



Village of Harriman

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

March 8, 2022

7:00PM – AUDIT BILLS

7:15PM – Public Hearing – Repeal LL 2021-06

7:20PM – Public Hearing – Adopt Amended Zone District Map

7:25PM – Public Hearing – Chapter 136 Code Changes

7:30PM – REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 8, 2022, February 22, 2022 & March 1, 2022**
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- 20. MWLL BALL FIELDS REQUEST**
- 21. OC SMASH BALL FIELDS REQUEST**
- 22. WATER REQUESTS – a) 552 b) 702 c) 2 d) 474-478 e) 450**
- 23. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND TRANSFERS**
- 24. ATTORNEY COMMENT**
- 25. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 26. POSSIBLE MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

PLANNING BOARD MEETING:	March 14, 2022
VILLAGE BOARD REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:	April 05, 2022
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING:	April 06, 2022
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:	April 12, 2022

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Public Hearings:

Mayor Read:

Please take notice that the Village Board of the Village of Harriman will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on a proposed local law, repealing Local Law No. 6 of 2021 as redundant of and superseded by Local Law No. 1 of 2022 adopted on December 14, 2021.

By adopting Local Law No. 6 of 2021 the Village opted out of allowing the establishment of retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments within Village limits pursuant to the NYS Cannabis Law. The local law was subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 24 and Village Law § 9-902, however the Village did not publish a Notice of Adoption pursuant to § 9-900 of the Village Law. To avoid any question as to the validity of Local Law No. 6 of 2021, the Village Board adopted Local Law No. 1 of 2022 on December 14, virtually identical to Local Law No. 6 of 2021, opting out of allowing the establishment of retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments within Village limits. A Notice of Adoption was published on December 20, 2021. Local Law No. 1 of 2022 was filed with the Secretary of State and became effective on February 2, 2022. As a result, Local Law No. 6, of 2021 is redundant of and has been superseded by Local Law No. 1 of 2022, which prohibits the establishment of retail cannabis dispensaries and on-site cannabis consumption establishments within Village limits.

This public hearing will be held at Harriman Village Hall, 12 Church Street, Harriman, New York on March 8, 2022 at 7:15 pm or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

A copy of the proposed local law is available for inspection at the office of the Village Clerk, 12 Church St., Harriman, NY., or by requesting a copy from the Village Clerk at 845-783-4421, or villageclerk@villageofharriman.org.

All persons interested in the subject will be heard by the Village Board at the above time and place. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Board in connection with the proposed Plan must be received by the Village Board at or prior to the public hearing.

Mayor asked have we received any written comments?

Clerk replied no.

Mayor asked any comment from the public?

No Public Comment

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to close the public hearing. **SECOND** by Trustee Mitchell
ALL IN FAVOR

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Mayor read:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Board of the Village of Harriman will hold a public hearing on a proposed introductory local law amending Chapter 136 of the Harriman Village Code (Water), Article I, (System Rules and Regulations) to general rules and distribution system specifications, pursuant to Sections 10 and 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, at the Harriman Village Hall, 12 Church Street, Harriman, New York on March 8, 2022 at 7:20 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

The purpose of the local law is to update the technical specifications for water distribution systems and service lines.

A copy of the proposed local law will be available for inspection at the Village Clerk's office located at 12 Church St., Harriman, NY.

All persons interested in the subject of the proposed local law will be heard by the Village Board at the above time and place. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Board in connection with the proposed local law must be received by the Village Board at or prior to the public hearing.

Mayor asked have we received any written comments?

Clerk replied no.

Mayor asked any comment from the public on this proposed local law?

No Public Comment

Mayor stated having received no written or public comments I need a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to close the public hearing. **SECOND** by Deputy Mayor Schneider
ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor read:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Board of the Village of Harriman will hold a public hearing on a proposed introductory local law amending the official Village zoning map to incorporate changes to the map that were previously adopted by the Village Board.

On June 13, 2017, the Village Board adopted a Local Law rezoning Town of Monroe tax map parcels 102-4-6.1, 102-4-6.2, 102-4-6.3, 102-4-6.4 and 102-4-6.5 from the B-2 District (Commercial) to the R-50 District (Residential). On December 14, 2021, the Village Board adopted Local Law no. 7 of 2021 rezoning Town of Woodbury tax map parcel 108-1-10, a/k/a lot B-12, ICC Site B, from I (Industrial) District and PAD (Planned Area Development) District to the I (Industrial) District. The purpose of this local law is to amend the official Village zoning map to reflect those amendments.

