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7:00pm – Audit Bills
7:30pm – Regular Meeting

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stephen Welle, Deputy Mayor Colleen Farrell, Trustee G. Bruce Chichester, Trustee Sandra Daly, Trustee Lou Medina, Police Chief Dan Henderson, John Hager, Building Inspector, Village Clerk Jane Leake, Village Attorney, Dave Darwin, Planning Board Chairperson, Irma Escallier, Neil Dwyer, Village of Monroe Mayor, Lori Tautel, Orange County Legislature

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor asked if there are any changes or corrections to the minutes of July 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting?

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to accept the minutes of July 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

AYE: Trustee Farrell

Trustee Chichester

Trustee Daly

Trustee Medina

NAY:

NONE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

This evening's bills were audited:

Trust & Agency \$ 1,049.80

General Fund \$ 95,019.51

Water Fund \$ 154,412.13

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Zoning Board of Appeals – September 4, 2019

Planning Board – August 19, 2019

Village Board – September 10, 2019

- Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals openings. Anyone interested please send a letter of interest to the Village Clerk.
- Brush Policy – continues to be picked up on a weekly basis - ask that you put the brush at the edge of the property, butt end out and not in the road or on the sidewalk.
- At the last meeting we adopted Local Law 7 which was a Table of Use Requirements for the Village Zoning Code and was subject in getting a 239 Review back from the County. We did receive it the following day with Local Determination. So that has been filed with the State.
- The Monroe Free Library is offering several different things: Homebound Delivery, Digital Collection and Community Bins they are calling them Bucket of Books and there is one in the Village Hall by the Village Clerks Office and they are for the taking. Anyone who wants them, help yourself.
- Orange and Rockland have started their tree trimming in the Village of Harriman. They will be here for the next week or two trimming around the power lines. If you have any questions you

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can call the Orange and Rockland Customer Service. If you need the telephone number, we have it here in the Village Hall.

- The Annual Update Financial Documents for the Village of Harriman ending 5/31/2019 has been complete and filed with the State. Copies are here for review.
- The Orange County Department of Health did the Annual Inspection on the Water Facilities and there were very few issues they came up with this year. There was no issues with samplings not being done and Lee Bergus, Senior Engineer, on his closing statement wrote that Ron Krzywicki and his entire staff are to be commended for their dedication and the operation and maintenance of this water system. The guys are doing a good job and it is appreciated when someone else acknowledges them.
- We have been informed by the NYS Department of Transportation that next year Route 17 from approximately Commerce Drive to Arden Road in Tuxedo will be repaved. Not 17M, but 17.
- September the Board agreed to Turn the Towns Teal Campaign and awareness for Ovarian Cancer. The ribbons will probably start to go up the end of August, beginning of September.
- This Saturday, August 17th from 10am to 10pm in Mary Harriman Park the Orange County Amateur Radio Club will be putting on a demonstration of Hand Radio, Morse Code and other things in commemoration of the first Morse Code being sent from the Harriman Station regarding track use and that was first done in 1851. It is open to the Public. Come down for as little or as long as you want to observe.
- Saturday, September 7th from 1-4pm in Mary Harriman Park is Harriman Family Fun Day. Invite all residents of Harriman to come down. Everything will be free. Come down and have a good time. The last couple of years it has been a huge success, and everyone has enjoyed it.
- We continue with our School Supply Collection to help under privileged students in the Monroe Woodbury School District. You can drop them off here during the day from 8 – 4pm or at the Police Station out of hours. We will be collecting until the end of this month and then bringing them to the school.
- The New York Power Authority has filed paperwork to do a communications back bone. Basically, in Harriman it only involves the portion on the NYS Thruway so it should not affect us at all. Any work they do that is in the Village they will have to abide by the Zoning Code and any Planning Regulations.

ADDITIONS:

14a) Letter of Resignation - Police Department

14b) Training Request – DPW

- We received information that the Orange County Hazardous Household Waste Collection is on Saturday, September 21st 9-3pm at the Orange County Fire Training Center in New Hampton. No registration is required. We have information here at Village Hall and I'm sure it is on the County Website as to what they will be taking.
- I attended an Orange County Legislature Committee Meeting this afternoon on the Sewer District and the Longevity Items. They have pretty much gotten all the numbers down and the approximate cost to do the Longevity Updates will be a little over 23 million dollars. Broken down the average household in the Village of Harriman will be between \$27 and \$40 a year. These are items to upgrade and update and maintain the plant not to increase the capacity. That is

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another whole issue that needs to be addressed. For the maintenance and longevity of the plant these will be going soon to the Legislature for their action on it.

