

VILLAGE OF HARRIMAN, NEW YORK
VILLAGE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
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6:45pm – Special Meeting

ROLL CALL

Mayor Stephen Welle, Deputy Mayor Lou Medina, Trustee G. Bruce Chichester, Trustee Sandra Daly, Trustee Carol Schneider, Village Clerk Jane Leake

Pledge of Allegiance

No Public in Attendance and Meeting was Noticed.

Mayor stated one of the purposes of the meeting tonight is to appoint a new Justice. The Justice was going to be here so the Board can meet her, but unfortunately, she has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID. She herself has tested negative but is not feeling well. She will call in. **MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester to appoint Sharon Worthy-Spiegel as the Village Justice with a salary of \$15,000.00 per year to fill the vacancy provided by the resignation of Judge Wienberg.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Medina

AYE: Trustee Chichester	NAY:
Trustee Daly	NONE
Deputy Mayor Medina	
Trustee Schneider	

Judge Spiegel apologized for not being here, but I thought it was best to not show up to keep you all safe. It is nice to meet you by phone and I appreciate the opportunity to be able to be the Judge. I never ever cancel. I am so looking forward to the opportunity to working in Harriman as a Judge. I know you had problems there. We will try to get all the back log out with mail in fees. I have been doing that in Chester as well and I am hoping that can happen very very quickly and as you may know OCA has some rules now about when people can meet in person in the Court Room and I will follow the Rules. Right now, it is like 10 people or less, but that doesn't preclude us from meeting and doing pleas by mail. Which has been very very effective in Chester and I assume it will be very effective also in Harriman.

Mayor stated I did speak with Len and he is familiar with it and has been doing it in a couple of other locations.

Judge Spiegel replied right I knew he did it in Goshen. I think that is what we will be stuck with for a while. Unfortunately, this virus is not going anywhere. Do you have any questions for me?

Trustee Chichester responded welcome aboard.

Mayor replied not at this point. We did vote to appoint you as of December 1, 2020 with a salary of \$15,000.00 per year as discussed.

Judge Spiegel responded thank you that is very kind. I appreciate that and I don't think you will be sorry. I mean after everything you have been through having a Judge who shows up will be beneficial.

Trustee Chichester asked what about the Clerk.

Mayor replied she is aware that we need to find someone part-time. She may know of a possibility and will look into it. She was waiting until she was appointed. When I spoke with Len Kessler, he spoke very highly of Judge Spiegel also and discussed this plea bargain by mail.

Trustee Chichester stated any revenue is appreciated.

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Conference call presentation with Element Carbon HV who is looking to locate a facility in the Village of Harriman. They are a Carbon Fertilizer Manufacturing Business.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Medina to Enter into Executive Session to discuss a potential property purchase.

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly

ALL IN FAVOR

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

The following was given by Mayor Welle:

Executive Session with Board Members.

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

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly a to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:40pm.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Jane Leake, Village Clerk