The hearing will be held at the Village at Harriman Village Hall, 12 Church Street, Harriman, New York on March 8, 2022 at 7:25 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. A

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copy of the local law will be available for inspection at the office of the Village Clerk, 12 Church St., Harriman, NY.

All persons interested in the subject of the proposed local law will be heard by the Village Board at the above time and place. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Board in connection with the proposed local law must be received by the Village Board at or prior to the public hearing.

Mayor asked have we received any written comments?

Clerk replied no.

Mayor asked any comment on this proposed local law?

No Public Comment

Mayor stated having received no written or public comments I need a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to close the public hearing. **SECOND** by Trustee Mitchell
ALL IN FAVOR

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

Mayor Lou Medina, Deputy Mayor Carol Schneider, Trustee Bruce Chichester, Trustee Wayne Mitchell, Village Clerk Jane Leake, Chief, Patrick Tenaglia, DPW Superintendent, Kyle Livsey and Village Attorney, Dave Darwin

ABSENT Trustee Sandra Daly

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 February 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting?

MOTION was made by Trustee Mitchell to accept the minutes of February 8, 2022, Regular Board Meeting.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Deputy Mayor Schneider
Trustee Mitchell

NAY:
NONE

Mayor asked if there are any changes or corrections to the minutes of February 22, 2022 and March 1, 2022, Budget Meetings?

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to accept the minutes of February 22, 2022 and March 1, 2022, Budget Meetings.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Deputy Mayor Schneider
Trustee Mitchell

NAY:
NONE

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

This evening's bills were audited:

Trust & Agency	\$	850.00
General Fund	\$	93,038.82
Water Fund	\$	51,800.67
Engineering Fees	\$	11,288.00

- Up Coming Meeting Dates:
 - Planning Board – March 21, 2022
 - Village Board Reorganizational – April 5, 2022
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – April 6, 2022
 - Village Board – April 12, 2022

- Village Office hours are 8am–4pm and by appointment from 7-8am. Phone numbers and contact information can be found on the villageofharriman.org website.

- A lockbox is also available outside the Village Hall as you enter the building for dropping off water payments or any other correspondence for the Village Hall Staff. We do ask, however, that you please not leave cash in the drop box for payments. The outside drop box is emptied on a regular basis.

- Residence and the public can also sign up on the Village website to receive email alerts or general village and community information or information regarding water billing dates.

- Water customers can also make payments for their water bills online at the villageofharriman.org website.

- We currently have one vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Anyone that is interested please submit a letter of intent to the Village Clerk or contact me directly.

- Reminder - there is no on street overnight parking from November 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022 from 11pm-6am and no on street parking during any snow events until the snow has been totally removed from the roads. Speaking of snow, I would like to thank the DPW Department for the month of February, which was a little tricky for ice and snow. I think they did a fantastic job on keeping ahead of it and I want to extend the Boards appreciation for that. Thank you very much.

- The Village Board along with the Village Historian, Irma Escallier participated in the first Annual Town of Monroe Open House. There were a lot of Community Services and Volunteers on hand. Hopefully, next year it can be scheduled on a weekend to be available to more residents who can only attend on weekends. I think it was very successful and it was nice seeing the large number of people who came to participate.

- The Harriman Police Department has a new social media presence with a new Face Book Page. I would like to thank Chief Tenaglia for spear heading that and I think it is going to be good.

- Court nights have recently changed to Wednesday evenings and we will be holding Criminal Court on the 2nd Wednesday and Traffic Court on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

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- A reminder the Village Election is next Tuesday, March 15, 2022. Polls are open from 12pm and close at 9pm.
- Clean Sweep will be held, April 23, 2022 at Saint Anastasia starting 8am. Registration is available on the Great Monroe Chamber website and we will be adding a link to the Village website for registration and we will send out more information as we approach it.
- **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM:** 19f) Account 709

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 - February - \$9,039.57
Building Department – see attached report

\$ 173.44	1 Building Permit
940.00	7 Violation Searches
<u>250.00</u>	5 Building Permit Extension
\$ 1,363.44	

POLICE RECOGNITION PRESENTATION

Mayor stated the Board received a memo from Chief Tenaglia on a Life Saving Award to present to Sergeant Ludewig for his determination and dedication to his job and for ensuring the safety of the Community. Mayor read memo. The Board would also like to recognize and issue Sergeant Ludewig with a Certificate of Recognition. Mayor read Certificate to Sergeant Ludewig and the Police Chief issued Sergeant Ludewig a citation pin.

