

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands held a meeting on Monday, April 11, 2011 at Town Hall, 254 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY at 7:00pm.

PRESENT:	Edward Magryta	----	Supervisor
	Holly Gokey	----	Council Member
	William Edsall	----	Council Member
	Laurie R. Tautel	----	Council Member
	Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.	----	Council Member
	Justin Rider	----	Counsel
	June Patterson	----	Town Clerk

Supervisor Magryta opened the meeting at 7:10pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Ripa said that she believes that smaller parts of the Town and Village could be consolidated.

MINUTES

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2011 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)
0-nays

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to approve the minutes from the March 21 and March 28, 2011 meetings.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Livsey)
0-nays
1-abstain (Tautel)

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Gokey to accept the A/P register dated March 25, 2011 in the amount of \$5,944.25.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)
0-nays

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to accept the A/P register dated March 25, 2011 in the amount of \$440,554.42.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)
0-nays**

RE-VALUATION UPDATE

Council Member Gokey explained that the work has begun and if anyone has any questions the Assessor's office will be open on March 16 from 9am to 1pm. Ms. Gokey also said that there will be an informational meeting in the near future and that the date will be announced to the public.

Council Member Livsey asked what information would be mailed to the residents.

Council Member Gokey said that the residents will receive a card with the information that has been collected and they will be asked to verify the information and return the card.

TOWN FINANCIAL AUDIT DELIVERABLES

Supervisor Magryta said that the Comptroller is working with Vandacore to get the audit going, the fixed asset is currently being done and the Department audits are in progress.

Supervisor Magryta said he has received feedback from two Board members about the CAP response and he needs the rest of the members to submit something before the workshop.

ORANGE AND ROCKLAND RATE REQUEST UPDATE

Supervisor Magryta said that about 9 Villages and Towns are participating, which has been very effective. The Supervisor recently received some information that he will make available to the Board and public. The Supervisor said the Public Service Commission has made a recommendation of 9.2% with is a substantial cut.

VILLAGE – REQUEST TO RE-NEGOTIATE WATER AGREEMENT/LETTER ON MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Supervisor Magryta received a letter from the Village requesting that the Town consider merging some departments such as, Water, Sewer and Police. The Supervisor said that the Board needs to discuss if they want to engage in this.

Council Member Livsey spoke to Mayor D'Onofrio regarding Police and he is setting up a meeting to talk about Police and Recreation. Mr. Livsey said he would let everyone know when the meeting is.

Supervisor Magryta has been asked to discuss the Water Supply Agreement. The Supervisor is not sure what the Town will be re-negotiating because the agreement doesn't expire until 11/6/2013. The Supervisor will send a letter to the Village requesting more information.

OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ISSUES

Council Member Tautel:

Council Member Tautel said that the Court has requested permission to change their hours to 7am-4:30pm. One Court Clerk will work from 7am-3:30pm and the other Court Clerk will work from 8am-4:30pm. Ms. Tautel was informed that if one of the Clerks is out, the hours will be 8am-4:30pm.

Council Member Tautel said that the Magnometer training went well and it will be used at the next court session.

Council Member Livsey:

Council Member Livsey said that Building Inspector, Larry Marshall, would like to purchase the old truck.

Council Member Livsey would like clarification on what is allowed to be discussed in an executive session.

Justin Rider said he will prepare a memo, for the Board, with the guidelines for an executive session.

Supervisor Magryta said that if any Board has an issue with something on the executive session agenda to please inform him before the meeting.

Council Member Edsall:

Council Member Edsall has had two members of the public approach him with questions/concerns about signage and the clothing drop-off boxes. Mr. Edsall said that he will present these issues when the Board is ready.

Supervisor Magryta will put them on the agenda for the workshop.

Council Member Edsall asked about the beautification funds. Mr. Edsall said that planting will begin soon.

Supervisor Magryta said that the end of the week is the deadline for submitting proposals and the funds will be discussed at the workshop on April 25 and a decision will be made.

Supervisor Magryta:

Supervisor Magryta said that the Town Clerk and the Purchasing Manager have a proposal for a new copier at the Town Hall. The Supervisor said that the cost of the new copier is \$260 a month.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to authorize the Supervisor to sign the lease agreement with Toshiba for the new copier at a cost not to exceed \$260 per month.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Edsall, Tautel, Livsey)
0-nays**

Supervisor Magryta asked Council Member Livsey if he has any further information about the intermunicipal agreement with the school.

Council Member Livsey said that it is all done.

Supervisor Magryta said that the Board needs to authorize him to sign the agreement. The Supervisor said that Council Member Livsey will need to provide the Board with the corrected copy so they can approve it.

Council Member Gokey:

Council Member Gokey stated that the new IT people are going through everything and she will ask them to give the Board an update so it can be discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Maher asked the Supervisor approximately when the property by the Fort Montgomery Fire House would be getting water.

Supervisor Magryta said not until at least the Fall.

Mr. Maher asked if the Board was working on getting water for the entire water district.

Supervisor Magryta said that water