

**VILLAGE OF HARRIMAN, NEW YORK**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**June 9, 2020**

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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, Village Clerk Jane Leake and Village Attorney, Dave Darwin

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

Mayor stated I have confirmed with the Village Counsel that tonight’s meeting has been convened in accordance with the Governor’s March 13, 2020 Executive Order 202.1, which suspends certain provisions of the Open Meetings Law to allow a Municipal Board to convene a meeting via teleconferencing. In accordance with the Executive Order, the public has been provided with the ability to listen to and participate in tonight’s meeting and a transcript will be provided at a later date. I have done a roll call of the Board Members and there is a quorum present for this meeting. I have also confirmed with the Village Clerk that this meeting has been duly noticed. We have fulfilled our legal notice requirements by posting Notices on the Village’s Bulletin Boards, Village Hall Entrance Door, Village Website and it was sent to the Village Email Recipients.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor asked if there are any changes or corrections to the minutes of May 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting?

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Farrell to accept the minutes of May 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Medina

<b>AYE:</b> Trustee Farrell	<b>NAY:</b>
Trustee Daly	NONE
Trustee Medina	
Trustee Chichester	

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

The Board went through the bills separately.

This evening’s bills were audited:	<u>2019 - 2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Trust & Agency	\$ 3,837.06	
Capital Building	\$ 194,973.90	
General Fund	\$ 35,970.84	\$90,010.75
Water Fund	\$ 25,846.59	\$90,881.05

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Zoning Board of Appeals – July 1, 2020

Village Board – July 14, 2020

Planning Board – July 20, 2020

- Starting tomorrow there will be road resurfacing going on Brookside Drive West from Brookside Drive East to the t-turn around and on River Road from Meadow Avenue to North Main Street. While the work is being done there will be no traffic permitted and no parking on the roads. Notices have gone out a couple of times and emails have gone out and it is posted on the Website.
- Heritage Trail they are close. They were supposed to pave the parking lot yesterday. We don’t know when they are going to do it or finally open it.

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- 2 Maple Avenue – we finally have gotten Orange and Rockland to disconnect the gas and electric to the building. The contractor has given notice to the Department of Labor and they are just waiting for a couple of things on the final contract agreement with the Village and the okay from the Department of Labor so they can start working. They will give us notice for the date they will begin so the neighbors can be notified.
- Brush Policy - We continue to pick up brush on a weekly basis. Ask that you put it at the edge of your property not in the road.
- Water Customers we do offer email alerts – anyone interested can sign up with the Village Clerk for emails advising you when bills are coming out, are due and when they will be late.

**ADDITIONS:**

- 5a) Budget Adjustment
- 9c) Park Request – Roberts
- 10a) Water Account 754

- Regarding Village Hall even though it remains closed to the public. The Office is staffed from 8am – 3pm daily, Monday through Friday. You can contact them by calling 783-4421 or emailing the appropriate Department. Emails are listed on the Village’s Website. As of this past Monday the Court is staffed Monday through Friday from 12pm – 3pm. They can be reached at 782-6853 or also by email.
- Orange County Legislature has declared Lead Agency for the Longevity Project at the Harriman Wastewater Treatment Plant and looking into the potential of an expansion. Unless anyone challenges that they will be the Lead Agency. I will notify them that we do want to be involved the entire way and that we do consent to them being Lead Agency.
- Woodbury has a Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 7:3pm regarding a Water Quality Overlay District for anyone who is interested. We have the information here for anyone who wants to access it and it is also on their Website.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Treasurer Report – see attached report

DPW – see attached report May 1<sup>st</sup> Water Bills \$337,407.01

Police Department – see attached report -

Water Account Adjustments – see attached report

Court Reports – see attached reports February \$13,918.00 \$8, 365 remains with Village

There has been no Court since then and we do not have a report for this month.

Building Department – see attached report

\$ 200.00	Building Permits
<u>\$ 600.00</u>	Violation Searches
\$ 800.00	<b>TOTAL</b>

Trustee Medina asked for the Building Inspector to check his calculation.

Mayor replied the DPW portion does not get added into his calculation it just gets tracked on his report through his software. That is why it doesn’t add up.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS**

Mayor stated the Bills were individually audited by the Board of Trustees in order to limit personal contact.

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**MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester to approve paying the bills.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Daly

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell

Trustee Daly

Trustee Medina

Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**

NONE

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Mayor stated this is in regard to the Capital Contribution from the Shops at Woodbury which is going toward Water Exploration as per the Treasurer's Memo of June 8, 2020.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Farrell to approve the Budget Adjustment as per the Treasurer's June 8, 2020 memo.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Medina

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell

Trustee Daly

Trustee Medina

Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**

NONE

**LOCAL LAW #6**

Mayor stated we left open the ability for people to send in written comments. Did we receive any written comments?

Clerk replied no.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester to adopt the Local Law #6 of 2020.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Farrell

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell

Trustee Daly

Trustee Medina

Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**

NONE

Attorney Darwin commented the next step is with the Resolution for a Public Hearing to establish the Operation and Maintenance Assessment. I don't know if the Board is going to schedule a Public Hearing tonight for the next Board Meeting or not?

Mayor replied I don't see a reason not to, we can schedule it for July 14, 2020 at 7:15pm.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Medina to schedule a Public Hearing for Local Law #8 July 14, 2020 at 7:15pm to establish the Operation and Maintenance Assessment.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell

Trustee Daly

Trustee Medina

Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**

NONE

**LOCAL LAW #7**

Mayor stated Local Law #7 repeals Local Law #1 the Tax Cap Override. Did we receive any written comments on this?