DPW MEO RESIGNATION

Mayor stated we received a resignation February 17, 2022 from MEO Froeber giving two week’s notice, effective February 17, 2022.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to accept MEO Froeber’s resignation effective, February 17, 2022.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester

Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:

NONE

BUILDING DEPARTMENT TRAINING REQUEST

Mayor stated the Board received a memo from the Building Department Code Enforcement Officer requesting continuation education in-service training to attend the NYS Building Officials Conference Hudson Valley CEO Chapter Seminar from April 27, 2022 through Friday, April 29, 2022 at a cost of \$300.00 with no additional expenses.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the Building Inspector’s Conference Seminar from April 27, 2022 – April 29, 2022 at a cost of \$300.00 with no additional expenses.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

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AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

NY STATE CHIEF'S CONFERENCE REQUEST

Mayor stated the Board received a request from the Chief of Police to attend the NYS Chief's Conference from July 24, 2022 to July 27, 2022 at a cost of \$802.00 including hotel. This has been budgeted and it fills requirements for Accreditation for the Department as well.

MOTION was made by Trustee Mitchell to approve the Chief of Police Conference from July 24, 2022 to July 27, 2022 at a cost of \$802.00 including hotel.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

DPW WATER STIPEND

Mayor stated Danny Hedges has been filling in whenever Water Maintenance Leader, Ron Krzywicki is not on duty. Danny possess all of the same credentials and experience. So, I would like to recommend a compensation stipend plan for Danny Hedges when the Water Maintenance Leader is off and Danny is called on to work in this role. My recommendation is that his hourly rate be adjusted to \$37.94, which is the current Supervisor rate for DPW Water Operator Staff, whenever he is filling in. This is a \$3.06 hourly rate stipend that will be applied for the hours Danny works in the role when designated by Superintendent Livsey and coordinated with the Treasurer for bi-weekly payroll. This will take effect March 14, 2022.

MOTION was made by Mayor Medina to approve the hourly stipend of \$37.94 for Danny Hedges effective March 14, 2022.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

DPW TRAINING REQUEST

Mayor stated this is a training request from two of our DPW Department workers for the Water Works Conference on April 14, 2022. The fee is \$40.00 per attendee to attend.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve two DPW workers to attend the Water Works Conference on April 14, 2022 at a cost of \$40.00 each.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE APPOINTMENT

Mayor stated I would like to make a recommendation to appoint Elban Rivera to the Alternate Planning Board position, who is an energetic, young, smart gentleman who has expressed a sincere interest in joining some Board to be able to participate in the process and to serve the Community.

MOTION was made by Mayor Medina to appoint Elban Rivera to the vacant Alternate Planning Board position whose term ends March 2027.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

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AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

LOCAL LAW 2022-03 – Repeal LL 2021-06

Mayor stated this local law is to repeal Local Law 2021-06. This evening we held a public hearing for this and there were no written or verbal comments. Mayor read Local Law.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve Local Law #3 repealing Local Law #6 of 2021.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

LOCAL LAW 2022-04 – Chapter 136 Code Changes

Mayor stated this a Local Law amending Chapter 136 of the Code of the Village of Harriman entitled Water. The purpose of the Local Law is to update technical specifications for the water distribution system and serves lines and ensure structural integrity and uniformity with respect to the installation, construction, maintenance and repair of such systems. Mayor read changes.

MOTION was made by Trustee Mitchell to approve Local Law #4 amending Chapter 136 Code.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

LOCAL LAW 2022-05 – Amend Zone District Map

Mayor stated this evening we held a public hearing and at that time there were no written or verbal comments. This is a law amending Chapter 140 of the Code of the Village of Harriman entitled Zoning to amend the Official Zoning Map. Mayor read Local Law. The purpose of this Law is to amend the Official Village Zoning Map to reflect those Zoning Amendments.

MOTION was made by Trustee Mitchell to approve Local Law #5 amending the Official Village Zoning Map.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

SET DATE FOR 2022-2023 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor stated we need to set a public hearing for the 2022-2023 Budget at 7:25pm on April 12, 2022.

