

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a meeting on Monday, November 14, 2011 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY at 7:00pm.

PRESENT:	Edward Magryta	----	Supervisor
	Holly Gokey	----	Council Member
	William Edsall	----	Council Member
	Laurie R. Tautel	----	Council Member
	Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.	----	Council Member
	Justin Rider	----	Counsel
	June Patterson	----	Town Clerk

Supervisor Magryta opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Supervisor Magryta explained that tonight's meeting will be more of a workshop format and the regular meeting will be held on November 28.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to go into executive session to discuss legal matters pertaining to the water project for Water District #2. Board went into executive session at 7:04pm.

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

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 8:30pm.

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

WORKSHOP

BUDGET TRANSFERS

Building Dept.:

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to transfer \$500 from A3620.0200 (Building Dept. Equipment) to A3620.0450 (Building Dept Consulting Exp).

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

Highway:

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to transfer \$500 from A5010.0460 (Seminars) to A5010.0400 (Highway Supt Other – Phone).

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

Zoning:

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to transfer \$1,000 from A8010.0440 (Zoning Contractual Personal Services) to A8010.0471 (Zoning Legal Services).

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

Town Hall:

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to transfer \$3,200 from A1620.0440 (Town Hall Contracts) to A1620.0400 (Town Hall Other Exp).

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

Town Clerk:

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to transfer \$750 from A1990.0400 (Contingent) to A1410.0400 (Town Clerk Other Exp).

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

TOWN BUDGET

Supervisor Magryta said Ms. Blauvelt has given the Board a copy of the preliminary budget with the changes.

Council Member Edsall said he is still concerned about the unexpended balance.

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Ms. Blauvelt gave the Board a worksheet that explained how she arrived at the unexpended balance of over \$800,000.

Supervisor Magryta believes that the amount will be closer to \$900,000.

Ms. Blauvelt recommended that the Board go with the lower amount of \$834,000.

The Board agreed with \$834,000.

Council Member Edsall is concerned with the \$330,000 in cash flow distribution.

Supervisor Magryta said putting \$330,000 in the budget will leave over \$600,000 in the bank.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to put \$210,000 in the budget

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

Ambulance:

Council Member Edsall asked if the request from Capt. Stroppel, for 12 hour shifts, had been put in the budget.

Ms. Blauvelt said it didn't change his salary line.

Police:

Supervisor Magryta asked Council Member Livsey if he wanted to discuss Chief Quinn's request.

Council Member Livsey said he is opposed to it.

Chief Quinn said he plans to enhance the police department and services bringing in two supervisors.

Council Member Livsey said it is a part-time police department and, while he is for the officers attending training, he doesn't think there is a need for two more supervisors.

Chief Quinn said the department needs to be ready if anything serious happens and he is not able to train for this right now. The Chief explained that these supervisors would supplement and provide service.

Council Member Edsall said he would be okay with increasing the budget and discussing this at a later date.

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Supervisor Magryta suggested allowing for one supervisor and see how it goes.

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to put \$37,200 in the police budget.

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

Court:

Council Member Livsey asked about the request for the court cell phone.

Ms. Blauvelt said it has been added to the budget.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Supt. Squicciarini had previously presented an alternate ice removal system to the Board. Mr. Squicciarini said this system has already been approved by the Village and he is confident that it will work well. Mr. Squicciarini informed the Board that the Town and Village are working together and the only money he needs to set this system up is \$5,500 which he would like to take from the reserve fund.

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to transfer \$5,500 from Highway Repair Equipment Reserve to Highway Equipment for the Reed System.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to go into executive session to discuss salaries related to the budget. Board went into executive session at 9:40pm.

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