Clerk replied no we did not.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Farrell to adopt the Local Law #7 of 2020.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell

Trustee Daly

Trustee Medina

Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**

NONE

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**SALE OF PROPERTY**

Mayor stated this is in regard to the two parcels on the South Main Street Subdivision. We have a signed agreement from JSquare Builders in the amount of \$150,000.00.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Daly to authorize the Mayor to sign the Contract and the documents of conveyance and any related paperwork regarding the transfer and sale of this property.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Medina

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Daly  
Trustee Medina  
Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**  
NONE

**PARK REQUEST**

La March – August 1, 12pm – 5pm

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Daly to approve the Park Request for August 1, 2020.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Farrell

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Daly  
Trustee Medina  
Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**  
NONE

Trustee Farrell stated pending the Governor’s number of attendees permitted at a gathering.

Lane – June 20, 12pm – 4pm

Mayor stated at this point in time the restrooms are not opened, and I will advise these people

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Farrell to approve the Park Request for June 20, 2020 especially being this is only for six people.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Daly  
Trustee Medina  
Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**  
NONE

Roberts – June 26, 5:30 – 6:30pm

Mayor stated this will all depend on the amount of people allowed to congregant at that time.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Farrell to approve the Park Request for June 26, 2020 based on the Governors permitted amount to gather at that time.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Daly  
Trustee Medina  
Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**  
NONE

Mayor stated if there is a reason why they are not able to use the facility either because of the numbers or the restrooms I think we should automatically grant them a refund for those reasons.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Farrell to approve granting refunds to all park requests for either the number of attendees permitted per the Governor’s Orders or restrooms being closed.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Daly  
Trustee Medina  
Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**  
NONE

**WATER ACCOUNT REQUEST**

Account 256

Mayor stated due to a leak they are requesting a payment schedule.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the payment schedule for Account 256 without adding any additional fees as long as paid according to the schedule.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Daly

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Daly  
Trustee Medina  
Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**  
NONE

Account 754 – penalty waiver

**LACK OF MOTION - DENIED**

**NO PARKING – BAILEY FARM ROAD**

Mayor stated we had an issue on Bailey Farm Road with trucks being parked or standing and waiting for a significant amount of time and it is creating a safety hazard. So, it is my recommendation that we schedule a Public Hearing for July 14, 2020 at 7:25pm to make Bailey Farm Road the entire length in the Village of Harriman No Parking or Standing in both directions.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester to approve scheduling a Public Hearing for July 14, 2020 at 7:25pm to make Bailey Farm Road the entire length in the Village of Harriman No Parking or Standing in both directions.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Farrell

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Daly  
Trustee Medina  
Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**  
NONE

**EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK – HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION**

Mayor stated Health Insurance Contribution suggested change effective June 1, 2020 all nonunion employees hired on or after October 1, 2018 who are eligible for Health Insurance would contribute 15% of the premium cost for a family or single health insurance plans which will be in effect while working and retired.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Farrell to approve all non-union employees hired on or after October 1, 2018 who are eligible for Health Insurance would contribute 15% of the premium cost for a family or single health insurance plans which will be in effect while working and retired effective June 1, 2020.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Daly  
Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**  
Trustee Medina

**SCHOOL LEASE**

Mayor stated the lease was up May 31st. The school had sent me a lease with an increase in the rent and I had a discussion with the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and he came back to me and agreed that they will not raise the rent for the next year.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Medina to authorize the Mayor to sign the new School Lease through May 31, 2021 at the same rate we have been paying.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Daly  
Trustee Medina  
Trustee Chichester

**NAY:**  
NONE

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mayor asked have you received any information from 44North Main Street regarding the FEMA stuff?

Attorney Darwin replied we have exchanged some emails with their Architect and I think the only item that is still outstanding before the application could be submitted is a response from the State of New York DEC to the proposed change in the map. I think there has been some communication between the Architect and the DEC and that is all we are waiting for. Once we have that, assuming the State even has jurisdiction then the application can be submitted. Everything else is in order.

Mayor asked have you heard anymore from Altice regarding the fees that were in question from the Village?

Attorney Darwin replied no not in a while. I know there was some communication between the Village's Consultant and Altice, but I haven't heard anything in a few weeks. As far as I know it still hasn't been resolved.

Attorney Darwin stated with respect to 2 Maple I took a look at the proposed changes that the contractor wants to be made to the contract and I will be discussing those with our Architects on Thursday.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - NONE

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester to Enter into Executive Session for some Attorney Client Privilege Items.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Daly

**AYE:** Trustee Farrell  
Trustee Daly  
Trustee Medina  
Trustee Chichester

**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.

**MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Farrell to adjourn Executive Session and return to Regular Meeting.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Daly

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester to authorize Dave Darwin to commence condemnation proceedings on 4 South Main Street, SBL 103-3-2.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Daly

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester due to the COVID 19 Emergency; the Village waives the requirement for Applicants to apply to the Village Board for outdoor dining as required in 14-21.1. For the remainder of 2020 the Building Inspector is authorized to grant the permits for properties which meet all other requirements.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Medina

**ALL IN FAVOR**

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**REQUEST** – Water Account 226 – Late Fee Waiver

**NO MOTION** – Request Denied

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Medina to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:55pm.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Daly

**ALL IN FAVOR**

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jane Leake, Village Clerk