

**VILLAGE OF HARRIMAN, NEW YORK
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
April 14, 2015**

**6:45P.M. – Audit of Monthly Bills
7:15 P.M. – Public Hearing
7:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING**

Public Hearing:

The Mayor read the following public hearing notice:

Pursuant to Section §5-508 of the Village Law of the State of New York, the tentative budget for the Village of Harriman has been prepared and filed with the Village Clerk at the Village Office, 1 Church Street, Harriman, New York, where it may be examined by all interested persons between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Said tentative budget includes a maximum compensation for the Mayor of \$14,196 per year and for the Trustees of \$6,765 per year.

A summary of the tentative budget is as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$2,813,421
WATER FUND	\$1,493,005

A Public Hearing on the budget will be held at 1 Church Street, Harriman, New York on April 14, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. to consider same before final adoption.

The Mayor asked the Village Treasurer did we receive any written correspondence. The Village Treasurer answer, no we did not. The Mayor stated that just a brief overview, the April 9th revision is the budget to be considered tonight, this budget is within the 2% tax levy cap as verified with the NYS Office Comptroller. Increase in Appropriations of \$106,860, \$77,000 of this is equipment. Town of Monroe residential properties with an average assessment of \$50,000 will see an increase of \$158.00, Town of Woodbury residential properties with an average assessment \$92,000 will an increase of \$24.00. The difference is the fluctuation of equalization rate which is set by New York State Office Real Property Tax Services. The taxable value decreased over \$2 Million dollars on the Woodbury side and increased \$120,000 on the Monroe side. Special Prosecutor was not budgeted for last year \$5,000 was added this year. Second Justice replacing the Acting Justice added approximately \$7,000, Work Compensation is up over \$12,000, health insurance buyouts were removed from the Health Insurance line and a separate line added. Village Hall Staff was proposed with a 2.5% increase, PBA and DPW increases are according with their contract. Significant purchases for this year are a Police Car in the amount of \$36,000 and a brush chipper in which we will have \$41,500 coming from the General Fund . The Mayor opened it up for public comment. There was no public comment.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to close the Public Hearing.

SECOND was made by Trustee Shuart.

AYE: Trustee Chichester **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Farrell
Trustee Borowski

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Regular Meeting:

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Stephen Welle, Deputy Mayor Ed Shuart, Jr., Trustee G. Bruce Chichester, Trustee Colleen Farrell, Trustee Frank Borowski, Police Chief Dan Henderson, Building Inspector Ronald Walker, Sergeant Adam Basilicata, Officer Edward Josefovitz, former Acting Justice Renee Hill and Treasurer Marie Coimbra.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

The Mayor presented former Acting Justice Renee Hill with a plaque and read the following:
In recognition your outstanding service as Village of Harriman Acting Justice from 2008 to 2015. Your time, vast legal knowledge and dedication to the Village of Harriman is greatly appreciated. Our heart-felt appreciation and sincere thanks to Judge Hill for your valuable service and dedication to the Village of Harriman. Best wishes for continue success in all your future endeavors. Mayor Welle and the board thanked Judge Renee Hill for all her help.

The Mayor presented Officer Edward Josefovitz with a plaque and read the following:
Thank you for your outstanding service and quick thinking that resulted in a life being saved on February 13, 2015. Officer Josefovitz responded to a medical emergency, where a patient had overdosed on herion, was unconscious and no pulse. Officer Josefovitz administered two doses of Narcan, resulting in the patient regaining consciousness and becoming coherent and fully alert. We offer our congratulations and sincere appreciation to Officer Josefovitz on a job well done.

Chief Henderson presented Officer Josefovitz with a plaque and read the following:
In recognition of your outstanding Police service of February 13, 2015. On this day you saved the life of a 24 year old male who had overdosed and had no pulse. Your quick and decisive actions resulted in the male being revived and his life saved. Your professionalism and public service is recognized in keeping with the highest standards of the Village of Harriman Police Department. Chief Henderson congratulated him. Village Board thanked Officer Josefovitz.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Welle asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes 3/24/15 Board Meeting, 3/25/2015 budget meeting. and Organization Meeting and budget meeting 4/1/2015. There being none, the minutes were accepted as written.

