

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2016, at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY, at 7:00pm

PRESENT: Mervin R. Livsey ---- Supervisor
Adrienne T. Voltaire ---- Council Member
June Gunza ---- Council Member
Tyrone King ---- Council Member
Kelly Blauvelt ---- Comptroller
Lesley K. Peterson ---- Deputy Town Clerk

ABSENT: William Edsall ---- Council Member

Supervisor Livsey opened the meeting at 7:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

Supervisor Livsey requests the approval of the minutes of March 28, 2016

Council Member Voltaire made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to approve the minutes of March 28, 2016.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Livsey read an article from the Orange County Drug & Alcohol Abuse Program, they are having their 29th County wide substance abuse prevention poster design contest awards ceremony, Friday May 13, 2016 10:00am at SUNY Orange Newburgh, Kaplan Great Room.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Accounts Payable:

Supervisor Livsey stated that the total amount paid was \$68,319.94

BOARD LIASON REPORTS

Council Member King

Council Member King said he attended the Hudson Valley Women's Association event this past week and it was a wonderful event and he congratulated everyone who organized and attended the event.

Council Member King said he was unable attend the Greek flag raising at Memorial Park.

Council Member June Gunza

Council Member Gunza spoke also on the Hudson Valley Women's Association Event, she said it was well attended and a wonderful event.

Council Member Voltaire

Council Member Voltaire also spoke highly of the Hudson Valley Women's Association event.

Council Member Voltaire announced that the Assessor's office has approached their busiest time of year as they get the Tentative Roll ready, which has to be completed by May 1st.

Council Member Voltaire spoke about Orange County Department of Mental Health. Ms. Voltaire said that on Wednesday April 20, 2016 7pm – 9pm at the Department of Health in Goshen there will be a lecture on “Cyber Bullying”, which is a very current topic with social networking and our young people.

Council Member Gunza just wanted to recognize Ann Molina , who is the founding member of the Hudson Valley Women's Association, and expressed how committed she is to our community.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Livsey talked about Mine Dock Park and how the project is moving along. The Supervisor stated that they are looking for donations

Supervisor Livsey said that monetary donations are always welcomed, but also said that if you would like to purchase a picnic bench, you could manufacture yourself, buy and put a plaque on it commemorating a family member or someone you know.

Supervisor Livsey said that there was a person who recently got a permit to take pictures of the Bear Mountain Bridge and in return they donated \$500.00 to the Mine Dock Park Committee.

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Supervisor Livsey commended the Highland Falls Fire Department for two calls they went out to at Town Hall this weekend, they responded very quickly and as always were very professional.

Chief Quinn

Chief Quinn said West Point would be having their annual Special Olympics Torch Run Saturday April 23, 2016, starting at Hacienda Restaurant to Thayer Gate,

Chief Quinn said that on Sunday May 15, 2016 there will be a bicycle race into the Bear Mountain Area. This will be a huge race starting in New Jersey commencing down the Palisades Parkway it will cause congestion at the Bear Mountain Circle, the race will start at 6:00am, Sunday morning be prepared for traffic.

Chief Quinn said June 25, 2016 there will be a fundraising event called Answer to Cancer bike ride. This event will be specifically in Highland Falls but the event director has asked if two officers from the Town of Highlands could also Police the event. Chief Quinn explained to the event director what the hourly rate would be, 7 hour day @ \$50.00 an hour, they have agreed to pay the amount.

Supervisor Livsey asked the Board if they had any objections to our Town Police Officers working the event and they said no.

Chief Quinn has the resignation of police officer Teresa Careswell, who has moved on to a full time position.

Chief Quinn requested permission from the board to conduct interviews to replace Officer Careswell.

Supervisor Livsey said that it would be okay to review applicants for Part Time Police Officer.

Chief Quinn reported Dog Control Van was out of service for a week. The Chief said there was \$900.00 budgeted for vehicle maintenance and \$300.00 was used to fix the vehicle.

Chief Quinn said the lighting was replaced at the Town Police/Ambulance Hall recently, they had taken out the big ballasts and replaced with smaller lighting, however, the lights are not reflecting enough light in front of the building.

Chief Quinn requested from the board that he be allowed to purchase two more lights. The Chief said it would cost about \$400.00, and he will use the money that was originally earmarked for the small partitioned wall.

Supervisor Livsey agreed.

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Chief Quinn said he was recommending Detective Cornetta for the Orange County Police Chief Association Award, for excellence in Police duty.

Juneteenth Celebration

Council Member King addressed a question to Police Chief Quinn, in conjunction with the Town Recreation Director, Aaron Falk, he would be putting together an event called “Juneteenth”, which celebrates the emancipation of the last remaining slaves. There will be a festival at Long Pond Saturday June 18, 2016.

Council Member King expressed his concern about security at the event and was wondering if there would be any additional fee to have police at this event.

Chief Quinn said that if it was on regular Town time there should not be an additional fee, but suggested that they sit down and discuss in detail what the event would entail.