MOTION was made by Trustee Mitchell to approve scheduling the 2022-2023 Public Hearing for April 12, 2022 at 7:25pm.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

USDA AGREEMENT

Mayor stated this is the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the USDA. We received this Agreement which is the same as last years, slightly adjusted. You have seen it in previous years they give us a large

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quote for it, but it is distributed based on what is actually accomplished. So, it has been a significant difference than what is on here. This has increased 3% to last year, but it is kind of irrelevant because it is based on as used basis. Our use will continue to be the same and our needs are still the same.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

IMA STOP DWI AUTHORIZATION

Mayor stated we received a memo from the Chief of Police requesting the extension of the Inter-Municipal Agreement with the County of Orange for the 2022 Stop DWI Enforcement Patrol. The period is from March 12, 2022 and ending January 11, 2023.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement for Stop DWI Enforcement Patrol from March 12, 2022 – January 11, 2023.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

AUTORIZATION TO SIGN SITE ACCESS AMENDMENT

Mayor stated this is the amendment to the License Access Agreement. As the Board recalls this was an Agreement that was granted last year and it expired December 31, 2021. Subsequent to that the Tetra Tech folks have come back requesting another access to Mary Harriman Park. The statement of work includes the installation of some equipment, monitoring wells and survey and collection of water samples.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to approve the Mayor to sign the Site Access Amendment Agreement.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

PARK REQUESTS

Rodriguez – May 14, 2022

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve Rodriguez Park Request for May 14, 2022.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

Cruz – May 21, 2022

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to approve Cruz Park Request for May 21, 2022.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester
Trustee Mitchell
Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:
NONE

Sonera-Butler – May 22, 2022

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MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve Sonera-Butler Park Request for May 22, 2022.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester

Trustee Mitchell

Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:

NONE

MWLL BALL FIELDS REQUEST

Mayor stated this is a field request from the Monroe Woodbury Little League. This is similar to what we have been doing in previous years. We did adjust the schedule a little bit for them to open it up to other requests and we have received the Certificate of Liability Insurance.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to approve the Monroe Woodbury Little League Ball Field Application.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester

Trustee Mitchell

Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:

NONE

OCSMASH BALLFIELDS REQUEST

Mayor stated this is from the Orange County Smash Travel Team for use of Mary Harriman Park Fields 1, 2 & 3 and we have received the Certificate of Liability Insurance and fees.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the Orange County Smash Travel Team Application for Fields 1, 2 & 3 at Mary Harriman Park.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

AYE: Trustee Chichester

Trustee Mitchell

Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:

NONE

WATER ACCOUNTS

Account 552 – penalty waivers

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to approve 1x penalty waivers for Account 552.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester

Trustee Mitchell

Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:

NONE

Account 702 – penalty waivers

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to approve 1x penalty waivers for Account 702.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

AYE: Trustee Chichester

Trustee Mitchell

Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:

NONE

Account 2 – penalty waiver

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to approve 1x penalty waiver for Account 2.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester

Trustee Mitchell

Deputy Mayor Schneider

NAY:

NONE

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Account 474-478 – penalty waivers

MOTION was made by Trustee Mitchell to approve 1x penalty waivers for Accounts 474-478.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

AYE: Trustee Chichester	NAY:
Trustee Mitchell	NONE
Deputy Mayor Schneider	

Account 450 – penalty waivers

LACK OF MOTION – Denied

Account 709 – penalty waivers

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve 1x penalty waivers for Account 709.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester	NAY:
Trustee Mitchell	NONE
Deputy Mayor Schneider	

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

Mayor stated the Board has received budget adjustments and transfers in a memo from the Treasurer dated March 4, 2022. Mayor read them.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to accept the Budget Adjustments and Transfers stated in the Treasurer’s memo dated March 4, 2022.

SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Chichester	NAY:
Trustee Mitchell	NONE
Deputy Mayor Schneider	

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Darwin stated I have no comment unless the Board has any questions for me.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lenahan – Oxford Lane – I wish there were more people here. I spoke to a few people regarding noise, needless to say coming from Superior Pack. Since no one has been able to come over and experience the noise that we get in our house. I know the Building Inspector tried. He drove around. I think I mentioned that to Steve and Lou, that is like throwing darts and hoping you are there at the right time experiencing that noise. Plus, he is never in my house when it occurs, which happens to be the worst. The only way to experience this is, I am going to read this off and if you want to do it fine, if not it is up to you. The hztz frequency that I am registering in the bedroom and various locations in the house is about 45hztz, which is extremely, extremely low. The only way you are going to possibly experience that is to experiment like I do. I googled “what does 45hztz sound like” and I opened up this YouTube – test tone for 45hztz. When I did it, I blue-toothed it to my speaker and I played it and it comes extremely close to what I am experiencing in the bedroom. You have to try it and if you do, you will see how annoying it can be and these noises don’t last for 5 seconds or 5 minutes. They last for sometimes 20 minutes to 30 minutes. All I can tell you is to try it and then maybe you can appreciate what some of us go through. I don’t know about Darrin. I don’t know how bad it is in his house. I don’t know how bad it is for the people that live in those two buildings closest to Bailey Farm, right across from it. I know they have a problem. Both of them I thought were going to be here, but for whatever reason they didn’t attend. I am not saying they experienced the same noise because they probably don’t because