- Regarding the Heritage Trail, as I have been reporting monthly, there has been a lot of frustration for myself, this Board and the residents waiting for the trail to be accessible in Harriman. The Trail is Orange County Park Land. It is owned and operated by Orange County. Although it was completed to Harriman, unfortunately the County neglected to arrange for parking and an entrance when they completed the trail. So, it came to a dead end with no access. We the Village Board have been working continuously with the County to arrange for an area to park and an access. We were working with Superior Pack Group and the owners there were in favor of granting an easement through their property for a walkway to get on to the trail and the Village was going to allow the County to use property along Bailey Farm Road for parking. That was going along fine. The County even started some of the work, but the bank that holds the mortgage on Superior Pack would not sign off on the easement. They never did say why, and it took forever to get to that point, so the County had to start over again. They are looking at the corner of River Road and North Main Street. We agreed to part of that property for parking and then a walkway to the old railroad bridge that crosses the river. There has been significant engineering work that has gone into this do to the terrain at the edge of River Road. The concern was safety. Not only for motorists but for the pedestrians. The plans have been gone through numerous times. The Village Engineer has worked with the Counties Consultant on this and it is my understanding that next week they will be going to the County Department of Public Works for their Engineers to give it the final approval. Once that is done, they will schedule the work. Hopefully the plans are acceptable to the County Engineers and they don't find any issues with it. It is unfortunate, but we the Village have done everything we could to try to move this along, but it has been out of our hands from the start. It never should have been completed without, in my opinion, without the parking and access arrangements being made. That is where it stands as of today.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer Report – see attached report
DPW – see attached report – Water Bills \$369,766.70
Police Department – see attached report - \$30.00 funds
Water Account Adjustments – see attached report
Court Reports – see attached reports
Building Department – see attached report
 \$ 1441.00 Building Permits
 \$ 300.00 Violation Searches
 \$ 1741.00 **TOTAL**

TRAINING REQUEST – Deputy Clerk

Mayor stated the Deputy Clerk is requesting to register for the Planning and Zoning Support Staff Workshop given by Orange Planning Federation, September 13th 9-12pm with a cost of \$35.00.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the Deputy Clerks Workshop request for September 13th from 9-12pm at a cost of \$35.00.

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell

AYE: Trustee Farrell
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Daly
Trustee Medina

NAY:
NONE

PARK REQUEST

St. Anastasia – August 11, 2019 – were given pre-authorization –they submitted insurance and in the past as a non-profit we have waived the fee.

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MOTION was made by Trustee Farrell to approve waiving the fee for St. Anastasia's park request.

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly

AYE: Trustee Farrell

Trustee Chichester

Trustee Daly

Trustee Medina

NAY:

NONE

Herrera – August 16, 2019

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to approve Herrera park request.

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell

AYE: Trustee Farrell

Trustee Chichester

Trustee Daly

Trustee Medina

NAY:

NONE

COURT – Checking Account Analysis

Mayor stated we received the Annual Village of Harriman Justice Court Analysis of the checking accounts from the Treasurer. The only thing picked up afterwards was there was an improper date on the paperwork. It should have been 5/31/2018 instead of 5/31/2017 as a starting date.

MOTION was made by Trustee Medina to accept the report from the Treasurer with the correct date.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

AYE: Trustee Farrell

Trustee Chichester

Trustee Daly

Trustee Medina

NAY:

NONE

INVESTMENT POLICY UPDATE

Mayor stated with regard to the Village Investment Policy under item 8 we have to change the insurer to Bank of NY Mellon. It was M&T, but Sterling has switched to them.

DPW REQUEST – Vehicle's Surplus & Purchase

Mayor stated the DPW requests that a 2010 Ford 250 pickup truck with plow declared surplus and be sold on Auctions International with a closing bid date of September 9, 2019.

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to approve the DPW surplus request to be sold on Auction International with a closing date of September 9, 2019

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell

AYE: Trustee Farrell

Trustee Chichester

Trustee Daly

Trustee Medina

NAY:

NONE

Mayor continued they are also requesting that we purchase a new Mason Body Dump Truck and Plow using the Onondaga County Bid and trading in a 2014 Ford F550 with plow, getting \$32,500 on the trade in. This truck has seen numerous issues lately and it is not considered being reliable at this point.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the DPW purchasing a new Mason Body Dump Truck and Plow using the Onondaga County Bid and trading a 2014 Ford F550 with plow.

