

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a meeting on Monday, June 23, 2014 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY at 7:00pm.

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| PRESENT: | Mervin R. Livsey | ---- | Supervisor |
| | William Edsall | ---- | Council Member |
| | James Stradley | ---- | Council Member |
| | June Gunza | ---- | Council Member |
| | Adrienne T. Voltaire | ---- | Council Member |
| | June Patterson | ---- | Town Clerk |

Supervisor Livsey opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to adopt the minutes from the June 9 Town Board meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays**

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Livsey received an invitation to attend the Intermediate School Graduation on June 25. The Supervisor said he is not able to attend and asked if anyone on the Board could go.

Council Member Voltaire said she would attend.

Insurance Information:

Supervisor Livsey introduced Brad Palmiter from Marshall and Sterling who will be talking about health insurance.

Supervisor Livsey said he and Ms. Blauvelt have been touching on the new budget and a memo was sent out to department heads to provide a 5-year plan and a wish list for the upcoming budget.

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Mr. Palmiter discussed rate increases, different plans and changes made to health care. Mr. Palmiter said his goal is to do what is best for the Town.

FINANCIAL REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS & REQUESTS

Financial:

Supervisor Livsey said for Water District #2 the Town paid \$9,200 from the escrow account, from Water District #2 \$78,204.66 was used for accounting adjustments and payments, for Trust & Agency \$912 was paid and for the Accounts Payable \$225,866 was paid out.

Supervisor Livsey said \$1,300 from the A/P payment was for co-mingle recycling and stated that Mr. Patterson is looking into a company that might pay the Town for their recyclables.

BOARD REPORTS

Council Member Edsall:

Council Member Edsall received a text from Robert Held, the new Sewer Plant Operator, saying that things are going good.

Council Member Edsall reported that the Friends of Mine Dock Park submitted a grant application.

Council Member Edsall thanked Mr. Patterson for his work getting some double poles removed in the Town.

Council Member Stradley:

Council Member Stradley had nothing to report.

Council Member Gunza:

Council Member Gunza said that the ambulance that has been out of service should be coming back tomorrow with an estimate on the cost for the repairs.

Council Member Voltaire:

Council Member Voltaire reported that the Board of Assessment Review is meeting tonight to go over the changes made at Grievance Day. Ms. Voltaire also said that Assessor Talman is going to include a comprehensive revaluation in her 5-year plan.

Council Member Voltaire said she did more research on Narcan. Ms. Voltaire said she believes that Detective Bailey had attend the training.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Livsey reported that the Town is looking for a couple of grants.

Supervisor Livsey stated that he met with the Orange County Community Development at Brooks Park about a \$250,000 grant for the park. The Supervisor said he won't hear anything until October about the grant.

Supervisor Livsey said the Town, along with the Friends of Mine Dock Park Committee, has applied for a grant from NYS Parks and Recreation for Mine Dock Park. The Supervisor said this is a matching grant, but it is not matched with taxpayer funds. The Supervisor said many projects are planned for this grant money.

Supervisor Livsey said jet skis are prohibited at Mine Dock Park according to the Town's agreement with Scenic Hudson.

Supervisor Livsey said there were a couple of mistakes made with the Water District #1 bills. The Supervisor said it is a new system and there were computer errors, but it is being worked out.

Supervisor Livsey said the Ambulance Corps has been busy. The Supervisor said the new meeting room is almost complete and most of the labor was donated and it was done without using taxpayer money. The Supervisor thanked the Ambulance Corps for doing a good job.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Livsey said he has made some changes to the Special Event Permit.

Council Member Voltaire asked if the Board needed to limit the number of companies able to use Mine Dock Park now or could it wait.

Mr. Rider explained that the Town controls the park and rules can be instituted at any time.

Supervisor Livsey said he believes the Park will be beautiful, but it will take time. The Supervisor stated that the Park in Hyde Park took 15 years to complete.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Stradley to approve the revised Special Event Permit.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-eyes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays**

GENERAL BUSINESS

IT at Police Station:

Supervisor Livsey said he asked New Windsor IT to come and give suggestions on what to do with the Police Department. The Supervisor said they came up with a budget of \$7,400 to do what needs to be done.

Council Member Gunza said this proposal will cover software upgrades and some hardware to bring the Police Department up to date.

Supervisor Livsey asked the Board to approve this.

Council Member Voltaire stated that she would have liked to be a part of this process and asked where the money would be coming from.

Supervisor Livsey said the money was in Un-appropriated Funds.

Chief Quinn said that every municipality has an IT Department to do this work, but he has a police officer doing it. The Chief said the best course of action is for this company to come in.

Council Member Edsall said the savings the Town has seen using this company is huge. Mr. Edsall said he would like to table this decision until the next meeting to give Council Member Voltaire a chance to review everything.

The Board decided not to table this.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to move forward with the updates to the Town of Highlands Police Department's IT by New Windsor IT.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gunza)
1-nay (Voltaire)**

Tentative Town/Village Recreation Agreement:

Supervisor Livsey said the Mayor asked the Town to put together a simple Recreation Agreement. The Supervisor prepared something and sent it to Mr. Rider for review. The Supervisor said the final draft is simple and covers all areas. Supervisor Livsey would like to table this tonight to give the Board a chance to review it.

Council Member Gunza questioned #10.

Mr. Rider stated that it is changing the Recreation Commission to an Advisory Committee. MR. Rider said if that paragraph is hard to understand, it is not good language.

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The Board further discussed the agreement.

Mr. Rider said that the new agreement will void the previous agreement from 1982.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Edsall said the Police Department is doing a great job enforcing Hell Hole.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Falk asked what procedure needed to be taken to have speed bumps place on Highland Ave. Mr. Falk explained that cars speed through there and it is dangerous with all the kids that play in that neighborhood.

Supervisor Livsey asked Chief Quinn to address this issue.

Chief Quinn told Mr. Falk to notify the police, with a plate number if possible and said he could also increase patrols in that area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to go into executive session to discuss Police Personnel and Signage. Board went into executive session at 8:20pm.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 9:30pm.

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0-nays**

ADJOURN

Council Member Voltaire made a motion seconded by Council Member Stradley to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm.

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0-nays**

Attest,