

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a Budget Public Hearing on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, 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 meeting at 7:35pm.

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to open the Public Hearing for the 2012 Budget.

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

Council Member Tautel said she needs to clarify a motion that she made at a previous workshop pertaining to the 2 ½ % raises. Ms. Tautel explained that her motion was supposed to state that it excluded Contractual, Legislative and Supervisor.

Supervisor Magryta said the total appropriations are \$6,153,561 and the total being raised by taxes is \$3,060,956. The Supervisor said there will be an approximate tax cut of 9.8%.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Justice Fatsis addressed the Board about re-distributing the salaries of the Court Clerks.

Supervisor Magryta said the particulars would need to be discussed in executive session. The Supervisor believes that this case needs to be discussed and the other department heads should be allowed to come before the Board also.

Justice Fatsis requested a Town owned cell phone to use for Court business.

Supervisor Magryta said believes that the annual cost will be around \$1,000 and a Communications Expense line should be added to the Court budget with this amount in it.

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Justice Fatsis has a generous resident who wants to donate \$10,000 to the Community Service Program. Mr. Fatsis said this money will be used to purchase items to supplement the program.

Supervisor Magryta would like to discuss this at the meeting when the attorney is present.

Council Member Edsall suggested that Mr. Rider be given advanced notice of this.

Annie Scott questioned what Bill Stroppel asked for recently.

Ms. Blauvelt said his salary line has not changed.

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to close the public hearing. Public hearing closed at 8:00pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Tautel, Edsall)
0-nays
1-absent (Livsey-left unexpectedly for ambulance call)

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to clarify the previous motion to state 2 ½ % raise across the board excluding Contractual, Legislative and Supervisor.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Gokey, Tautel, Edsall)
1-nays (Magryta)
1-absent (Livsey-left unexpectedly for ambulance call)

Supervisor Magryta said the budget changes and salary issues need to be discussed.

Council Member Edsall said he would like to discuss the positive cash flow when there is a full board.

Council Member Tautel asked Ms. Blauvelt is the supplement to ice removal requested by Mr. Squicciarini is in the budget.

Ms. Blauvelt believes that it is for this year, but she will check with him.

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Magryta, Gokey, Tautel, Edsall)
0-nays
1-absent (Livsey-left unexpectedly for ambulance call)

Attest,