

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a Budget Workshop on October 14, 2010 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY 10928 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:	Edward Magryta	----	Supervisor
	Holly Gokey	----	Council Member
	Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.	----	Council Member
	Kelly Blauvelt	----	Comptroller
	June Patterson	----	Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Magryta opened the Budget workshop at 7:35pm. The Supervisor explained that the meeting on October 18 will be taking the place of the meeting that was scheduled for Columbus Day and there will be very little budget discussion. All the rest of the meetings in October will be budget workshops and they are scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays.

Supervisor Magryta said that at Monday's meeting he will be making an "Address to the Community" that will be based on the last 6 months of fiscal conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Marie Feducia reminded the community that on Saturday, October 16, the Fall Foliage will be held on Main Street from 9am to 4pm.

Kelly Blauvelt thanked Recreation Director Jim Willis and the community for their support at the fundraiser held at Roe Park that benefited her brother.

2011 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Recreation:

The total requested budget for Recreation is \$197,397.

Council Member Livsey said that Big Brothers/Big Sisters do a lot in the community, but the money from the County is used mostly for administrative costs.

Supervisor Magryta said the Town should consider using the recreation money to help the less fortunate children to be able to participate in the programs offered.

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Comptroller:

The total requested budget for the Comptroller is \$176,425.

Library:

The total requested budget for the Library is \$200,300.

Seniors:

The Town would like to do something to recognize the seniors, possibly in the Fall, so \$3,000 is being added to the budget.

Beautification:

Supervisor Magryta is not in favor of assigning money to an organization that is not part of the Town. The Supervisor would like to put money in the Beautification fund and if a group needs money, they can submit a request.

Emergency Action Coordinator:

Council Member Livsey would like to keep \$1,500 in the budget in case something comes up.

Supervisor Magryta said that maybe this position can be merged with the safety issues.

Total requested budget for the Emergency Action Coordinator is \$3,250.

Historian:

Total requested budget for the Historian is \$4,200.

Council Member Gokey would like to see her salary raised to \$3,000.

Supervisor Magryta has no objections to this.

Economic Assistance & Opportunity Veterans:

Total requested budget for Economic Assistance & Opportunity Veterans is \$3,000.

This amount includes \$2,500 for Patriotic Observance and \$500 for grave decorations.

Personnel Services (Handbook):

Total requested budget for Personnel Services is \$1,000.

Attorney:

Total requested budget for Attorney is \$60,000.

The Town has been informed that the attorney's rates will only go up a minimal amount, if any.

General Liability:

The Supervisor is still waiting for a proposal from the insurance company.

Municipal Association Dues:

Total requested budget for Municipal Association Dues is \$1,400.

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Supervisor Magryta reported that the water district and sewer point mess is being worked on and should be straightened out soon.

Supervisor Magryta also reported that the \$70,000 transfer to Highway has been removed from the budget.

Supervisor Magryta said that the budget workshop schedule is as follows:

Monday – 10/18 (After regular meeting)

- Police
- Ambulance

Thursday – 10/21

- Town Justices
- Assessor
- IT
- Building
- Dial-A-Bus
- Sewer

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Monday – 10/25

Highway

DCO

Planning & Zoning

Thursday – 10/28

Town Clerk

Receiver

Salaries

Monday – 11/1

Any follow-up needed

Supervisor Magryta said that the Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget will be held on November 4. The Town Board has until 11/20 to make any changes to the budget and the budget must be approved by November 20. The Board will probably approve the 2011 budget on November 15.

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

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