

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a budget workshop on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the Highland Falls Library, Main Street, Highland Falls 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
	Kelly Blauvelt	----	Comptroller
	June Patterson	----	Town Clerk

Supervisor Magryta opened the budget workshop at 8:10pm.

Supervisor Magryta said the Board has received the Collective Bargaining Agreement for review and he would like to vote on it Monday.

Supervisor Magryta said that McGoey, Hauser and Edsall will have their information ready soon and the Board will be given a finalized copy. The Supervisor said that there are approximately 10 properties that will not be able to hook up to water.

Supervisor Magryta said the Press is at the School Board meeting and he will contact Ms. Pitt and update her on the progress.

Council Member Edsall asked what is being done about the budget workshop and regular workshop on Monday.

Supervisor Magryta said there is about ½ hour of budget issues to discuss and there is some Town business that needs to get done.

Town Clerk:

Supervisor Magryta questioned the need for a cell phone. The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to get the cost to update her current cell phone and provide the Board with a percentage of Town usage.

Council Member Tautel asked about the postage amount.

Kelly Blauvelt said that the postage was removed from the Town Hall's budget and put in the Town Clerk's budget.

Supervisor Magryta said the Town Hall budget seems a little high and asked the Town Clerk to re-check her numbers.

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Supervisor Magryta and the Board agreed to have \$15,000 in the Town Hall Planning & Renovations budget and to put \$15,000 in the Town Hall Repair Reserve budget.

Zoning:

Council Member Edsall said everything is basically the same as last year.

Ms. Blauvelt spoke to Dave Weyant and he would like to put \$4,000 in Legal Fees in case there is any Cell Tower litigation.

Comptroller:

Ms. Blauvelt spoke to the IT Department and has put money in her budget for 2 new computers. Ms. Blauvelt has also budgeted for a replacement printer, if needed.

Audit:

Ms. Blauvelt said the expenses are staying the same.

Supervisor Magryta said the Comptroller's budget is going down approximately \$13,000.

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Programs for Seniors:

Supervisor Magryta said the Misc. Services is up by \$500.

Council Member Tautel would like the Other Expenses line raised to \$10,000 in case more trips are taken.

Supervisor Magryta said he would like to leave it at \$9,000 and remove the money from the Assistance to Seniors.

Beautification:

Council Member Tautel asked Ms. Blauvelt if she had received any requests from the Garden Club.

Ms. Blauvelt said she had not.

Supervisor Magryta said the split last year was \$1,500 to the Garden Club and \$3,500 to the Patriot Garden.

Parkland Fees:

Supervisor Magryta said that \$3,000 was put in that account by Resolution.

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General Fund Reserve:

Supervisor Magryta said there was \$60,000 in the General Fund Reserve in 2011. The Supervisor said the amount keeps growing and not much is being taken out. The Supervisor would like to review this when reserve funds are discussed.

Ms. Blauvelt gave the Board a list of the reserve funds.

Worker's Compensation:

Ms. Blauvelt said that the worker's compensation is going up. Ms. Blauvelt explained that this is a fixed cost, but she would like to go over the numbers with the Board.

Supervisor Magryta said Worker's Compensation insurance will cost the Town approximately \$220,000 next year.

Supervisor Magryta said Monday will be part Town Board workshop and part Budget workshop.

Ms. Blauvelt said the Ambulance Service Award Program (LOSAP) is increasing.

Supervisor Magryta asked Ms. Blauvelt to verify that it is because someone is collecting and not just a big increase.

Supervisor Magryta said that Monday's budget workshop will cover Dial-A-Bus, Sewer, Assessor and Town Board items.

Council Member Edsall and Council Member Tautel would both like to speak to the IT people.

Supervisor Magryta said if they are brought in it will take extra time, but the Board can speak to them after the budget is done.

Council Member Edsall said he would be satisfied if they provided an outline to the Board.

Supervisor Magryta said that if Council Member Livsey gets the budget information from Doug Willis, he will not have to come to the workshop.

Supervisor Magryta scheduled an additional budget workshop for Friday, October 28 at 7:00pm if it is needed.

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to adjourn the budget workshop. Budget workshop adjourned at 9:45pm.

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