot up and she would like to allow parking there.

Council Member Livsey does not want to see a lot of money going in to a temporary municipal parking lot.

Deputy Supervisor Gokey decided, after a long discussion, to table this matter until the workshop.

BUDGET PROCESS UPDATE

Deputy Supervisor Gokey said that a meeting was held with the Department Heads to instruct them as to how the budget is going to be done. Ms. Gokey informed everyone that the Department Heads must turn in their budgets to the Comptroller by September 20 and a Preliminary Budget will be presented to the Town Clerk by September 30.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Cassano asked questions about the Town Board that were answered as best as possible.

****Supervisor Magryta arrived 8:00pm****

MINUTES

Supervisor Magryta would like the minutes from August 9, August 26 and September 9 approved.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2010 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
1-absent (Tautel)

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to approve the minutes from the August 26 workshop and September 9 special meeting.

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

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Supervisor Magryta has the Accounts Payable register from July 27 for \$64,279.35 and \$94.50 and the register from August 13 for \$1,011.44 and \$91,511.51.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to approve the Accounts Payable registers from July 27 and August 13, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
1-absent (Tautel)

BUDGET PROCESS UPDATE

Supervisor Magryta said that, in addition to what Deputy Supervisor Gokey explained, the Town Clerk must submit a preliminary budget to the Town Board by October 5 and a Public Hearing must be set up five (5) days prior to the date of adoption which is November 20.

Council Member Gokey said that Capt. Stoppel told her that some municipalities charge the schools for standbys at football games. Ms. Gokey asked if this was something the Town Board would like to consider.

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Council Member Livsey is opposed to charging the school.

Supervisor Magryta said that some issues have come up and he will discuss them with Capt. Stroppel.

Capt. Stroppel said that the school needs to understand that he has a Town to cover.

Council Member Livsey would like the Board's permission to begin putting an educational kiosk at Brooks Park. Mr. Livsey explained that the cost of the kiosk is \$1,680.50 and it is part of the grant process.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to approve using \$1,680.50 from the parks reserve fund for the educational kiosk at Brooks Park.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
1-absent (Tautel)

Council Member Livsey announced that there will be a softball tournament on October 9 at 8am to benefit Kenny DeCarlo.

Supervisor Magryta had a meeting with Orange County about the new voting machines. The Supervisor would like all citizens to learn how the machines work and to also understand that the Town has no control over any of the election process.

MRS

Supervisor Magryta has a request from Building Inspector Hager for a road cut that would allow water to run off the MRS property towards the river. The Supervisor said that both Mr. Hager and Supt. Squicciarini are ok with this, but if the Board is not comfortable with this, it can be tabled until the next meeting.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to approve the permit contingent on timely posting of the required performance bond and inspection of the escrow funds.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
1-absent (Tautel)

MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

Supervisor Magryta does not want to dissuade residents from parking in the lot. The Supervisor would like to accept it as it is right now, for it to be used on an as needed basis and if it becomes misused, the Board can address it.

Council Member Edsall asked the Supervisor what he thought needed to be done to get water to the Patriot Garden.

Supervisor Magryta said he understands that a citizen is putting in a water line to go to the apartment building and wondered if that line was going to be large enough to serve the Patriot Garden.

Council Member Edsall said that if the Board doesn't act, the line will only be efficient to serve the apartment building, but if the Board acts, there will be a larger size line put in to serve more purposes.

Supervisor Magryta asked if the Town had a proposal from the individual.

Council Member Edsall believes that the Town would have to pick up the cost of the materials.

Council Member Gokey said that Supt. Squicciarini told her the cost would be under \$5,000.

Supervisor Magryta believes that there needs to be a lot more information in writing before this can be acted on. The Supervisor asked Mr. Rider to prepare a draft document for review and to contact the citizen and ask him to put as much as he can in writing.

Council Member Gokey said she would be comfortable with a motion as long as the proper documents are drawn up and it is specified that the cost not exceed \$5,000.

Supervisor Magryta said that the expenditure could probably be approved providing that all the legal and engineering documents are found to be in the best interest of the Town.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to approve the \$5,000 expenditure subject to the legal and engineering reviews.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
1-absent (Tautel)**

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Council Member Livsey said he will have paperwork to reimburse Ms. Pfeister for her work on the Emergency Action Plan at the next meeting.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to go into executive session to discuss: 1) proposed, pending or current litigation; 2) the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation; and 3) collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law (the Taylor Law). Board went into executive session at 9:30pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
1-absent (Tautel)

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to close the executive session. Executive Session closed at 10:12pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
1-absent (Tautel)

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:13pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
1-absent (Tautel)

Attest,

**RESOLUTION
OF
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

**A RESOLUTION FOR THE RENEWAL OF SLUDGE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
ROCKLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE TOWN OF
HIGHLANDS**

Council Member **Livsey** moved the following resolution which was seconded by Council Member **Edsall**.

Whereas, the Town of Highlands and the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority have an agreement for Sludge Removal; and

Whereas, this agreement is due to expire on December 31, 2010

Whereas, the Board has reviewed this agreement and deemed it to be in the best interest of the Town to renew this agreement.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Supervisor is authorized and directed to execute this agreement.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

William Edsall, Council Member	voting: Aye
Holly Gokey, Council Member	voting: Aye
Laurie R. Tautel, Council Member	voting: Absent
Mervin R. Livsey, Jr., Council Member	voting: Aye
Edward Magryta, Supervisor	voting: Absent

The foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly made, seconded and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Board, Town of Highlands, on September 13, 2010.

June Patterson, Town Clerk