MOTION was made by Trustee Shuart to accept the Village Board Minutes of 3/24/2015 & the budget workshop minutes of 3/25/2015.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Mayor Welle

ABSTAIN:

Trustee Farrell
Trustee Borowski

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Mayor Welle asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes Organization Meeting and budget meeting 4/1/2015

MOTION was made by Trustee Shuart to accept the Village Board Minutes of 4/1/2015 Organizational Meeting & the budget workshop minutes of 4/1/2015.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.

AYE: Trustee Farrell
Trustee Borowski
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Chichester
NAY:

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Bills were audited:
 - \$93,257.25 General Fund
 - \$31,299.45 Water Fund
 - \$ 3,285.80 Trust & Agency
- Orange County Municipal Planning Federation regarding the one internship they will have this summer to work with the Orange County Planning Department, they must be a resident of Orange County, be enrolled in a full-time degree in specific area. The details are available at the Village Hall, you must apply by April the 24th to be considered for that position.
- Monroe Clean Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015, starting at 8:00 a.m. to noon starting at the commuter parking lot on Millpond Parkway in the Village of Monroe. This being Earth Day there will be an electronic recycling and paper shredding open to all Village of Monroe and Town of Monroe Residents. Starting at 8:00 a.m. and it will be on a first come first serve basis and it will be at the Village of Monroe DPW garage at 124 Maple Avenue.
- Received notice of violation on the North Main Street well, it is in the processing of being engineered, we did receive approval on April 7, 2015 on the necessary repairs to the River Road Well House and that should commence in two weeks, the consultants met today.
Upcoming meeting dates:
 - PLANNING BOARD MEETING: April 20, 2015
 - VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: May 12, 2015
 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING: April 21, 2015
- Notice from the Village of Woodbury Planning Hearing they will hold a public hearing 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at Woodbury Town Hall, 511 Route 32, Highland Mills in the matter of Firm Restaurant Corporation, which is IHOP, for proposed change of use and amended site plan for an existing commercial building, formerly Mandeess, located in Harriman Commons shopping center. Said property is located at 290 Larkin Drive, Suite 106, as known on the Village of Woodbury Tax Maps as 225-1-16.1. Just for the record we will be sending correspondence regarding the significant change in water use a restaurant will be using opposed to a dress shop.
- On May 2, 2015 at the Orange County Community College from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. a Veterans Hiring Fair. It is open to all people who served in the Military and their families.
- The Mayor attended the Association of Town, Villages and Cities meeting, the Empire State Development Programs were discussed. Also attended a meeting with the DOT that was arranged by Assemblyman Brabenec. State DOT had no good news at all, due to their budgetary constraints, state road conditions in their words will continue to deteriorate. They are going to do patchwork only, no significant projects, the only total resurface will be the Palisades parkway from the Queensboro Circle to the Bear Mountain Circle, they said they will still do the short stretch under the railroad bridge on 17M by Grove Street they will Mill that out and repave. Everybody is encouraged to contact their state representatives to see what we could do.

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- Additions to the Agenda this evening are as follows; Item 11C. Water Account 3345, Item 12B. Public Hearing for Local Law III – Water Rates, Item 14A. DPW Request for Training. Item 14B. will be a Resolution regarding the proposed 507 Annexation. Item 14C. will be an Intermunicipal Agreement with Orange County.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Treasurer Report – see attached report

DPW – see attached report

Police Department – see attached report. Took in Funds of \$30.00.

Water Account Adjustments – see attached report – No Adjustments.

Building Department – see attached report.

\$ 1,248.00 Building permits
\$ 825.00 Certificate of Compliance
\$ 75.00 Certificate of Occupancy
\$ 100.00 Municipals

Mayor asks the board if they had any questions.

FIELD REQUESTS:

Mayor stated that we received several field requests for the baseball fields and Trustee Chichester and Trustee Borowski handled them. Mayor stated that he would like them to report on it. Trustee Chichester stated that he and Trustee Borowski formed our fields committee, met multiple times, reviewed requests from the various leagues. Trustee Chichester stated that you have a copy of the proposed schedule, we feel that this proposal fulfills all the requests of the three leagues that applied. Trustee Chichester stated that we added that all authorize use fields are subject to change at any time by the Village of Harriman. We offer this to the Village Board for your approval.

MOTION was made by Trustee Shuart to approve the Field requests as outlined in the proposal from Trustee Borowski and Trustee Chichester.

SECOND was made by Trustee Borowski

Trustee Farrell asks if the girls are included in this schedule. Trustee Borowski states that girls fall under these leagues and are a part of these groups.

