

# Village of Harriman

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## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING December 12, 2023

7:00 PM – AUDIT BILLS 7:30 PM – REGULAR MEETING

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. ROLL CALL Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 14, 2023
- 3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
- 4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
- 5. SEQRA RESOLUTION Water Withdrawal Permit Modification
- 6. AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN WATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT MODIFICATION
- 7. BUDGET TRANSFERS AND ADJUSTMENTS
- 8. ATTORNEY COMMENT
- 9. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION Attorney Client Privilege

#### **UPCOMING MEETING DATES:**

PLANNING BOARD MEETING: December 18, 2023 - cancelled

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING: January 03, 2024 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING: January 09, 2024

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#### **REGULAR MEETING:**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Lou Medina, Deputy Mayor Carol Schneider, Trustee Wayne Mitchell, Trustee Bruce Chichester, Trustee Sandra Daly, Village Attorney David Darwin, Village Clerk Jane Leake

ALSO, PRESENT – Planning Board Chairperson and Historian Irma Escallier

#### **ABSENT**:

The Mayor asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor asked if there are any changes or revisions to the minutes of November 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting?

**MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to accept the minutes of November 14, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester

AYE: Trustee Chichester

Trustee Mitchell

Deputy Mayor Schneider Trustee Daly – Abstained

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

This evening's bills were audited:

General Fund	\$ 168,906.36
Water Fund	\$ 153,706.43
Trust & Agency	\$ 2,320.54
Engineering Fees	\$ 49,591.24
Capital Project	\$ 315,045.82

- Up Coming Meeting Dates:

Planning Board – December 18, 2023 - cancelled Zoning Board of Appeals – January 3, 2024 Village Board – January 9, 2024

- Village Office hours are 8am 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 Dept., or fines and tickets to be dropped off outside of 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 billing dates.

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- Leaf Pick Up ended Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank the DPW crew for doing a great job again this season.
- A reminder that there is no on street overnight parking from November 1 through April 1 from 11pm 6am and no on street parking during any snow events until the snow has been totally removed from the roads.
- Our Annual New Hat and Glove Drive ended last week, and it was a huge success. The Chief and I delivered over 320 hats and gloves collected to Sacred Heart Church last week to be distributed to people in need. The volunteers at Sacred Heart were very grateful. Thank you again to everyone who so generously donated to this year's event.
- The Monroe PBA Toy Drive continues until this Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. They are collecting new unwrapped toys for boys and girls in the Monroe Community. Donations can be left at the Monroe Police Department or the South Orange Family YMCA.
- Village Hall and the Court Office will be closed on Friday, December 22, 2023 and Monday, December 25, 2023 for the Christmas Holidays.
- New Village Hall and Police Station Update Everything is on schedule and proceeding well. We're seeing a lot of progress. I also have been working with Assembly Member Eachus and his staff to receive an additional \$250,000 grant award for the construction of the new Village Hall.

No Agenda Revisions

#### **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 – November – \$24,454.63

State Report - October - \$32,506.00 Village receives \$23,447.00

Building Department – see attached report

\$ 750.00 3 Violation Searches

\$ 750.00

#### **SEQRA RESOLUTION – Water Withdrawal Permit Modification**

Mayor stated this is a resolution of the Village of Harriman Board of Trustees pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act declaring itself lead agency and determining that the proposed modification to its water withdrawal permit will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts. Mayor read Resolution.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the SEQRA Resolution Water Withdrawal Permit Modification.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Mitchell

**AYE:** Trustee Chichester

NAY:

Trustee Mitchell

Deputy Mayor Schneider

Trustee Daly

**NONE** 

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#### AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN WATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT MODIFICATION

Mayor stated we have a complete application that the Board has received. The attached application is requesting the inclusion of a new bedrock well HBP Well #3a as a permitted source in the Village's Water Withdrawal Permit, an increase in the permitted withdrawal amount for the Village's existing permit source HH3, and an expansion of the Village's service area to include the Shops at Woodbury's project.

**MOTION** was made by Trustee Mitchell to authorize the Mayor to sign the Water Withdrawal Permit Modification request.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Chichester

AYE: Trustee Chichester NAY:

Trustee Mitchell NONE

Deputy Mayor Schneider

Trustee Daly

#### **BUDGET TRANSFERS AND ADJUSTMENTS**

Mayor stated the Board has received a Budget Transfers and Adjustments request from the Treasurer dated December 12, 2023. Mayor read the memo.

**MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to approve the Budget Transfers and Adjustments that are outlined in the Treasurer's memo of December 12, 2023.

**SECOND** was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester NAY:

Trustee Mitchell NONE

Deputy Mayor Schneider Trustee Daly

## ATTORNEY COMMENT

Attorney Dave Darwin stated the Mayor and I received revised documents in connection with an agreement by which the Village will release its interest in OR5 to ORDEVCO. This is something that has been percolating for many, many months and we finally received a revised agreement incorporating some of the changes that we wanted to include. Mayor, I know you have some questions which we can talk about and then decide whether or not the Board wants to put it on the agenda for next month's meeting. The only other thing is I received an email from Al Natoli who is one of the Attorney's for the Gardens of Harriman indicating that he would like to go forward with an agreement by which the developer will develop two wells on that property that would become part of the Village's water supply and the Village will provide water to that project. So that is something else the Board will have to take up and discuss and decide how it wants to proceed.

Trustee Daly asked you said they are going to build two wells?

Attorney Darwin replied there are two wells on the property, and they will develop them. They are high capacity wells.

Trustee Daly asked if they are going to pay to have it put in service?

Attorney Darwin replied yes.

Trustee Daly stated that is all that I needed to know. I just needed to understand that they are going to take on the cost to build it and do all the digging and the cost for all that.

Attorney Darwin replied that is correct.

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Trustee Daly stated thank you.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Escallier – Lexington Hill – I wanted to tell you that your Christmas lights look lovely. This year they really look really nice. Really so welcoming.

Trustee Chichester replied, you are right. We have heard lots of good comments.

Mayor stated we added four new ones this year. I agree. Thank you, Irma.

**MOTION** was made by Mayor Medina to Enter into Executive Session for Attorney Client Privilege discussion.

**SECOND** by Trustee Chichester

**ALL IN FAVOR** 

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

The following was given by Mayor Medina:

Executive Session with David Darwin, Esq.

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

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

**ALL IN FAVOR** 

**MOTION** was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:15pm. **SECOND** was made by Trustee Daly

ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted by: _		
	Jane Leake, Village Clerk	