

**VILLAGE OF HARRIMAN, NEW YORK**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**January 12, 2016**

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**7:15 P.M. – Audit of Monthly Bills**

**7:30 P.M. – REGULAR MEETING**

**Regular Meeting:**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Stephen Welle, Deputy Mayor Ed Shuart, Jr., Trustee Colleen Farrell, Trustee G. Bruce Chichester, Village Clerk Jane Leake, Police Chief Dan Henderson, DPW Superintendent John Mulligan & David Darwin, Attorney

ABSENT: Trustee Borowski

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 12/08/15 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Shuart to accept the Village Board Minutes of 12/08/15.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester.

**AYE:** Trustee Shuart  
Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Chichester

**NAY:** NONE

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- Upcoming Meeting Dates:
  - o ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING: February 3, 2016
  - o PLANNING BOARD MEETING: January 25, 2016 & February 29, 2016
  - o VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: February 9, 2016
- Asked the Board to come up with dates for the Budget Workshops – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, February 16 7pm. All agreed.
- We have received several comments over the bridge on Route 17 on the graffiti and the State promised they were going to take care of it and then they said no because they don't own the bridge it belong to Norfolk Southern. They gave the Village permission to cover up the graffiti and most people are happy with that. It was with the assistance of Assemblyman Skouffis.
- Water quality issues we received a Violation on the North Main Street and the River Road Wells. The projects to correct the problem have been completed. The testing is within the maximum contaminate level. They are very low but due to the fact that it works off a twelve month running average. Until we get a couple of quarters of good readings we are going to get the Violations even though the water is perfectly fine right now, but according to the Department of Health they still have to issue the violations because the average is above. Very shortly letters will be going out. Same type of violation letter that went out in the past along with a letter stating that the issues with those two wells have been addressed and everything is fine with them. There was one other well that came in with the uranium problem at this time and we took it off line until further notice.
- The insurance service organization which rates municipalities, fire companies and the like and is big determining factor in your homeowners and business liability insurance came in and just reevaluated everyone and you want a low number (0-9) we have been a 5. WE will remain a 5 if the State does their job. Otherwise we and most other municipalities around here will go to a 9 which will affect all of our insurances. The reason for this is that they have been waiting for two

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years for the State of New York to adopt the 2012 Codes. Again, I have contact Assemblyman Skoufis's Office and it is on their agenda to do it this year. The Assemblyman is aware of it and he is doing whatever he can do to get it pushed through. If it is not done by the end of this year I will raise the numbers and it will hurt all of us.

- The Pilgrim Pipeline and the SEQRA – the Village sent a letter to the DEC and to the Thruway along with many other communities stating that we did not want the Thruway to be Lead Agency for SEQRA with this proposed pipeline. The DEC came out and stated they will be Co-Lead Agency along with the Thruway which is better than just the Thruway handling it, but several Elected Officials have been talking and I am going to ask the Board for their approval to send a letter to the DEC requesting that the DEC be the soul Lead Agency on this SEQRA process and that the Thruway should not be involved in it.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Shuart to approve in sending the DEC a letter on being soul Lead Agency in the SEQRA process.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Farrell.

<b>AYE:</b>	Trustee Shuart	<b>NAY:</b>	
	Trustee Farrell		NONE
	Trustee Chichester		

- For the last several years, every January I have been sending a letter to the Town of Monroe for money they owed us since May 2005. This year I also included in the letter issues with the highway exemptions. A letter they sent stating that their Animal Control officer will not respond to the Villages and issues with the Garbage District. Out of the clear blue we received the check from the Town of Monroe.
- Judge Drian went for a Justice Court Assistance Program Grant, which he did and a lot of work went into it. The Village of Harriman has been awarded \$14, 854.99. The majority of it will be for security and over the next couple of months the Judge will work with the Chief of Police to determine what would be the best use of these funds and more security will be implemented. Thank you Judge Drian.
- Addition on line 15 – Water Account 3175, Addition 9a – Surplus Equipment and 9b – Water Shut-Off's
- Woodbury Zoning Board will have a Public Hearing tomorrow night at 7:30pm on the application – Uncle Bob's Self Storage for an area variance permit. Looking to be putting up a two story self-storage building. They stated in their notice that it is located at 97 Maher Lane in Harriman. I did send them a letter stating that it is the Village of Woodbury.
- No over-night on street parking November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> 11pm – 6am and no on street parking during any snow events until it is cleared. I ask for everyone's cooperation.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Treasurer Report – see attached report  
 DPW – see attached report  
 Police Department – see attached report. \$1,030.00 in Funds  
 Water Account Adjustments – see attached report  
 Building Department – see attached report  
 \$ 440.00 Building Permits  
 \$ 150.00 Certificate of Compliance  
 \$ 900.00 Violation Search  
\$ 4, 060.00 Building Permit Extensions  
 \$ 5, 550.00 Total





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Mayor Shuart asked that is for Church Street and the Police Station?