The Mayor stated that there will be further discussion on when the fields are open and closed and how it will be determined by whom and when. The Mayor stated that all the league officials need to be clear on the rules of the park and when the signs say closed, they are closed.

Trustee Chichester stated I would also like to mention that we received insurance from all the leagues. The Mayor stated that they need to be present to the Village Treasurer to have on file in the office.

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Farrell
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Borowski

NAY: -0-

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BUDGET TRANSFER:

We received a memo from the Treasurer outlining budget transfers dated April 10, 2015.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester as outlined by the Treasurer's memo dated 4/10/2015.

SECOND was made by Trustee Shuart.

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-

Trustee Chichester

Trustee Shuart

Trustee Borowski

2015-2016 BUDGET:

April 9, 2015 revision, we had a public hearing earlier and there were no comments written or verbal. I would need a motion to adopt the budget as presented

MOTION was made by Trustee Shuart to adopt the 2015/2016 budget.

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell.

Deputy Mayor Ed Shuart, Jr. states that he would like to thank the Treasurer and the Mayor for all their hard work on the budget, we know you work hours on it and appreciate it.

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-

Trustee Chichester

Trustee Shuart

Trustee Borowski

RE-LEVY TO VILLAGE TAX BILLS:

DELINQUENT WATER ACCOUNTS AND OTHER UNPAID FEES

Mayor Welle stated we need a Motion to authorize the Village Treasurer to Re-L Levy the delinquent water accounts and other unpaid fees inside the Village of Harriman for a total amount of up to \$ 12,877.98 The water customers have been notified that they have to April 24, 2015 to pay their outstanding balance before being relieved. The Motion should include authorizing the Treasurer to remove anyone who pays up until April 24, 2015 from the list and adjust the balance for the County and report back to the Village Board.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to authorize the Treasurer to Re-levy the delinquent water accounts inside the Village of Harriman and and other fees in the total amount of \$12,877.98 also authorizing the Treasurer to remove anyone who pay up until April 24, 2015 from the list and adjust the balance for the County.

SECOND was made by Trustee Shuart.

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-

Trustee Chichester

Trustee Shuart

Trustee Borowski

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WATER SHUT-OFFS:

Mayor Welle stated we need a Motion to authorize the Shut Offs of the outside Village Water customers attached on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

MOTION was made by Trustee Shuart to authorize the shut off of the delinquent water accounts on Thursday, April 16, 2015.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Borowski

WATER ACCOUNT 4455:

Mayor stated that the customer said they did not receive the bill in the mail. The last 11 quarters they have been on time every time.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to remove the penalties as a one time exemption.

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell.

Trustee Borowski asked that is one time. The Mayor stated that we will give them one time if they were not late before and they are notified when the bills go out and they are responsible for it.

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Borowski

WATER ACCOUNT 3026:

Mayor stated that the customer said they did not receive the bill in the mail. The last 11 quarters they have been on time every time.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to remove the penalties as a one time exemption.

SECOND was made by Trustee Borowski.

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Borowski

WATER ACCOUNT 3045:

Mayor stated that the customer said they did not receive the bill in the mail. The last 11 quarters they have been on time every time.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to remove the penalties as a one time exemption.

SECOND was made by Trustee Shuart.

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Borowski

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PUBLIC HEARING DATE – LL#2 of 2015:

The Mayor stated that we need to set a public hearing for LL#2 to repeal LL #1 which was authorization to exceed the 2 % tax levy cap. Set the Public Hearing for May 12, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to authorize the Deputy Clerk to set a Public Hearing for May 12, 2015 at 7:15 p.m. on rescinding of LL #1 for the Tax freeze.

SECOND was made by Trustee Shuart.

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Borowski

PUBLIC HEARING DATE – LL#3 of 2015:

The Mayor stated that we need to set a public hearing for Local Law #3 regarding water rates, no information on it at this time but we will have it prior to the Village Board Meeting. Set that for May 12, 2015 at 7:20 p.m. or soon thereafter.

MOTION was made by Trustee Shuart to authorize the Deputy Clerk to set a Public Hearing for May 12, 2015 at 7:10 p.m. for Water Rates.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Borowski

7:50 p.m. Village Attorney Marissa Tuohy arrived.

PARK REQUEST:

The Mayor stated that we have a park request from the Orange County Chinese Associations annual picnic for May 23, 2015.

MOTION was made by Trustee Shuart to authorize the request of the Orange County Chinese Associations for May 23, 2015.

