

VILLAGE OF HARRIMAN, NEW YORK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
February 24, 2015

7:00 Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Stephen Welle, Deputy Mayor Ed Shuart, Jr., Trustee G. Bruce Chichester, Trustee Christine Sacher, Police Chief Dan Henderson, Part-time Clerk Barbara Singer and absent and excused Trustee Lawrence Mosca.

The Mayor asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Welle asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of 2/10/2015 Board Meeting. There being none, the minutes were accepted as written.

MOTION was made by Trustee Shuart to accept the 2/10/2015 minutes.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.

AYE: Trustee Chichester **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Sacher
Trustee Shuart

Thanks to Marie for the minutes.

BUDGET WORKSHOP: February 25, 2015 at 7:30

PLANNING BOARD MEETING: March 16, 2015

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: March 10, 2015

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING: March 4, 2015

- Village website is live, www.villageofharriman.org
- By now everyone should have received the violation notice about the water that everyone knew that was coming out. on this notice it does say that this is not an emergency. It also states that the section of the Village that is not included in this. and in the Photo News last week it says that the Village declared an emergency for the water system. The emergency that the board approved was for the river road well and that was to enable the work to get done quicker to get that one back on line the design for that should be finished by the end of this week and then we will be able to proceed along with the health dept. there.
- Regarding mailboxes and the snow, this is an every year occurrence. Again, the village is not responsible for mailboxes getting knocked over by the snow. It's the property-owners responsibility. In the very rare occasion that a Village vehicle does go up and over the curb, which does not happen very often and if we hit it, that's a different story but we are not responsible for snow taking out mailboxes
- In accordance with Village Codes Code 132-15 - No overnight parking on roads in the Village from November 1st thru April 1st from 11pm – 6 am. Code 132-27.1 No parking at all on Village the Village roads after 2 inches of snow accumulation until snow operation is complete. We have had several calls for frozen meters, it's the property owners responsibility to ensure the meter is protected from the weather, and it's the home owners cost to replace these meters. The same thing with pipes in your house or business, we have had several calls on them. The firehouse has had several calls with pipes have burst, people need to do something. They know where the cold spots are in their house. They need to make sure these things are protected.

Trustee Sacher a frozen meter, does that just freeze up? Does pipe break? Or does the meter just stop working? How does someone know that?

Mayor Welle responds The bottom just blows out. We have had several and it creates quite a mess.

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M & R ENERGY PROPSAL - REVISION

M & R Energy, at the last meeting the board approved Direct Energy 15 months at .07188 kwh. Integrys had given a 12 month rate of .0716 kwh. Michele, from M & R Energy, checked with them the following morning and they agreed to extend that rate for a 15 month duration and I contacted the board and they were in favor, so a motion would be needed to approve Integrys for 15 month electric rate of .0716 kwh.

MOTION was made by Trustee Sacher to
SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.

AYE: Trustee Chichester **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Sacher
Trustee Shuart

The other thing that was discussed was the Demand Response Program and that's where the Village would come off the grid and run the generators. Unfortunately, we do not qualify for that. We do not use the amount of power that would be a benefit to the utility to come off the grid so we cannot participate but at least we know that it was an option that was investigated

PARK REQUEST - SHUART

Shuart for May 31 in conjunction with Ibew local 503.

MOTION was made by Trustee Sacher to
SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.

AYE: Trustee Chichester **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Sacher
Mayor Welle

Trustee Shuart abstained

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CHIEF'S CONTRACT

The Chief's contract will be expiring. The updated contract is virtually the same as the last contract which everyone agreed to. There are not additional benefits or anything added in here, this changes the date and it continues with the fact that the Chief will get the same percentage increase as the PBA gets in their contract. Any references to the probation that the Chief was on when he started here has been taken out of the new contract. We would need a motion to approve this

Trustee Sacher states that she has a question and 2 comments; the question is when will the waver decision be in?

