

## TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a meeting on Monday, July 13, 2015 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 ---- Council Member  
Kelly Blauvelt ---- Comptroller  
June Patterson ---- Town Clerk

ABSENT: James Stradley ---- Council Member

Supervisor Livsey opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Supervisor Livsey stated that Mayor Flynn has asked to speak to the Board in executive session after the meeting. The Supervisor said when the Mayor gets here, it will be determined if an executive session is warranted or not.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

### MINUTES

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to approve the minutes from the June 22, Town Board meeting.

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Livsey received a Positive Declaration from Stony Point for the proposed construction and operation of a waste-to-fuels facility.

Supervisor Livsey received a flyer on Family Fun Day which will be held on July 25 in Otisville, NY.

Supervisor Livsey received information from Stony Point that they will be holding a public hearing on the project "Verizon Wireless Proposed Public Utility Wireless Telecommunication Facility" on July 23 at 7pm.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS, REQUESTS & RESOLUTIONS**

**Accounts Payable:**

Supervisor Livsey stated that on June 29 the total amount spent was \$75361.99 and on July 13 the total amount spend was \$45,567.90.

**Budget Transfers:**

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to transfer \$2,000 from Police Fuel to Police Uniforms.

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0-nays  
1-absent (Stradley)**

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to transfer \$3,000 from Recreation Services Year Round to Recreation Year Round Equipment.

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0-nays  
1-absent (Stradley)**

**2016 Budget:**

Ms. Blauvelt said she has put together a preliminary calendar for the budget meetings. Ms. Blauvelt asked the Board if they wanted to have budget meetings before the board meetings like last year.

Council Member Gunza said she would not like to do that because she felt the Board was hurrying through the budget workshop.

Council Member Edsall suggested only having one Board meeting and use the other Board meeting night for a budget workshop.

Ms. Blauvelt asked which meeting the Board wanted to eliminate.

Supervisor Livsey said he would let her know.

Ms. Blauvelt said the last day to adopt the budget is November 20 and there is a Board meeting on November 9.

Mr. Rider asked if the Board will look at the Special Districts.

Ms. Blauvelt said they would.

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Ms. Blauvelt said the Budget Public Hearing would probably be held on October 26.

Supervisor Livsey said the points are pretty much ironed out and he will speak to Mr. Hager.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

#### **Council Member Edsall:**

Council Member Edsall said Holiday Inn Express is looking to possibly put on a third floor and this was something that was denied years ago. Mr. Edsall said Mr. Hager sent them to the Planning Board.

Supervisor Livsey said they also talked about a catering hall, but it is all very preliminary.

Mr. Rider said they are looking for a height variance.

Council Member Edsall said he was disappointed in the veto of the Larkin Bill.

Council Member Gunza said it will impact Orange County.

#### **Council Member Gunza:**

Council Member Gunza asked Chief Quinn to give the Police report.

Chief Quinn reported that everything is going well in the Police Department.

Chief Quinn also reported the following: Officer Brandon Hill completed his field training; the awning has been ordered for the building; submitted bids for the front door; the locker room conversion is complete; a new Court Attendant has started; DA Hoovler will be hosting a Hunter Safety Program on 9/1 and 9/2 in Deerpark.

Chief Quinn informed the Board that the budget transfer was to purchase vests and the Town would be getting 50% back.

Council Member Edsall asked about body cameras.

Chief Quinn stated that there is a lot of work that goes along with the cameras and there would need to be a review process.

#### **Council Member Voltaire:**

Council Member Voltaire said she attended the Highland Falls Intermediate School moving up ceremony and the O'Neill High School graduation recently.

Council Member Voltaire thanked Desiree Talley and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee for a great job.

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Council Member Voltaire stated that the Library Summer Reading Program has begun.

Council Member Voltaire said the Board of Education has elected Anne Lawless as their President and Ned Kopald is still the Vice President.

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Livsey said he has already volunteered to help the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee next year.

Supervisor Livsey said that he met with officials this past winter to talk about paving a portion of the Palisades Parkway and it looks like it will finally be happening.

Supervisor Livsey stated that the Friends of Mine Dock Park had a meeting and things are progressing slowly, but money is needed to progress any quicker. The Supervisor said a kiosk has been put up by Roy Hannawalt and handicap parking is being designated. The Supervisor asked for people to go on the Facebook site and look at the proposed map and let him know if they have any suggestions that he can bring to a meeting he has with Doris Lent and Jeanne Wort. Supervisor Livsey said they have received a \$25,000 non-matching grant and an \$8,170 matching grant.

Supervisor Livsey said the Ambulance Corps has been busy and they hope to have their new ambulance in the next couple of months.

Mr. Rider said he would follow up with MRS.

Supervisor Livsey said the Phase II project is moving along.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kathy Hamil, Scenic Hudson, reported that the Poetry Trail will be up through August.

Jim Ramus thanked the Board for working with the Building Department. Mr. Ramus said they came to the Village Planning Board meeting and it is a big help.

Mr. Ramus asked if Supervisor Livsey had heard anything from Orange County.

Supervisor Livsey said he had not.

Mr. Ramus said he would follow up with David Church in the morning.

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Mr. Ramus asked the Board how they felt about the new fireworks law.

Supervisor Livsey said the Town had only six complaints, but in his opinion, he is not happy with a law that has holes in it. The Supervisor said he told the County Executive that he does not want Orange County to sell the fireworks.

Supervisor Livsey asked Mayor Flynn if the Village had any complaints.

Mayor Flynn said the Village had lots of complaints.

Mr. Ramus asked said he would like the Board to work on the Town's fee schedule while revising the Zoning Code.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Supervisor Livsey asked Mayor Flynn for the reason he is asking for an executive session.

Mayor Flynn said he would like to speak to the Board regarding contracts.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts. Board went into executive session at 7:40pm.

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

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 9:01pm.

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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 9:02pm.

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**0-nays**  
**1-absent (Stradley)**

Attest,