

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a meeting on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY at 7:00pm.

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

ABSENT: James Stradley ---- Council Member
William Edsall ---- Council Member

Supervisor Livsey opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

2016 BUDGET

Supervisor Livsey stated that there were a couple of changes made to the budget since the Public Hearing. The Supervisor said \$5,050 was taken out of A-Fund Planning and put into the Library budget, which would make the Library budget the same as last year. The Supervisor said the money most of the money was removed from that line because nothing has been heard from the Village about consolidating Planning Boards, but a little was left just in case something happens during the year.

Resolution – Adopt 2016 Budget

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to adopt the 2016 budget.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 3-eyes (Livsey, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
2-absent (Edsall, Stradley)

******RESOLUTION ATTACHED******

Supervisor Livsey said Council Member Edsall informed him, that if he were here, he would have voted for the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

MINUTES

Council Member Voltaire made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to approve the minutes from the October 26, Town Board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-eyes (Livsey, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
2-absent (Edsall, Stradley)

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Livsey received an invite from County Executive Neuhaus to attend the 38th Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on November 23 at 11:30am at the Highland Falls Nutrition Center.

Supervisor Livsey received a new resolution from Orange County regarding the Kiryas Joel land problem. The Supervisor said he would copy the Board and the Attorney.

Supervisor Livsey received a letter from Bonnie Snow thanking the Board for leaving the Library budget the same. The Supervisor said that Ms. Snow also stated she was honored to have been the V&T Prosecutor for the Town.

Supervisor Livsey stated that RFP's should be sent out next year for the Prosecutor position.

FINANCIAL

Accounts Payable

Supervisor Livsey stated the amount paid was \$80,705.01.

Budget Transfer

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to approve the transfer of \$1,500 from Dog Control personnel to Dog Control other expenses.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-eyes (Livsey, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
2-absent (Edsall, Stradley)

BOARD REPORTS

Supervisor Livsey said that there was a celebration of life for Capt. Bill Stroppel and he thanked the many Emergency Service workers that attended. The Supervisor said Bill will be missed by many. The Supervisor also stated that donations can be made to the Town of Highlands Ambulance Corps.

Council Member Gunza

Council Member Gunza reported that she attended the Hazard Mitigation meeting on October 23. Ms. Gunza said the Town's paperwork is almost complete and once it is done, the plan will be sent out for review.

Council Member Voltaire

Council Member Voltaire had no report.

Chief Quinn

Chief Quinn said everything is going great with the Police Dept.

Supervisor Livsey asked Chief Quinn to explain Mr. Mulcahey's "resignation".

Chief Quinn said that it was conveyed to him that Mr. Mulcahey was no longer able to fulfill the requirements for the Court Officer position. The Chief said all of his equipment was voluntarily returned, which, to the Chief, was his resignation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Resignation - Mulcahey

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to accept the resignation of Michael Mulcahey with no letter.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-eyes (Livsey, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
2-absent (Edsall, Stradley)

New Elected School

Supervisor Livsey said the newly elected Council Member will be attending the Newly Elected School in January.

Council Member Voltaire made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to authorize Tyrone King to attend the Newly Elected School in Albany in January under the same guidelines as other elected officers that attend classes.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-eyes (Livsey, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
2-absent (Edsall, Stradley)

Resolution – Sanitation

Supervisor Livsey has a resolution to authorize the sanitation billing for dumpsters and large commercial properties bi-annually.

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to adopt the resolution authorizing bi-annually billing for sanitation customers.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 3-eyes (Livsey, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
2-absent (Edsall, Stradley)

******RESOLUTION ATTACHED******

Resolution – Direct Energy Agreement

Supervisor Livsey said the Comptroller’s office looked into energy rates to save the Town money. The Supervisor said Direct Energy came in with the lowest bid and he has a resolution that will authorize him to sign the 1-year agreement.

Council Member Voltaire questioned this and asked for it to be tables so she can look into it further.

Council Member Voltaire made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to table the Direct Energy matter until a later date.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-eyes (Livsey, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
2-absent (Edsall, Stradley)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Ramus congratulated the winners in the recent election and thanked the candidates who ran. Mr. Ramus said he appreciates the dedication.

ADJOURN

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 3-eyes (Livsey, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
2-absent (Edsall, Stradley)

Attest,

RESOLUTION

OF

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

A RESOLUTION APPROVING
ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET FOR 2016

Council Member **Gunza** moved the following resolution which was seconded by Council Member **Voltaire**.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Highlands, duly held on October 26, 2015 commencing at 7:00 o'clock p.m., a public hearing on the preliminary budget approved by this Board and filed with the Town Clerk for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the matter of the budget for this Town for the upcoming fiscal year having been fully discussed, modified and considered, it is

NOW, THEREFORE,

RESOLVED, that the preliminary budget, as revised and amended by the Town Board and hereinafter set forth, is hereby adopted as the annual budget of the Town of Highlands for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016, and that the same shall be entered into the minutes of the Town Board, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of this Town shall prepare and certify as provided by law, duplicate copies of said annual budget hereby adopted, and deliver such copies to the Supervisor of the Town who shall present such copies of the annual budget to the Legislature of the County of Orange as required by law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

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| James Stradley, Councilman | voting | Absent |
| June Gunza, Councilwoman | voting | Aye |
| Adrienne T. Voltaire, Councilwoman | voting | Aye |
| William Edsall, Councilman | voting | Absent |
| Mervin R. Livsey, Supervisor | voting | Aye |

The foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly made, seconded and Adopted at a meeting of the Town Board, Town of Highlands, on November 9, 2015.

June Patterson, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION
OF
NOVEMBER 9, 2015

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
SANITATION FEE
BILLING SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO
ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 160
OF THE CODE OF HIGHLANDS

Council Member **Gunza** moved the following resolution which was seconded by Council Member **Voltaire**.

WHEREAS, Chapter 160, entitled "Solid Waste" of the Town Code of the Town of Highlands, permits the Town Board to set fees related to its municipal solid waste collection and to establish its billing practices; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes it is in best interest of the Town to bill bulk users on a semi-annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the billing schedule constitutes routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment, and accordingly is a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Highlands hereby authorizes the following semi-annual billing cycle such that bills will be mailed in December and June of each calendar year for a six month period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

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| James Stradley, Councilman | voting | Absent |
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