

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a budget workshop on Monday, October 25, 2010 at Town Hall, 254 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY at 7:30pm.

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

Supervisor Magryta opened the workshop at 7:40pm.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Receiver of Taxes:

The total budget requested for 2011 is \$17,636.

Mr. Podias said that this amount is subject to change depending on what he will be collecting.

Supervisor Magryta said that the Board will decide soon if the Receiver of Taxes will be collecting the water payments.

Mr. Podias said that he is about to move his accounts to HSBC which will be giving him interest on all three (3).

TONY SQUICCIARINI'S BUDGET LINES

Highway Department:

Mr. Squicciarini reviewed his budget with the Board.

Supervisor Magryta noted that the part-town Highway budget is down by approximately 40%.

Reserve Fund:

Supervisor Magryta would like to consider putting \$10,000 in a Highway Equipment Reserve Fund and the Board agreed.

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Water District #1 and #2:

Supervisor Magryta said effective November 2010 the water charges will go up from \$5.67 for the first 1,000 gallons to \$5.96 for the first 1,000 gallons. The Supervisor informed everyone that the Village sets these rates.

Mr. Squicciarini said that he would like the Board to consider funding some repairs to the Town Hall out of the Town Hall Renovations budget. Mr. Squicciarini told the Board that the representative from Worker's Compensation would like to see all of the Town's garbage/recycling cans be the automated ones.

Council Member Edsall asked if the Codification budget line was moved to the A fund.

Supervisor Magryta said it was.

Dog Control:

Supervisor Magryta asked Council Member Tautel to speak to the Dog Control Officer and make sure there isn't anything else they need.

Town Clerk:

Ms. Patterson presented her budget to the Board.

Supervisor Magryta questioned the raise for the Deputy Town Clerk because she has only been employed by the Town for a couple of months.

Zoning Board:

The personnel services line has a 3% increase, not 6.6% as reflected in the tentative budget. Also, \$8,000 has been added for legal expenses, which has caused an increase in the budget.

Planning Board:

The personnel services line has been increased and \$6,000 has been added for legal expenses.

Supervisor Magryta said the Planning Board needs to be moved to the B fund. The Supervisor would also like to add two (2) lines to the budget: Planning/Engineering and Communications.

Supervisor Magryta said that all the budget lines have been covered except Purchasing, Town Board and Elected Officials.

Supervisor Magryta would like to consider a pilot project for the purchasing manager. This position would be given to an employee of the Town and the pay will be based on performance. The purchasing manager will have the ability to earn up to \$5,000 and will be paid yearly, semi-annually or quarterly.

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Supervisor Magryta changed the time for Thursday's meeting to 6:30pm.

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to go into Executive Session to discuss two (2) salaries. Board went into executive session at 10:35pm.

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

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to close the Executive Session. Executive session closed at 11:40pm.

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

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to adjourn the workshop. Workshop adjourned at 11:41pm.

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

Attest,