

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a Special Meeting on Friday, January 13, 2012 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY 10928 at 2pm.

PRESENT:	Mervin R. Livsey	----	Supervisor
	William Edsall	----	Council Member
	James Stradley	----	Council Member
	June Gunza	----	Council Member
	Holly Gokey	----	Council Member
	June Patterson	----	Town Clerk
GUESTS:	Judge Fredman	----	Settlement Master
	John Sarcone	----	Judge Fredman's attorney
	John Folchetti	----	Engineer
	Daniel Birmingham	----	Bond Counsel

Supervisor Livsey opened the meeting at 2pm.

Supervisor Livsey said the Settlement Master asked for this meeting.

John Sarcone said that there is a lot to be done between now and March 1.

Supervisor Livsey said he has invited Mayor D'Onofrio, Trustee Parry and Highway Supt. Squicciarini to sit in on this meeting.

Mr. Sarcone reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Tom Kelly said he would like to keep the project moving.

Mr. Sarcone would like the Town to nominate someone to work with himself and Mr. Rider to complete the forms so they can be sent to the EFC by March 1. Mr. Sarcone reviewed the list of documents that need to be completed. Mr. Sarcone said that Mr. Folchetti is working on the engineering plans, which should be complete by March 1; the Town needs to begin working on the easements and also work on getting approval from the State Comptroller.

Dan Birmingham explained that after the permissive referendum period has expired, the Town Board can adopt a bond resolution. Mr. Birmingham further explained that the maximum ppu for a water project is 40 years, but can be less. Mr. Birmingham said that after the bond resolution is adopted, the Town will publish a 20 day notice in the paper and after the 20 days pass, the Town can borrow the money.

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Supervisor Livsey asked if the District #2 indebtedness could be put in that bond.

Mr. Birmingham said he will get details from Mr. Rider and get an answer for the Supervisor.

John Folchetti said that the plans will be 60% complete by the end of January and 90% complete by the end of February.

Mr. Squicciarini has questions about the routing of the water pipes and he would like to speak to Mr. Folchetti before the new drawings are done.

Mr. Sarcone said that as long as the number of parcels is not reduced or the cost increased, it will be okay. Mr. Sarcone said he has prepared a draft of the easements and provided them to the Supervisor and he will speak with Justin on Tuesday.

Mr. Kelly said that if the Board agrees with the rerouting, he would advise that the Town reach out to the property owners and while he doesn't foresee any problems, the Town does have actions they can take if there is. Mr. Kelly suggested that the Board have some of the necessary paperwork prepared in case there is a problem.

Mr. Sarcone said there needs to be a contract between the Town and the Trust based on the "Memo of Understanding" that the Town has already agreed to.

Mr. Kelly said he needs authorization to work with Mr. Rider and whomever else the Board wants.

Mr. Rider said he would like to be involved in the process and a Board member, Highway Supt or Comptroller should also receive the information.

Mr. Kelly asked Mr. Rider for an email contact list.

Mr. Rider said he will introduce Mr. Birmingham to Ms. Blauvelt.

Council Member Edsall asked if there was a benefit to EFC with a 20 or 30 year term.

Mr. Kelly said the EFC term is 20 years, but if the Board wants 30 years, Mr. Birmingham might be able to do something.

Mr. Folchetti asked if the 10 year extension could be put in the contract.

Mr. Kelly said he would talk to the EFC.

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Mr. Squicciarini suggested having meetings with the “team” every couple of weeks to prevent anything from falling through the cracks.

Mr. Sarcone believes that weekly meetings would be good.

Judge Fredman said he looks forward to continued success.

INSURANCE

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Stradley to approve the General Insurance Bond to cover the officers, clerks and employees of the Town of Highlands.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-eyes (Livsey, Edsall, Stradley, Gunza, Gokey)
0-nays**

ADJOURN

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Stradley to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

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0-nays**

ATTEST,