Mayor Welle responds that he has no idea, I wouldn't even guess on that

Trustee Sacher asks because it's every six months that we have to apply now, right?

Chief Henderson responds, Last year I think it was at the end of May that it came down, I guess there's no time table, it's up to the state.

Mayor Welle agrees

Trustee Sacher asks, but we did ask?

Chief Henderson replies, we did apply for it, right

Trustee Sacher asks Comment 1; his contract says 97 days left, well over the 3 months, what's the hurry in doing this right now?

Mayor Welle responds, as I stated, and when the board approved opening up negotiations with the Chief, so it's done prior to the budget

Trustee Sacher , Comment 2 this is a 4 year contract instead of a 2 year contract, which we have always done in the past. I looked at the past Chiefs' contracts have always been two year contracts. This is a 4 year contract.

Mayor Welle responds, A four year contract is because that's what we've been doing with the PBA. Chief Culver had requested just a two year contract because he didn't plan on staying and with the chief being new we did a short contract with him to start.

Trustee Sacher responds, I would like to stick with a 2 year contract. A lot changes in that amount of time. Those are my comments.

MOTON was made by Trustee Shuart to approve the Chief's contract.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Mayor Welle

NAY: Trustee Sacher

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DPW REQUEST – TRAINING:

Request for March 20 to send two employees to the Hoffman Equipment Show and Paving Seminar. There is no cost to the Village for this.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester as outlined by the Mayor.

SECOND was made by Trustee Shuart.

AYE: Trustee Chichester **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Sacher
Trustee Shuart

VILLAGE CODE AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Welle states, we received a couple comments from board members but not a lot. If there are no other comments I will forward this to the village attorney to look at it and incorporate them. If that's the board's will and once we have that back, we will set a public hearing to move forward with that.

Trustee Shuart asks, we will incorporate the parking of North Main Street?

Mayor Welle states, I have written that down. The parking on North Main Street has been brought up because it has been an issue and we have to figure out what will work best for everyone concerned.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT

Ron Klare has requested to be an alternate on the Planning Board. We have had an opening there and a couple openings on the ZBA for a while. He submitted a letter requesting the position of alternate member on the planning board. I did speak with Don Danzeisen, the Chairman, and he said that he would more than welcome him.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to appoint Ron Klare as an alternate.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sacher

AYE: Trustee Chichester **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Sacher
Trustee Shuart

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

Village Attorney Ben Ostrer has arrived.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Mayor Welle states, regarding the correspondence from John McCarey and those properties, are we going to have another conversation with him?

Ben Ostrer replies, Yes, I'll give him a call, we're not sending him \$500.

Mayor Welle responds we never agreed to purchase property, has there been any movement on the action that was filed regarding the outstanding water bill?

Ben Ostrer No, it's in process they still have time to respond to this.

Mayor Welle asks if you could just take a look at this, I believe it's just for filing I don't believe we have anything to do with harvesting of trees in the Harriman estate, the New York State Department of Conservation.

Ben Ostrer replies, I have never seen one of these before.

Trustee Sacher asks who wants to harvest trees?

Mayor Welle responds, They have been and supposedly this is an annual report they have to submit. I don't recall ever seeing one in the past. The section, lot and block are in the village. My assumption is the majority is in Woodbury.

Ben Ostrer states I don't recall in all the time I have served here, having seen one before. This is new to me.

Mayor Welle states that he'll make a copy and send it to him.

Ben Ostrer states that he's sure that this is some notification. They have a foresting permit from the DEC.

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MOTION was made by Trustee Stuart to enter into Executive Session for personnel with the attorney.
SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.
ALL IN FAVOR.

At this time I was excused from the meeting. The following was given by Mayor Welle:
MOTION was made by Trustee Stuart to end Executive Session and return to the regular meeting.
SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.
ALL IN FAVOR

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester and **SECONDED** by Trustee Stuart to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted by _____

Barbara Singer, Part-time Clerk