

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a Budget Workshop, on Monday, August 15, 2016 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY at 6:00pm.

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

Supervisor Livsey opened the Budget workshop at 6:00pm.

Supervisor Livsey stated that the Board will be going through the budget carefully. The Supervisor said, if the budget is bad, things might need to be cut, but items can always be revisited at the end.

Communications

Supervisor Livsey said, he was advised to put \$5,000 in this budget to cover anything that might need to be repaired on the town.

After discussion, it was decided to add \$2,000 to the Contractual line and \$3,000 to the equipment line.

Supervisor

Supervisor Livsey said he had \$460 in his budget last year for chairs and he is lowering that to \$300 for this budget.

Treasurer

Supervisor Livsey said he was leaving that the same.

Economic Asst & Opportunity Veterans

Supervisor Livsey stated that this will remain the same.

Programs for seniors

Ms. Blauvelt said there were complaints about the Board taking some money out of the bus trips.

Supervisor Livsey said the money could be transferred if it was needed for the bus trips.

Supervisor Livsey said he put \$11,880 in Misc. for the Senior Coordinator. The Supervisor said this can be split with Recreation.

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Ms. Blauvelt said this can be discussed again when the Recreation Budget is done.

Council Member Gunza would like to put the money in for the bus trips and transfer from there is needed.

Beautification

Supervisor Livsey said Doris Lent (Vision) has requested a budget of \$5,500. The Supervisor said that is not possible and he is allocating \$2,000 for Vision, \$500 for the Garden Club and \$500 for miscellaneous.

Emergency Management

Supervisor Livsey said some numbers were moved around, but the total is the same.

Budget Officer

Ms. Blauvelt said the salary is the same and she has \$200 in other expenses for paper.

Personnel

Ms. Blauvelt said this would be for the Employee Handbook.

Supervisor Livsey said he would like to revisit this later.

ZBA

Ms. Blauvelt received notification from the Chairman that last years' budget should be sufficient.

Ms. Blauvelt said Legal Services were left the same and Revenue was lowered.

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Ms. Blauvelt asked about leaving the money for training in. Ms. Blauvelt said if it is needed next year it would need to be put back.

Council Member Gunza said she would like to revisit that later in the budget process. Ms. Gunza also stated that she would like to see the Cell-Phone reimbursement raised back up.

Supervisor Livsey said it will be brought back up for everyone.

Recreation

Ms. Blauvelt asked Mr. Falk how many hours he would need an Assistant for.

Mr. Falk said 10 hours a week, during the winter only.

Ms. Blauvelt said whomever is hired can work 10 hours for Recreation and 10 hours for the Seniors.

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Next Meeting

Supervisor Livsey said the next meeting is on Monday, August 22 and will begin with Budget at 6pm and the regular meeting will follow at 7pm.

Adjourn

Supervisor Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Voltaire to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-eyes (Livsey, King, Gunza, Voltaire)

0-nays

1-absent (Edsall)

Attest,