Mayor Welle responded that is correct.

**NY ELECTRICAL INSPECTION & CONSULTING, LLC –**  
Authorization to perform electrical inspections in the Village of Harriman

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester to authorize NY Electrical Inspection & Consulting, LLC as electrical inspectors for the Village of Harriman.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Shuart.

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

**BUDGET TRANSFER**

January 8<sup>th</sup> - \$500.00 F.8320.406 – clothing allowance for Matthew Pascullo in accordance with contract.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Shuart to approve the budget transfer of \$500.00 to F.8320.406.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester.

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

**WATER REQUEST ACCOUNTS**

Account 7305 – penalty waiver request

Lack of Motion - Denied

Account 3110 – request from Village Clerk – penalties credited of \$123.08.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Shuart to credit penalties to Account 3110.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester.

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

Account 3175 – new owner name did not receive bill – credit of late fees.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester to credit late fees on Account 3175.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Farrell.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW #1 2016**

Mayor stated we need to set a Public Hearing for Local Law #1 - exceeding the 2% tax cap for February 9, 2016 at 7:25pm.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the public hearing of Local Law #1 for February 9, 2016.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Shuart.

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

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Mayor stated we will have this public hearing to adopt this law in case the tax cap levy is exceeded. We have not exceeded it in the past. This year may not be the same. It is not our goal but it appears that the number is coming up at .17% which will be interesting.

**MEMBERSHIP NYALGRO**

Membership request from Village Clerk.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Shuart to approve NYALGRO membership for Village Clerk.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Farrell.

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

Trustee Shuart stated thank you for being involved.

**HARRIMAN HEIGHTS 1 PROPERTY**

Mayor stated the well was taken out of service a few years ago. It is in the Town of Monroe. As a first step we are looking to declare it as surplus and then we will have a conversation with the attorney on the next steps to put on the market for sale.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Shuart to approval for Harriman Heights 1 Property to be surplus.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester.

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

Mayor asked Dave – do we have any options on how to proceed with this? We had a full appraisal done on the property. There is still one item left that the DPW Superintendent needs to take care of with an old water main on there.

Dave replied last week when we spoke I thought there had been a resolution declaring it surplus, but that would be a step to take.

Mayor responded no we haven't done that, but I knew we had to.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

The Mayor stated I have a couple of items in Executive Session for you. We had discussed the Water District in Woodbury which we are moving forward with and getting the information on. We have an item with Cabela's we need to discuss and a Personnel issue.

Attorney Darwin stated I don't have anything else.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MOTION** was made by Shuart to enter into Executive Session for a Personnel Litigation and Attorney Client Privilege.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester.

**ALL IN FAVOR.**

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

The following was given by Mayor Welle:

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Executive Session with David Darwin, Esq. and Chief Henderson.

**MOTION** was made by Shuart to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.  
**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester.  
**ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MOTION** was made by Chichester to appoint Mayor Welle & Deputy Mayor Shuart to negotiate the PBA Contract.  
**SECOND** was made by Trustee Farrell.  
**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION** was made by Chichester to appoint Mayor Welle and Trustee Farrell to negotiate the DPW Contract.  
**SECOND** was made by Shuart  
**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION** was made by Shuart to approve a \$100 payment per week to the Village of Monroe to cover the cost of their Building Inspector performing inspections in the absence of a Building Inspector in Harriman. This will be from October 11, 2015 through January 30, 2016 for a total of 16 weeks (\$1,600).  
**SECOND** was made by Trustee Farrell  
**ALL IN FAVOR**

A **MOTION** was made by Trustee Farrell and **SECONDED** by Trustee Chichester to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.  
**ALL IN FAVOR.**

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jane Leake, Village Clerk