

VILLAGE OF HARRIMAN, NEW YORK

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

December 8, 2020

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7:00pm – Audit Bills

7:30pm – Regular Meeting

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stephen Welle, Deputy Mayor Lou Medina, Trustee, Trustee Sandra Daly, Village Clerk Jane Leake, Police Chief, Dan Henderson, Building Inspector, John Hagar, DPW Superintendent, Kyle Livsey and Village Attorney, Dave Darwin

ABSENT Trustees Chichester & Schneider

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 November 10 & 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting?

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to accept the minutes of November 10 & 24, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Medina

AYE: Trustee Daly
Deputy Mayor Medina
Mayor Welle

NAY:
NONE

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

This evening's bills were audited:

Trust & Agency	\$ 3,451.06
General Fund	\$ 67,896.78
Water Fund	\$ 260,186.93

- Brush Pick-up continues on a weekly basis. We ask that you place it butt end out at the edge of your property not in the street or on the sidewalk.
- Leaf Pick-up is done for this year. Please do not place anymore leaves out as they will remain there.
- Water Customers can sign up at the Village Clerk's Office for an email on information regarding billing times and when bills are late, etc.
- Village Hall still remains closed to the Public during the day. Village Office is staffed from 8am – 3pm. You can always email or leave a message on the phone. All email addresses are on the Village Website.
- Parking Regulations - there is no overnight parking November 1st through April 1st. There is no overnight parking on any streets in the Village from 11pm – 6am and anytime there is snow accumulating on the streets. There is no parking on them until the snow has been removed.
- Tomorrow is the last day of the Hat and Glove Drive. If you have anything, we ask that you drop it off here tomorrow.
- Woodbury Centre - there has been a change of management their and there was an issue. The retention pond is monitored by our Hydrogeologist for Chlorides being it is in close proximity to Well OR7 and the new owners have signed an agreement with our Hydrogeologist to continue the sampling once we got them all of the information.

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- As part of the information we received from the Governor’s Office, the Village has to look into Police Reform. We will be having a meeting next Tuesday night, December 15 at 7pm here in the Village Hall so the Chief can give an overview of the Department and anyone who has any questions or comments they will be accepted at this meeting and a few people that are invited; representative of the Clergy and a long time business owner to get their perspective.
- Sergeant Levison working with Millennium Strategies has been able to secure a grant of \$15,000.00 for the Live Scan. This has been something the Chief has been looking for, for several years.
- Last week the Deputy Mayor and I met with Senator Skoufis on several Village issues and he is willing to work with us and help us and anyone who has concerns regarding problems they are having with the State should feel free to contact his office and somebody there will help.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer Report – see attached report

DPW – see attached report

Police Department – see attached report – Funds - \$15.00

Water Account Adjustments – see attached report

Court Reports – no reports

Building Department – see attached report

\$ 3,290.00	Building Permits
\$ <u>600.00</u>	Violation Searches
\$ 3,890.00	TOTAL

We did receive an amended Building Department Report for October changing the dollar figure. The Building Permits should have read \$768.00 and the Total should have read \$1,418.00.

PUBLIC HEARING – LL# 1 2021

Mayor stated we need to schedule a public hearing for January 12, 2021 at 7:25pm to override the 2% Tax Cap.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Medina to approve scheduling a public hearing on Local Law 1 of 2021 for January 12, 2021 at 7:25pm on the 2% Tax Cap.

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly

AYE: Trustee Daly
Deputy Mayor Medina
Mayor Welle

NAY:
NONE

REQUEST – Orange County Amateur Radio Club

Mayor stated they are looking to do a special event with the radios in Mary Harriman Park on August 21, 2021. They do it here in commemoration of the first railroad dispatch of the trains by telegraph in 1851. They actually do set up a telegraph and radios. They were here the previous year and several people did come to observe it, which I think is a beneficial learning experience for people and children.

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to approve the Orange County Amateur Radio Club Park Request for August 21, 2021 with fee waived.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Medina

AYE: Trustee Daly
Deputy Mayor Medina
Mayor Welle

NAY:
NONE

Trustee Daly stated I went down when they had it the previous year and it was very interested and nice to see a lot of people and young kids getting involved.

REQUESTS – Water Accounts

Account 267 – penalty waiver and payment plan

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to approve the penalty waiver and payment plan with final payment by the end of December 2020. If not paid by the end of December 2020 as stated in plan penalties will be applied to the account.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Medina

AYE: Trustee Daly	NAY:
Deputy Mayor Medina	NONE
Mayor Welle	

Deputy Mayor Medina stated it will be separately done. One for the penalty and one for the plan. They did submit a change of financial circumstances due to COVID application. I suggest a stipulation that if it is not paid according to the plan then all penalties should be assessed at the end of that term for the February quarterly bill.

Account 242 – penalty waiver and payment plan due to meter reading equipment

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Medina to approve penalty waiver and payment plan by March 15, 2021. If final payment is not paid by then late fees will be applied to the account. Also, they need to remain current on the current water bill which will come out in February.

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly

AYE: Trustee Daly	NAY:
Deputy Mayor Medina	NONE
Mayor Welle	

ANNUAL DOH WATER INSPECTION

Mayor stated we received the annual Department of Health water inspection report on November 17, 2020. It was probably the best report we have received in a few years. This came from Lee Bergus, Senior Public Health Engineer from Orange County, “Mr. Ron Krzywicki and his entire staff are to be commended for their dedication in the operation and maintenance of this water system.” There were only a couple of items he recommended be done. There was nothing imminent. It is a very good job by Ron’s part. As for the last couple of years he has been running the Water Department and he has done a great job of it and it shows in this report where he has gotten a lot of issues taken care of that have been there for a while. Now with Kyle here he will be taking part in helping him with it, but Ron deserves a lot of credit for getting the water system to where it is today, and I want to thank him for that.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT RESIGNATION

Mayor stated unfortunately John will be leaving he has submitted his letter of resignation effective, December 11, 2020. I wish him nothing but the best.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Medina regrettably to accept John Hager’s resignation effective December 11,2020.

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly

AYE: Trustee Daly	NAY:
Deputy Mayor Medina	NONE
Mayor Welle	

Trustee Daly commented Good Luck, John.

Mayor stated wish you the best.

Mr. Hager addressed the Board thanking them all for the opportunity to work here. It has been a great experience. I wish you all luck and I appreciate everything you have done. You all have treated me very good here.

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ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Darwin stated as you know the First Light has withdrawn their request for an easement to bury their fiber optic line. They said they found some other option.

Mayor stated that was a proposal to bury the fiber optics along the sidewalk on Bailey Farm Road from River Road to Melody Lane. So they found another avenue, I guess.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Mr. Kelly – Oxford – is there any way the Board can make some kind of proclamation in the newspaper about supporting, during these tough times for everybody, especially our local businesses. I think if we can just encourage the people to purchase from the local people it would be a big help for our community because it is really tough for those people out there and it is going to get tougher. Can the Board place a suggestion to come out and support your local businesses?

Mayor replied I think the Board generally does that anyway, but I have no problem with coming up with something to send into the paper. I do agree with you Jim.

Mr. Kelly commented okay.

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to Enter into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege items.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Medina

AYE: Trustee Daly

Deputy Mayor Medina

Mayor Welle

NAY:

NONE

Mayor stated I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Happy Hannukah.

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

The following was given by Mayor Welle:

Executive Session with David Darwin, Esq.

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Meeting.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Medina

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Medina to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:40pm.

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly

ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Jane Leake, Village Clerk