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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
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**6:30pm - Executive Session – Interviews
7:00pm - Audit of Monthly Bills
7:25pm - Public Hearing – Local Law #1 - 2016
7:30pm - REGULAR MEETING**

Public Hearing:

The 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 9, 2016 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 receive any written correspondence regarding this?

Ms. Leake replied no.

Mayor stated for the audiences information this 2% is not a true 2% it goes by a formula that the geniuses in Albany came up with and as of now it looks like it is going to be .12% which is negligible considering the increase cost in health insurance and retirement besides other mandates the State has pushed down on to the municipalities. Obviously it is not the Boards intent to go over the tax cap, but we have to adopt this incase it is necessary.

NO COMMENTS

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to close the Public Hearing on Local Law #1.

SECOND was made by Farrell.

AYE: Trustee Borowski	NAY:
Trustee Farrell	NONE
Trustee Chichester	

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Jane Leake, Village Clerk

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Regular Meeting:

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stephen Welle, Trustee Borowski, Trustee Colleen Farrell, Trustee G. Bruce Chichester, Village Clerk Jane Leake, Police Chief Dan Henderson, DPW Superintendent John Mulligan, Building Inspector John Hager & David Darwin, Attorney

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Ed Shuart, Jr.

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 1/12/16 Regular Meeting.

MOTION was made by Trustee Farrell to accept the Village Board Minutes of 1/12/16.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.

AYE: Trustee Borowski **NAY:**
Trustee Farrell NONE
Trustee Chichester

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Bills were audited:
2015/2016
\$ 86,430.43 General Fund
\$ 51,325.82 Water Fund
\$ 3,901.91 Trust & Agency

Last Month's Bills were audited:
2015/2016
\$253,719.69 General Fund
\$ 97,204.16 Water Fund
\$ 3,889.65 Trust & Agency

Village Attorney Arrived.

- Parking Restrictions – November 1 through April 1st no overnight parking on the Village Streets from 11pm – 6am and no parking in the street through any snow event until the snow has been removed by the DPW.
- Harriman Engine Company is having Open House Saturday, February 13, Sunday February 21st both from 9am – 1pm. Sunday, February 28th noon – 4pm and Tuesday, March 1st 7pm a Public Presentation in regards to the new proposed Fire House at the Mombasha Fire House 526 Route 17M. Tuesday, March 15th 3pm – 9pm Referendum Vote on the New Proposed Fire House at the Mombasha Fire House.

Monroe Chamber of Commerce has set Saturday, April 30th as Monroe Clean Sweep Day from 8am – noon. It will start in the park & ride in the Village of Monroe. Anyone interested please

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Mayor stated I checked with the DPW Superintendent and he recommends we do accept these. We are selling them with working condition unknown.

PARK REQUEST -

Greene – Brookside Drive West
Saturday, May 21 – 2pm – closing

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve Greene Park Request.

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell.

AYE: Trustee Borowski **NAY:**
Trustee Farrell NONE
Trustee Chichester

MONROE WOODBURY LITTLE LEAGUE REQUEST-

Mayor stated we received a request on their proposed schedule for the 2016 season along with the insurance certificate.

Mayor tabled it due to no representation.

PROBATION DPW SUPERINTENDENT -

Mayor stated the DPW Superintendent, John Mulligan has completed his six month probation (January 27, 2016).

MOTION was made by Trustee Farrell to approve the completion of the notification to the Orange County Human Resources.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.

AYE: Trustee Borowski **NAY:**
Trustee Farrell NONE
Trustee Chichester

Mayor stated thank you John for your six months here, I appreciate it.

Mr. Mulligan replied thank you for hiring me and having me here.

SURVEY PROPOSAL – WATER EXPLORATION -

Mayor stated we received a proposal from Lanc & Tully to survey an unnamed property for \$1,400 in regards to water exploration. This is property that is not owned by the Village. It is owned by the County. If in fact a viable water source is found then the Village Board will be looking at that time to purchase it. We do not want to purchase the property not knowing if there is a viable water source or not. We will need to survey it to ensure if we did find water it met all of the required setbacks.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the Lanc & Tully survey proposal.

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell.

AYE: Trustee Borowski **NAY:**
Trustee Farrell NONE
Trustee Chichester

POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT -

Mayor stated the Police Chief has been interviewing candidates and the Village Board has had the opportunity to do interviews and at this point in time it is the recommendation of the Chief that the Board hire Michael Biagini effective February 18, 2016 at the second year salary with 26 weeks probation.

MOTION was made by Trustee Farrell to appoint Police Officer Michael Biagini.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.

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AYE: Trustee Borowski **NAY:**
Trustee Farrell NONE
Trustee Chichester

The Mayor stated Mr. Biagini comes from the Town of Tuxedo Police Force. They had a lay-off there due to their budget and he is very well qualified and passed all of the background checks.

BUILDING INSPECTOR REQUEST –

Mayor stated the Building Inspector has requested to attend the NYS DEC 6 hours of flood-plain training on March 2, 2016 with no cost.

MOTION was made by Trustee Farrell to authorize the Building Inspectors NYSDEC training request.
SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester.

AYE: Trustee Borowski **NAY:**
Trustee Farrell NONE
Trustee Chichester

The Mayor stated thank you for your interest.

BUDGET MODIFICATION –

Mayor stated this is a case that does not affect the budget. The Treasurer is requesting we increase the Registrar of Vital Statistics revenue and disbursements due to significant number of death certificates being issued by both lines be increased by \$150.00.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the Registrar and Vital Statistics revenue and disbursement be increased by \$150.00 each.

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell.

AYE: Trustee Borowski **NAY:**
Trustee Farrell NONE
Trustee Chichester

STANDARD WORK DAY RESOLUTION –

The Mayor stated we need to adopt the Standard Work Day Resolution for the DPW Superintendent, John Mulligan and post on the Village bulletin board for 30 days with personal information redacted.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to adopt the Standard Work Day Resolution for the DPW Superintendent and posting.

SECOND was made by Trustee Borowski.

AYE: Trustee Borowski **NAY:**
Trustee Farrell NONE
Trustee Chichester

ATTORNEY REPORT –

The Mayor stated there are a few issues we need to discuss at Executive Session – pending litigation regarding the annexation and personnel issue.

Mayor asked Attorney Darwin if there were any other items.

Attorney Darwin replied I don't think so Mayor.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

None

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The Mayor asked the Board if they want to have a couple of Trustees meet with the MW Little League President and Representatives to discuss the schedule and any other issues. I know they had a couple of projects they wanted to do last year to see if they are able to any of them this year.

Trustee Farrell stated I know last year we spoke about someone making the call and if the fields were going to be used or not. Is that going to be part of this?

Mayor replied to my knowledge we had absolutely no incidents or problems last year. That is something that can be discussed with them. I see no reason to change it at this point. I will ask Trustees Chichester and Borowski to get together with the Little League and discuss this so we can put it back on the next agenda for final approval.

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

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell.

ALL IN FAVOR.

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 Chichester to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.

SECOND was made by Trustee Farrell.

ALL IN FAVOR.

MOTION was made by Chichester to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund Contingency or whichever account she determines is best, to the Attorney General Fund. Also, authorize the Mayor to sign documents related to the Village of Harriman contributing the \$15,000 to the Joint Fund to pay legal fees regarding the KJ Annexation Litigation, administered by the Village of Woodbury.

SECOND was made by Trustee Borowski.

ALL IN FAVOR

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Farrell and **SECONDED** by Trustee Chichester to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Jane Leake, Village Clerk