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly

AYE: Trustee Farrell

Trustee Chichester

Trustee Daly

Trustee Medina

NAY:

NONE

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Mayor continued in order to pay the balance of approximately \$32,000.00 we would have to authorize withdrawing up to \$32,000.00 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund subject to a permissive referendum which will be published in the Times Herald Record.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to authorize withdrawing up to \$32,000.00 from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund subject to a permissive referendum published in the Times Herald Record.

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell

AYE: Trustee Farrell
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Daly
Trustee Medina

NAY:
NONE

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law #10 – Section 132

Mayor stated we need to schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law #10 2019, Section 132 in the Code adding in Section 78-9h which reverses the Town Funds instead of Village Funds.

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to approve scheduling a Public Hearing for September 10th at 7:20pm or soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

SECOND was made by Trustee Medina

AYE: Trustee Farrell
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Daly
Trustee Medina

NAY:
NONE

#2 MAPLE AVENUE

Mayor stated the paperwork had to be filed to show that it is unsafe and dangerous and will be coming down as the County is now the owner and they have it out for Auction. Our consultant is in the process of drawing up the Work Order Document so we can get quotes and have the building demolished.

Attorney Darwin replied I did get an email from Anderson Design Group informing me that the specs are just about complete. They sent me a list on contract documents asking me to let them know which of those to include in the package they are putting together. I will go through that list and see which ones I think you should have. My understanding is that it is not going out to bid.

Mayor stated we shouldn't have to.

Attorney Darwin continued so some of the documents we wouldn't need to include in the package, but I will go through them and let them know.

Mayor stated it should come in so that we can just request quotes.

WATER ACCOUNT

Account 254 – Mayor stated at the last meeting this account was on for shut-offs. The Board approved shut offs. On the day of shut off's it was brought to my attention it was a State run facility for handicap people so I made the decision to not shut their water off and I am dealing with the State to try to get the billing situation straightened out.

STREET LIGHT UPGRADE

Mayor stated we have approximately 40 street lights in the Village left to upgrade. Every year when we do the upgrade the cost goes up. This year it is up another \$70.00 a fixture. If we were to do them all it would cost between \$8 and \$9,000.00 this year. They are \$232.00 and change each this year. Last year they were \$169.00 and the year before that \$148.00 per fixture to upgrade.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the Street Light Upgrade with a cost of \$8,000 - \$9,000.00.

SECOND was made by Trustee Medina

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AYE: Trustee Farrell
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NAY:
NONE

WSP – 2019/2020 Hydrogeologic Services

Mayor stated we have the Annual Contract Renewal, which is the same as last year. There were no changes to it – just the dates.

MOTION was made by Trustee Medina to authorize signing the new 2019/2020 Hydrogeologic Services with WSP.

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell

AYE: Trustee Farrell
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Daly
Trustee Medina

NAY:
NONE

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Mayor stated we received a letter of resignation from Police Officer Douglas Hansen effective, August 25, 2019.

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to accept Police Officer Hansen’s resignation effective August 25, 2019.

SECOND was made by Trustee Medina

AYE: Trustee Farrell
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Daly
Trustee Medina

NAY:
NONE

DPW TRAINING REQUEST

Mayor stated this is a training request to send three guys to a four-hour course on Friday, October 18, 2019 at \$55.00 per person.

MOTION was made by Trustee Farrell to approve three DPW workers to go to a four-hour course on October 18, 2019 at \$55.00 per person.

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly

AYE: Trustee Farrell
Trustee Chichester
Trustee Daly
Trustee Medina

NAY:
NONE

ATTORNEY REPORT

Mayor stated regarding the Verizon Wireless, they have been back and forth with Meadow Glen. Supposedly they were close to an agreement, but I haven’t heard anything from Verizon Wireless.

Attorney Darwin replied neither have I.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Ms. Escallier stated the next Planning Board Meeting is Monday, August 19, 2019 not Friday the 16th.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to Enter into Executive Session for a Litigation item and a couple of Attorney Client Privilege items with the Attorney and the Police Chief.

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly

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AYE: Trustee Farrell
Trustee Chichester
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Trustee Medina

NAY:
NONE

At this time the Village Clerk was excused from the meeting.

The following was given by Mayor Welle:

Executive Session with David Darwin, Esq. and Chief Henderson

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Farrell to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Meeting at 9:20pm.

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION was made by Trustee Medina to adjourn Regular meeting at 9:22pm.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Jane Leake, Village Clerk