

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a meeting on Monday, July 14, 2014 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY at 7:00pm.

PRESENT:	Mervin R. Livsey	----	Supervisor
	William Edsall	----	Council Member
	June Gunza	----	Council Member
	Adrienne T. Voltaire	----	Council Member
	Justin Rider	----	Counsel
	June Patterson	----	Town Clerk

Supervisor Livsey opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES

Council Member Voltaire pointed out that she was not the person that motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to approve the minutes from the June 23 Town Board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
1-absent (Stradley)

FINANCIAL REPORTS, REQUESTS & RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Livsey stated that the Accounts Payable amount was \$255,321.63, the amount paid for Trust & Agency was \$352.44 and the Water District #2 payments were \$540.63.

Budget Transfers:

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to transfer \$5,935 from Health Insurance to Health Insurance Buyout.

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0-nays
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Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to transfer \$980 from Health Insurance to Health Insurance Buyout.

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0-nays
1-absent (Stradley)

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to transfer \$900 from Retirement to Health Insurance Buyout.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
1-absent (Stradley)

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to transfer \$260 from Health Insurance to Health Insurance Buyout.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
1-absent (Stradley)

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to transfer \$657.51 from Water District #2 Retirement to Water District #2 Interest on Loan.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
1-absent (Stradley)

BOARD & DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Council Member Edsall:

Council Member Edsall reported that he spoke to Mr. Held, the new Sewer Plant Operator, and everything is going well. Mr. Edsall said he is planning on meeting with him on Friday at 7:30am and invited anyone from the Board to attend.

Council Member Edsall said the Friends of Mine Dock Park met last Saturday. The Committee purchased two temporary picnic tables for the park. The Committee discussed the limited parking down at the park and talked about re-grading the one boat launch.

Supervisor Livsey said the Fort Montgomery Fire Dept. uses the boat launch at the far end of the park and he has asked Mr. Patterson, Highway Supt., to get a load of rock for that launch to make it easier to use.

Council Member Edsall said he received a copy of a sign violation letter from Mr. Hager.

Council Member Gunza asked if there was any way to increase the parking at Mine Dock Park.

Council Member Edsall said the Committee is looking at that.

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Council Member Voltaire asked what was happening with the property on Mine Dock Road.

Mr. Rider said the Board voted to demolish the property and the waiting time has passed so the Board can go and get proposals.

Supervisor Livsey said if the project cost is \$30,000 or less, RFP's can be used, but if it will cost over \$30,000 the Town will need to do a formal bid.

Mr. Rider stated that if the Town, in good faith, believes the project will be under \$30,000 then there is no need to go to bid.

Council Member Voltaire:

Council Member Voltaire said she attended the 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony and the O'Neill High School Graduation and both were very nice.

Council Member Voltaire reported that the Board of Education held their Re-organization meeting tonight and they voted in Pat Kelly as President and Ned Kopald as Vice President.

Council Member Gunza:

Council Member Gunza reported that the Ambulance Corps has been busy and there is a serious problem that will be discussed later.

Council Member Gunza said the Police Department has been busy. Ms. Gunza said there was a problem with the Dog Control van, but that has been fixed.

Council Member Gunza said the generator at the Emergency Services building is not working and quotes have been obtained to replace it.

Council Member Gunza stated that the Town's Emergency Plan has been submitted to Orange County for review.

Chief Quinn:

Chief Quinn reported that the mirror on one of his Police cars was hit while an officer was investigating an accident on the highway. The Chief reminded everyone that it is the law to move over for Police cars.

Justin Rider (Attorney):

Mr. Rider said he will follow up with the Highway Supt about the water meters and costs.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Livsey said that he will be meeting with the new Garrison Commander tomorrow morning and then he has a meeting with Mr. Brown about the Old Guard Hotel project. The Supervisor said Mr. Brown will also be meeting with other Town/Village representatives tomorrow.

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Supervisor Livsey stated that he and Ray Devereaux had a nice meeting recently. The Supervisor said he appreciates people coming into his office to talk.

Supervisor Livsey said the Wounded Warrior Flotilla was nice. The Supervisor said there were about 40 people at the Fort Montgomery Marina and about 20 boats in the flotilla.

Supervisor Livsey said both Brooks Lake Park and Mine Dock Park have been busy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Homeland Towers:

Supervisor Livsey said the Board will meet with Homeland Towers at the next meeting providing Mr. Rider has something put together.

Council Member Voltaire asked if Supervisor Livsey was referring to a formal proposal.

Supervisor Livsey stated that, at this time, the Town is just deciding whether or not to be a landlord.

Mr. Rider said it is a more formal lease document.

Recreation Agreement & Water Agreement Amendment:

Supervisor Livsey informed the Board that the Village Board did not act on the amended Recreation Agreement, nor did they act on the amendment to the Water Agreement. The Supervisor said the amendment to the Water Agreement is the Town asking for 200,000 gallons a day and the Town would provide a dam, chlorinator and meter. Supervisor Livsey said the money for this will come out of the Trust.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Budget:

Supervisor Livsey said Ms. Blauvelt provided the Board with the meeting schedule for August and September. The Supervisor said the tentative start time is 6:00pm with budget and, if a regular meeting night, the meeting will follow the budget session. The Supervisor said Mr. Rider will only attend the regular meetings.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to set the Town Board meetings and Budget workshops according to the list provided.

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0-nays
1-absent (Stradley)

Health Insurance:

Ms. Blauvelt explained that the Town needs to renew the Health Insurance Plan.

The Board discussed the Vision option.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to approve the CDPHP replacement Plan and to offer Vision coverage at the employee's expense.

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1-absent (Stradley)

Ambulance Issue:

Supervisor Livsey said this matter would be brought up in the executive session due to litigation, but he read a letter from Council Member Gunza that listed the repairs to the 3-year old ambulance at between \$60,000 and \$80,000. The Supervisor said it is unclear whether the ambulance is covered under the Lemon Law and spoke about litigation.

EMS Building Generator:

Supervisor Livsey said the generator at the Emergency Services Building has stopped working. The Supervisor said 3 bids have been obtained and they are: Power Generator Services - \$4,649; Gentech - \$5,790; and Jones Heating & Cooling - \$9,942.

Supervisor Livsey stated that this is a semi emergency and if the Board wants to they can approve the low bid and get this done quickly. The Supervisor said Ms. Blauvelt informed him that the funds are available.

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to award the bid for the new generator to Power Generator Services in the amount of \$4,649.

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Supervisor Livsey said he will tell Mr. Patterson to inform them that if they can't do the job immediately, the Town will go to the next bidder.

Friends of Mine Dock Park:

Council Member Edsall stated that the Friends of Mine Dock Park will be meeting the first Saturday of each month.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Voltaire made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to go into executive session to discuss litigation, Police personnel and PBA Contract negotiations. Board went into executive session at 7:40pm.

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

Council Member Voltaire made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 8:50pm.

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1-absent (Stradley)**

ADJOURN

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

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0-nays
1-absent (Stradley)**

Attest,