



Village of Harriman

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2025

7:00PM – AUDIT BILLS
7:25PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law 2025-01
7:30PM – REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 14, 2025**
- 3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- 5. LOCAL LAW 2025-01 – Tax Cap Override**
- 6. WATER ACCOUNT REQUEST – Acct 741, 489, 739, 252, 426**
- 7. NEW HIRE – Part-Time Police Officer**
- 8. BUDGET TRANSFERS**
- 9. ATTORNEY COMMENT**
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 11. POSSIBLE MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

BUDGET WORKSHOP:	February 18, 2025
PLANNING BOARD MEETING:	February 24, 2025
BUDGET WORKSHOP:	March 04, 2025
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING:	March 05, 2025
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:	March 11, 2025

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7:00pm – Audit Bills

7:25pm – Public Hearing – Local Law 2025-01

7:30pm – Regular Meeting

Motion to open public hearing by Trustee Schneider **Second** made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor read:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Board of the Village of Harriman will hold a public hearing on a proposed local law entitled, “A Local Law Authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established by General Municipal Law § 3-c,” at Harriman Village Hall, 1 Church Street, Harriman, New York on February 11, 2025 at 7:25pm or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

This local law, if adopted, will relieve the Village of the prohibition against increasing a tax levy by more than 2% a imposed by General Municipal Law § 3-c. As the Village relies upon the assessments of the Towns of Woodbury and Monroe and therefore cannot anticipate the impact of resolutions of tax certiorari matters or other unanticipated expenses the restrictions of General Municipal Law would potentially impose a great hardship upon the Village or require borrowing otherwise deemed unnecessary.

All persons interested in the subject of the proposed local law will be heard by the Village Board at the above time and place. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Board in connection with the proposed local law must be received by the Village Board at or prior to the public hearing.

Mayor asked did we have any written comments?

Clerk replied no.

No public comment.

Motion by Trustee Schneider to close the public hearing **Second** by Trustee Sandoval

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL: Mayor G. Bruce Chichester, Deputy Mayor Wayne Mitchell, Trustee Reyna Sandoval, Trustee Carol Schneider, Trustee Golam Sarker, Village Clerk Jane Leake, Attorney Ben Gailey

ABSENT None

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 January 14, 2025?

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to accept the minutes of January 14, 2025.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

This evening's bills were audited: 2024/2025

General Fund	\$ 80,135.37
Water Fund	\$ 85,513.01
Trust & Agency	\$ 1,134.47
Engineering Fees	\$ 13,532.00
Capital Projects	\$ 47,634.10

- Up Coming Meeting Dates:
 - Budget Workshop – February 18, 2025
 - Planning Board – February 24, 2025 – cancelled
 - Budget Workshop – March 04, 2025
 - Zoning Board Special Meeting – February 27, 2025
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – March 05, 2025
 - Village Board – March 11, 2025

- Village Office hours are 8am to 4pm and by appointment from 7:00 am to 8:00 am. Phone numbers and contact information can be found on the villageofharriman.org website.

- A drop box is available in the vestibule of the new Village Hall entrance for dropping off water payments for the Water Department or fines and tickets to be dropped off outside normal business hours. We ask that you not leave any cash payments in the lock box.

- February quarterly water bill went out on February 1st and are due March 2, 2025, to avoid penalties.

- Reminder, Orange & Rockland has notified us that Nelson Tree Service will be trimming trees in the Village starting around January 27, 2025, continuing for approximately 4 weeks. They will be on North Main Street, South Main Street, Church Street, River Road, Route 17M, Grove Street, Maple Avenue and associated side streets.

- Residents and the public can sign up on the Village website to receive email alerts about Village information, community events, and information regarding water bill dates.

- I have put together an advisory Parks Committee that has started to look at options to upgrade the Edward B Shuart Park. The Committee will continually advise myself and the Board on our options to upgrade the park and we hope within the next year or two to be able to have a brand new park for our residents.