Council Member King said that also one of the issues would be opening Long Pond to the public for free that day. He agreed to sit with Chief Quinn and discuss more in detail.

Probation Completion

Supervisor Livsey announced that Jacob Sibley, Highway Department, has completed his probationary period.

Brooks Lake Park Improvements

Supervisor Livsey talked a little about the improvement at Brooks Park and he continues to talk about making areas more handicap accessible.

Supervisor Livsey said that the Town is using two years of Community Development money approximately \$50,000. It will be going out to bid as soon as Supervisor Livsey signs the Resolution this evening.

Council Member Voltaire made a motion seconded by Council Member King to adopt the Resolution for the Brooks Park Improvement plan.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 4-eyes (Livsey, King, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
1-absent (Edsall)

******Resolution attached******

Supervisor Livsey announced that he had a meeting with Jim Modlin, Orange County Chamber of Commerce, to discuss getting together with Greenway in order to obtain a grant to put together Highland Falls Marina.

Resolution – Highland Falls Marina

Supervisor Livsey has a Resolution supporting the Village of Highland Falls in an application for grant funding from the Hudson River Valley Greenway Community Grant Program for the Highland Falls Marina

Council Member King made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to adopt the resolution that supports the Village of Highland Falls in their application to Hudson River Valley Greenway Community Grant Program for a project at the Highland Falls Marina.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 4-eyes (Livsey, King, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
1-absent (Edsall)

******Resolution attached******

Resolution - FMSIA

Supervisor Livsey announced that there is a \$2.8 million dollar project that is going on to improve and upgrade the sewer plant in Fort Montgomery. The Supervisor said it was built 30 years ago and has not had any real improvements done to it since.

Supervisor Livsey said that he received paperwork from (EFC) Environmental Facility Corporation and it states on the \$2.8 million \$707,000 is going to be a straight out grant with no interest and no payback and the rest will be on low interest loans and possibly some of it will be no interest loans.

Supervisor Livsey announces there is a resolution allowing the Town to sign the agreement which just outlines the short term finance of the project.

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to allow Supervisor Livsey to sign the paperwork for the short term approval to the Environmental Facilities Corporation for sewer plant upgrades.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED: 4-eyes (Livsey, King, Gunza, Voltaire)
0-nays
1-absent (Edsall)

******Resolution attached******

Recreation

Aaron Falk announced that he received the contract with all the adjustments for Camp Invention, so it is ready to be signed.

Mr. Falk said he was at the school and believes there are good base of kids ready to sign up.

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Supervisor Livsey asked how long we had if we did not reach the 35 children limit.

Mr. Falk said the Town had until May 27, 2016 to cancel the program.

Supervisor Livsey said if we came close to the 35 children we could still revisit it and see if the program can be implemented at no cost to the Town.

Council Member Voltaire made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to sign the agreement between the Town and Invent Now.

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

Mr. Falk announced that Opening Day for Baseball, Softball, Little League & T-Ball is Saturday April 23, 2016. Mr. Falk said there will be a parade that day on Main Street and all teams, from T-Ball to Varsity will be marching. Mr. Falk said this will be a day of games, fun and food and he encouraged everyone to come.

Mr. Falk said the Recreation Department will have a table up at the Middle School for family Fun Night Friday April 15, 2016 at 6pm.

Mr. Falk said the permits for Summer Camp and Long Pond have been completed and mailed out.

Mr. Falk said the Recreation Department has started a Running Club encouraging kids to keep moving and stay fit.

Mr. Falk spoke briefly about the Lacrosse Program which will begin May1, 2016. Parents that have played collegiate level and volunteers are helping to coach.

Mr. Falk thanks all volunteers that have offered their time and effort to allow these events to take place.

Council Member Voltaire just wanted to send out a reminder for the Family Fun Night at the Intermediate School this Friday April 15, it is sponsored by "Respect for All Committee".

Council Member Voltaire also spoke about Earth Day Open House on April 21, at The Center between 11:00am – 2pm.

Council Member Voltaire announced that the PTF has been holding a clothing drive over the last few months and the last day for collection is Saturday, April 16 HFIM.

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Council Member Voltaire also spoke about the Highland Falls PTF and the PTFC sponsoring a Color Run Saturday April, 30.

Supervisor Livsey announced there will be a ribbon cutting at the new O'Neill Baseball field Friday, April 15, at 3:30pm.

Resignation – Officer Careswell

Supervisor Livsey reads the letter of resignation for Teresa Careswell part time Police Officer. Effective immediately.

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to accept the resignation of Part Time Police Officer Teresa Cresswell.

MOTION CAARRIED: 4-eyes (Livsey, Gunza, Voltaire, King)
0-nays
1-absent (Edsall)

Kelly Blauvelt spoke briefly about the Auditors being in the building along with a fixed asset inventory.

Supervisor Livsey spoke briefly about the Bid requests for the Highway trucks there have been about eight bid packages picked up.

Kelly Blauvelt announced that she had opened an Amazon Business Account for the Town and it is working out great.