SECOND was made by Trustee Borowski

Deputy Mayor Ed Shuart, Jr. asked about the amount of people they have attending, 250, is that correct?

Mayor Welle stated the pavilion cannot handle that many people.

Trustee Chichester asked is it a constant 250 or they come and go?

Mayor Welle stated that he will reserve the date for them but will contact them and see if this is a realistic number. I will report back to the board.

TABLED for further discussion.

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CLEAN SWEEP – DPW APPROVAL:

The Mayor stated that Clean Sweep is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015. Need authorization for two DPW employees to work at Clean Sweep.

MOTION was made by Trustee Shuart to authorize two DPW employees to work clean sweep.

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell.

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Borowski

REQUEST FOR DPW TRAINING:

We received a request from the Acting DPW Superintendent regarding the Hudson Valley Water works Conference on April 21, 2015, looking to send two people to this at \$35.00 each.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to authorize the Acting DPW Superintendent request.

SECOND was made by Trustee Borowski.

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Borowski

RESOLUTION – 507 Annexation Proposal:

The Mayor read the following: Be it resolved that the Village of Harriman Board of Trustees adamantly opposes the proposed 507 acre annexation from the town of Monroe into the Village of Kiryas Joel. As the host community of the Harriman Wastewater Treatment Plant, the residents and business owners of the Village of Harriman have endured over 20 years of severe odors emanating from this plant with no remedy in spite of the numerous promises made by Orange County officials. Any addition to the Harriman Waste Water Treatment Plant will add to the existing problems, add cost to everyone in the OCSD#1, and create numerous issues in the Ramapo River causing problems for residents in Orange, Rockland, and Bergen Counties. The Village of Kiryas Joel has demonstrated that they need this property due to the explosive population growth of their community. This type of population growth cannot be sustained. WE also disagree with the decision to grant lead Agency status to the Village of Kyrias Joel for this proposed annexation. They have a proven history of ignoring the environment and laws regarding §239 reviews, have numerous occasions of being environmentally irresponsible, and generally a total disregard for their neighboring communities. The Village of Harriman has sent 3 letters requesting to be an involved agency in the SEQRA review of this proposed annexation. The Village of Kyrias Joel has not even had the courtesy of responding. Does this sound like someone who is interested in doing the right5 thing or following the same rules as everyone else? We don't believe so! Therefore we respectfully remind you of your oversight control of the HWWTP, and request your review to protect the rate paying residents of our Village and the surrounding communities.

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Board approval to present this at the Thursday night meeting with the County and ask that all board members sign it.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to authorize the Mayor to present at Thursday night's meeting with the County.

SECOND was made by Trustee Borowski.

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Borowski

All Board members signed the resolution.

INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY:

The Mayor stated that we received this intermunicipal agreement from the County and this is for a computer for the new police car which will be ordered. Need board approval to sign this agreement to move process along with Orange County and supporting documents for equipment supplied to the Village by the County, subject to Village Attorney review.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to authorize the Mayor to sign the Intermunicipal Agreement with the County subject to Attorney review.

SECOND was made by Trustee Shuart.

AYE: Trustee Farrell **NAY:** -0-
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Shuart
Trustee Borowski

ATTORNEY REPORT:

The Mayor asked Attorney Touhy if there was anything with John McCarry and the roads. Attorney Touhy stated no but we received the copy of the letter.

The Mayor stated I sent up a copy of this Support for living foundation regarding this notarization consent form. Attorney Touhy stated I know we dealt with this before. I know the raffle is permit but I do not I believe we are not obligated to sign anything. The Mayor stated that he would hold onto the document in case.

TJ Maxx Easement – Attorney Touhy has not heard anything so I need to get in touch with them. I have few things to discuss with you regarding that in executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No Public Comment.

MOTION was made Shuart to enter into Executive Session for a personnel issue and Attorney Client Privilege.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.

ALL IN FAVOR.

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At this time the Village Treasurer was excused from the meeting. The following was given by Mayor Welle:

MOTION Shuart to authorize advertising for DPW Superintendent, applications must be received by May 1, 2015.

SECOND Farrell.
ALL IN FAVOR.

MOTION Chichester end executive session and return to regular session.

SECOND Borowski.
ALL IN FAVOR.

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Farrell and **SECONDED** by Trustee Shuart to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted by _____

Marie Coimbra, Treasurer