- The Annual Clean Sweep will take place on Saturday April 26, 2025. More details will follow in the next month.

- Reminder there is no on street overnight parking from November 1st through April 1st from 11pm to 6am and there is no parking on the street during any snow events until the snow has been totally removed from the roads.

- The Village of Harriman participated in a letter, Senator Skoufis and Assemblyman Eachus sent to the NYS Department of Transportation requesting repair of State Route 17M through Monroe and Harriman. Senator Skoufis and Assemblyman Eachus are asking residents to reach out to the NYS Department of Transportation to support their efforts.

- Mandatory Water Restrictions are still in effect. Residents are prohibited from washing their automobiles, equipment or performing other high volume out water usage.

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NEW HIRE – Part-Time Police Officer

Mayor read memo from Police Chief Tenaglia requesting to hire John Ramos as a Part-Time Police Officer, effective March 1, 2025, at the current part-time hourly rate of \$31.17.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve hiring John Ramos as a Part-Time Police Officer, effective March 1, 2025, at \$31.17 per hour.

SECONDED was made by Trustee Sarker

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BUDGET TRANSFERS

Mayor stated the Board has received from the Village Treasurer Budget Transfer requests. Mayor read memo.

MOTION was made by Trustee Sandoval to approve the Budget Transfer requests as outlined in the Treasurer's memo dated February 10, 2025.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sarker

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ZBA APPOINTMENT

Mayor stated I would like to offer for appointment Aaron Santiago for the open position on the ZBA for Board approval.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve appointing Aaron Santiago as a ZBA member effective immediately.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

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ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Gailey stated no comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Joan Shuart – 16 Church Street, I heard you are going to do upgrades to the Edward B. Shuart Park. That sounds great. I do have a question; There was supposed to be a light over the sign of Ed's name. I know before the new building was built, I would never question, but now that the building is here, I guess I am asking where is the light that was promised over the sign.

Deputy Mayor responded after Lou left, I took over this project and I was not aware that there was supposed to be a light there and as it stands now we are not going to put a light there. We don't have a light at the other park, and we are just not going to put one there. We're just going to leave the lights on the American Flag and the POW Flag. I had this discussion with someone who wrote in and asked that very same question.

Mayor Chichester stated with the reconfiguration of the park with the Committee that is formed to update it and the entrance changing we will have the sign that it is very noticeable. That will be part of the Committee as they are working on the upgrade of the park.

Joan replied the sign is fine. It is noticeable during the daylight. That was the promise that was made when the playground was dedicated to Ed.

Mayor Chichester asked do you remember who made you that promise?

Joan replied the Village Board. Everyone came up to me from the Village Board on the day of the dedication and told me that the sign would be well taken care of and that there would be plants put in the planter and that the proposal was that they would run electric out and put a light over the sign and that is what I was told at the dedication. The Village Board was there. Maybe someone from the Village Board didn't make it, but there were Trustees there. Ed was Deputy Mayor, so I am sure whomever was filling in, I am sure they were there. Jane was at the dedication. I mean it was heard.

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Mayor Chichester responded your comment will be taken seriously.

Joan stated I am just questioning. As I said, I wouldn't have expected a whole lot from everything that was going on before when the Village was over at Harriman Center and then the new building, but when October came, and I didn't see it. I said, well you are just working on it.

Deputy Mayor Mitchell responded it was never brought to my attention whatsoever. The first time I heard anything about a light on the sign was maybe about a month ago when someone wrote in a letter asking the exact same thing.

Joan stated I guess it was someone else who had heard the same thing that I did.

Deputy Mayor Mitchell replied yeah, and it would be a huge expense at this point to run electricity underground to it.

Joan stated that is why I thought it would have been done when the building was being done. They would have gone underground and out to it and under the pavement and now that the pavement is there, I can see why you are not going to trench.

MOTION was made by Trustee Sandoval to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:01pm.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Jane Leake, Village Clerk