Supervisor Livsey announced the Board will be going into Executive Session regarding Police Personnel, MS4 contract and discussion with Attorney regarding Corbin Hill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Voltaire made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, MS4 contract and Corbin Hill. Board went into executive e session at 7:43pm.

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

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 8:59pm.

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

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MARCH 11, 2016

ADJOURN

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member King to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

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

Attest,

RESOLUTION

OF
APRIL 11, 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE
THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS TO
AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS
AND INVENT NOW:
RECREATION PROGRAM SERVICES

Councilman/Councilwoman Voltaire moved the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman/Councilwoman Gunza.

WHEREAS, Invent Now, Inc. (“Invent”) has proposed an Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Town of Highlands Recreation Department the purpose of which is to provide a summer education enrichment program;

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed the terms and conditions of the Agreement and deems it to be in the public interest for the Town of Highlands to enter into the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that the Supervisor and/or the Recreation Director be and they hereby are authorized and directed to execute the Agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof at Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and officers of the Town are hereby authorized and empowered to make, execute and deliver, or cause to be made, executed and delivered, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, all such certificates, documents and papers as may be necessary to effectuate and carry out the contents of the foregoing resolutions and the terms and conditions of the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid 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:

Tyrone King, Councilman	voting Aye
June Gunza, Councilwoman	voting Aye
Adrienne T. Voltaire, Councilwoman	voting Aye
William Edsall, Councilman	voting Absent
Mervin R. Livsey, Supervisor	voting Aye

The following 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 April 11, 2016.

June Patterson, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION

OF

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A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT
THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
IN AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM
THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY
GREENWAY COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

Councilman/Councilwoman King moved the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman/Councilwoman Voltaire.

WHEREAS, the Village of Highland Falls is applying to the Hudson River Valley Greenway Community for a grant under the Greenway Communities Grant Program for a project to be located at the site commonly referred to as the Highland Falls Marina, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Town Board; and

WHEREAS, as the governing body of the Town of Highlands, the Town Board feels the grant is in the best interests of the community and supports the application therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Town of Highlands Town Board does hereby approve and endorse the application of the Village of Highland Falls for a grant under the Hudson River Valley Greenway Community grant program for a project known as the Highland Falls Marina located within the Town of Highlands.

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

Tyrone King, Councilman _____ voting Aye

June Gunza, Councilwoman _____ voting Aye

Adrienne T. Voltaire, Councilwoman voting Aye

William Edsall, Councilman _____ voting Absent_

Mervin R. Livsey, Supervisor _____ voting Aye

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RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
NEW YORK STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF)
SHORT-TERM EXHIBIT APPROVAL
TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION
FOR SEWER PLANT UPGRADES IN THE
TOWN OF HIGHLANDS SEWER IMPROVEMENT AREA

Councilman/Councilwoman Gunza moved the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman/Councilwoman Voltaire.

WHEREAS, the Town of Highlands submitted application in March, 2014, to the State of New York Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) for sewer plant upgrades within the Town of Highlands Sewer Improvement Area; and

WHEREAS, a map, plan and report was prepared according to law by Fusco Engineering & Land Surveying, P.C., in such manner and in such detail as required by the Town Board of the Town of Highlands relating to the new facilities to be placed within the existing sewer district; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board conducted a review of the action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act and determined that the matter was a Type II Action under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, said map, plan and report showing the facilities involved together with the boundaries of the District has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of said Town, where the same is available during regular office hours for examination by any persons interested in the subject matter thereof; and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the FMSIA were established with the order establishing the sewer improvement area, and were amended by special legislation of the State of New York, Chapter 755 of the Unconsolidated Laws, approved and effective July 27, 1983 and are not being changed or modified with this application; and

WHEREAS, it has heretofore been determined in accordance with the provisions of Town Law Section 209-q that all expenses of FMSIA, shall be a charge against the entire area of the sewer improvement area; and

WHEREAS, under the Final Intended Use Plan Amendment No. 2 for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for Water Pollution Control, Attachment 1, Storm Mitigation Loan Program Candidate Projects, the Town of Highlands scored a 39, which was above the “funding line;” and

WHEREAS, \$2,831,200.00 is the maximum amount proposed to be expended for the system improvements as stated in the map, plan and report, to be financed by the issuance of bonds, notes, certificates or other evidences of indebtedness of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the project is scheduled to receive short term financing in accordance with the exhibit schedule attached hereto as Schedule A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Highlands hereby does approve and endorse the exhibit schedule attached hereto as Schedule A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and officers of the Town are hereby authorized and empowered to make, execute and deliver, or cause to be made, executed and delivered, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, all such certificates, agreements, documents and papers as may be necessary to effectuate and carry out the contents of the foregoing resolutions and the terms and conditions of the NYSEFC under the applicable program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid resolutions 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:

Tyrone King, Councilman voting Aye

June Gunza, Councilwoman voting Aye

Adrienne T. Voltaire, Councilwoman voting Aye

William Edsall, Councilman voting Absent

Mervin R. Livsey, Supervisor voting Aye

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