



Village of Harriman

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2024

7:00PM – AUDIT BILLS

7:30PM – REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 10, 2024**
- 3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- 5. RESIGNATION ZBA CHAIRPERSON**
- 6. VILLAGE TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT**
- 7. ZBA CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT**
- 8. RESOLUTION FOR JCAP GRANT APPLICATION**
- 9. HALLOWEEN CURFEW**
- 10. WATER SHUT OFF'S**
- 11. WATER ACCOUNT REQUEST – Acct 829**
- 12. 12 EDGEWOOD – Request for Water**
- 13. PROBATION RELEASE – P.O. Maher**
- 14. JUSTICE COURT ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS**
- 15. RED RIBBON DONATION**
- 16. AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN GRANT DISTRIBUTION**
- 17. BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS**
- 18. ATTORNEY COMMENT**
- 19. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 20. POSSIBLE MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

PLANNING BOARD MEETING:

October 21, 2024

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING:

November 6, 2024

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

November 12, 2024

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7:00pm – Audit Bills
7:30pm – Regular Meeting

REGULAR MEETING:

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

ABSENT None

ALSO, PRESENT – Planning Board Chairperson, Irma Escallier

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 September 10, 2024?

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to accept the minutes of September 10, 2024.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

This evening's bills were audited:

General Fund	\$ 162,154.14
Water Fund	\$ 56,576.71
Trust & Agency	\$ 142.98
Engineering Fees	\$ 18,229.75
Capital Projects	\$ 354,910.21

- Up Coming Meeting Dates:
 - Planning Board – October 21, 2024 - Cancelled
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – November 6, 2024
 - Village Board – November 12, 2024
- 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 also available outside the 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.
- 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.
- The Village's Annual New Hat and Glove Drive has kicked off. We ask that anyone wishing to donate new winter hats and gloves, please drop them off at the Village Hall during the day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. or at the Police Station after hours. We will be accepting donations until December 6th.

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- The Halloween Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 26th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Town of Monroe O&R Park.
- Brush pick-up continues – we ask that you place brush, untied, at the edge of your property with but end facing out. Please do not place it on the street and we do not accept grass clippings.
- Leaf Pick up will start on October 21st. DPW will be picking up leaves through December 6th, weather permitting. Leaves must be at the edge of your property, not in the street or sidewalks; and the Village does not pick up bagged leaves mixed with brush.
- Beginning November 1st there is no On Street Parking from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. and there is no parking on the street after 2 inches of snow has fallen.
- The Town of Monroe is holding a recycle and shredding event on Saturday, November 2nd from 9am – 12pm at the Town of Monroe Highway Department, 87 Mine Road. Open to all Town of Monroe residents only.
- Mandatory Water Restrictions are still in effect. No outside water or irrigation. Residents are prohibited from washing their automobiles, equipment or performing other high volume out water usage.
- New Village Hall and Police Station Update – We moved in on Friday, September 27th. We are officially open at One Church Street. We will be having a grand opening on Saturday, October 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Agenda Additions

- 5a) Resignation – Building Inspector
- 7a) Zoning Board Appointment – Justin LaMarch
- 11a) Water Account Request - 287

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer Report – see attached report

DPW – see attached report

Police Department – see attached report – Funds \$30.00

Water Account Adjustments – see attached report

Court Reports – see attached report September Monthly Activities \$7,852.00

NYS August 2024 - \$16,990.00 Village Receives - \$11,030.00

Building Department – see attached report

\$ 920.00	2 Building Permits
\$ 1,250.00	5 Violation Searches
\$ 100.00	1 Building Permit Extension
<u>\$ 30.00</u>	1 Return Check Fee
\$ 2,300.00	

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to accept reports.

SECONDED by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell

Trustee Sandoval

Trustee Schneider

NAY:

NONE

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RESIGNATION – ZBA Chairperson

Mayor stated the Board received a letter of resignation from our ZBA Chairperson.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to accept ZBA Chairperson Golam Sarker's resignation.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

ALL IN FAVOR

RESIGNATION – Building Inspector

Mayor stated just today I received a letter of resignation from our Building Inspector effective October 23, 2024. Mayor read letter.

MOTION was made by Trustee Sandoval to accept the Building Inspector's resignation effective October 23, 2024.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

ALL IN FAVOR

Deputy Mayor stated Steve is very knowledgeable and his expertise will be missed.

Board members replied yes.

VILLAGE TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Mayor stated we need a Trustee and with the Board's wishes I would like to appoint Golam Sarker.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve appointing Golam Sarker as a new Village Board Trustee.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor read the Oath to Golam Sarker.

Deputy Mayor Mitchell stated my wife and I have known him for many years. This is probably one of the smartest people that I know. He currently has a contract with NASA among his other things that he does.

ZBA CHAIRPERSON APPOINTMENT

Mayor stated I would like to appoint Mike Pettiford as the new ZBA Chairperson if the Board approves.

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve Mike Pettiford as the new ZBA Chairperson effective immediately.

SECONDED by Trustee Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

ZBA APPOINTMENT – J. LaMarch

Mayor stated I would like to appoint Justin LaMarch as a new ZBA member if the Board approves.

Justin is a long-time member of the Harriman Fire Department.

MOTION by Trustee Sandoval to approve Justin LaMarch as a new ZBA member.

SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

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RESOLUTION FOR JCAP GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor read resolution.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF HARRIMAN JUSTICE COURT TO APPLY FOR THE 2024-2025 JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JCAP)

WHEREAS, the State of New York has established the Justice Court Assistance Program (“JCAP”) Grant in order to provide New York State’s town and village courts with the resources necessary to fulfill their critical role in our justice system; and

WHEREAS, the maximum JCAP award is \$30,000.00, and may be used for a variety of purposes including, but not limited to, automation of court operations; provision of appropriate means for the recording of court proceedings; provision of lawbooks, treatises and related materials; provision of appropriate training for justices and for nonjudicial court staff; and the improvement or expansion of court facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harriman has determined that participation in the JCAP Grant Program is desirable, and in the public interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Board of Trustees of the Village of Harriman, New York authorizes the Village Justice Court of the Village of Harriman to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-25 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Village Justice of the Village of Harriman are authorized to execute any documents necessary to apply for and accept such JCAP grant.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve the JCAP grant application resolution.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Sandoval
Trustee Schneider
Trustee Sarker

NAY:
NONE

HALLOWEEN CURFEW

Mayor stated Section 92 of the Village Code of Harriman states that October 30th and October 31st from 8pm-6am, ending on November 1st at 6am minors (under 18) cannot be out on the streets unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or an adult.

WATER SHUT OFF’S

Mayor stated the Board has received the shut off list.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve the Shut Off List as written minus anyone that pays prior to October 10th.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

ALL IN FAVOR

WATER ACCOUNT REQUEST – ACCT 829

Accounts 829 – penalty waivers, reduce rate along with payment plan.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve penalty waivers, reduce rate and payment plan on Account 829

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

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AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Sandoval
Trustee Schneider
Trustee Sarker

NAY:
NONE

Account 287 – penalty waivers

MOTION was made by Trustee Sandoval to approve a 1x penalty waivers on Account 287.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

12 EDGEWOOD – Request for Water

Mayor stated the Superintendent of DPW received a request from the Developer of 12 Edgewood Drive requesting to tap into our water distribution system to serve a single-family dwelling. Mayor read request.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve the water tap request from 12 Edgewood Drive Developers.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

PROBATION RELEASE – P.O. Maher

Mayor stated we received a letter from the Police Chief requesting Police Officer Maher be released from probation effective October 1, 2024. Mayor read memo.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve releasing Police Officer Maher from probation effective October 1, 2024.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

JUSTICE COURT ANALYSIS OF ACCOUNTS

Mayor stated the Village Accountings were in and they went over this account. Mayor read letter.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to accept the Justice Court Analysis.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell

Trustee Schneider

Trustee Sarker

Trustee Sandoval - Abstained

NAY:

NONE

RED RIBBON DONATION

Mayor stated we have the annual Red Ribbon Donation. We need to make a motion to authorize the Treasurer to donate, in whatever amount the Board decides, in the Village's name if the Board wishes.

Trustee Schneider informed this is a \$25.00 per ribbon donation and it will hang up in Goshen.

Donations are due by October 10, 2024, and they will hang up there for about one month. It is a hand made ribbon made with the name of a business, organization, or individual family donating. This is to support basically drugs and alcohol. If anyone wants to get involved in tying the ribbons, there is information on that as well.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve authorizing the Treasurer to donate \$50.00 for two ribbons in the Village of Harriman's name.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

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Trustee Schneider explains how she got involved with this.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN GRANT DISTRIBUTION

Mayor stated this is to authorize the Mayor to sign the CREST Grant disbursement.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to authorize the Mayor to sign the CREST grant.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

ALL IN FAVOR

BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS

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

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve the Budget Transfer Request as outlined in the Treasurer's memo of October 8, 2024.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Gailey stated the only pending legal matter that I am aware of is the pending lawsuit that the Village of Harriman and the Village of Monroe brought against the Town of Monroe concerning the Towns acquisition of property and their intention to charge the cost of that acquisition of the borrowing to pay for that acquisition to all properties in the Town including properties in the two Village's. And the opposition is that as a legal matter only the properties in the Town outside of the Village's can be charged for that. We are waiting for decisions from the Judge right now and neither one of those decisions will be on the automats merits. The Village's made a motion for a preliminary injunction which will stop the Town from proceeding with its budget process, which is unlikely for the Court to grant, but it was a motion we had to make from a tactical point of view. And the Town made a motion to dismiss it as a legal matter and I don't believe that motion will be granted either. So, the next step is the submission of additional papers by all of the parties for the Court to make a decision on the merits and I really can't give you a time frame on when that would happen.

Trustee Schneider replied they are holding their next budget meeting on October 22nd or 23rd. Wayne did make a brief statement last night that he felt the residents of Harriman should not have to pay for this and that whatever fund it was showing under should be the opposite whether it is the A or the B and that is all he said.

Attorney Gailey responded that is fine.

Mayor stated if it is helpful for the lawsuit that residents went and commented.

Trustee Schneider mentioned they obviously weren't able to comment on it because of the litigation.

Attorney Gailey asked is that what they said?

Trustee Schneider responded yes, that is exactly what they said.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to Enter into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege for a personnel discussion.

SECOND by Trustee Sandoval

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

The following was given by Trustee Sandoval:

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION was made by Trustee Sandoval to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:40pm.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Jane Leake, Village Clerk