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of our location in relationship to those, as they are referred to reefs. Refrigeration units that are running by auxiliary diesels. If you want, you can try that and if you do, play it through the sound bar and turn up the bass and you will get to see what I have. This is what can be heard in the bedroom or close to it and it can get amplified because of the walls reflecting the sound. It is another problem in the bedroom or in any room in the house that gets subjected to this and I am going to have and it is going to cost me about five grand. I am going to try and soundproof some of these walls to see if I can stop the reflection of these soundwaves from bouncing back which does in fact amplify it. So, I am going to attempt to do that. If it works, I will let Darrin know and I will let other people know that are having this problem. One person that lives close by says she gets by, by running a fan in her bedroom. She also indicated that she can not use the backyard where she lives. Of course, this is all hear say since she is not here. A matter of fact that happens to two people that are close to me. They can not use their normal space that they normally could. Now, this noise that I am experiencing happens to be when the windows are closed. If I open those windows, like I did a couple of days ago, because the weather was nice it gets worse and unfortunately or fortunately, depending on how you look at it, it is very hit and miss. Today happened to be a fantastic day, Lou. You didn't hear a sound all day. I have no idea why. I wish I knew why. Darrin mentioned that perhaps it has to do with the outside temperature. Yeah, I mentioned that these reefer units have to keep their content at 55 degrees and I am certain that those temperatures senses have a spray on them. So, the fact that it is closer to 55 degrees probably is a reason why these auxiliary diesels aren't kicking on and off to run them. That is an assumption. It would be great if somebody from SPG would give us a little education. Maybe they have been here and I wasn't. Outside it is still not pleasant listening to the noise, but actually not as quite as bad as inside. Plus, as you walk around outside you can avoid the soundwave unlike in the bedroom. I mentioned this to you, Lou, when you are outside and you are getting this noise coming through you actually can walk through this low frequency soundwave. In one spot you hear it. Walk over there and you do not hear it. It is quite annoying. The noise usually lasts around 20-30 minutes straight. It can repeat a couple of times an hour or every few hours or every several hours or on rare occasions not at all on any given day. You don't know what you are going to wake up to and there can be no expectation of having a relatively quiet day with normal everyday noise. You don't know how annoying that is not knowing what to expect. I know you mentioned, Lou that sometimes, I believe you, you hear Home Depot dropping some pallets down. That is an exception. That is an exception to the rule. This is not an exception. We get up in the morning and I don't know whether or not I am going to have some relatively peace and quiet or whether or not I am going to have to experience this periodically throughout the day in my house or outside. The worst part is in the house. It is nerve racking. If this was a construction site, I would imagine that some type of noise barrier would be placed along, and this is an assumption on my part, Bailey Farm to try to mitigate the noise. I don't no what else can be done. I am trying to do the best I can for my house, my property. Outside I have know idea of what I can do except may be building a fence 12 or 15 feet high to try to stop that low frequency soundwave from penetrating into my house. You have to look it up, if you are familiar with it great. Low frequency soundwaves can go right through walls. It can and they are very difficult to stop. Let me finish by saying the noise, especially inside the home can be very unnerving and I am not too optimistic about spending a quiet Spring and Summer in our backyard or in my home. That's all I have to say.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Colon – Berwynn – I can feel the frustration in this gentleman's voice about what he must be going through. It is my understanding about low frequency hum, is that it is also used in militaries that are non-lethal if it can be and I think what you can possibly do is get after the State EPA because now this becomes an environmental issue and it may be the best way to get the State after them because if you drive along the highway, as such places out on Long Island, they have large barriers and in New Jersey to

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absorb the road noise. So, noise can be a hazardous issue. It is just a suggestion. I am not saying I am totally right on that, but I think you can probably bring it up to Environmental because it is also threatening to wildlife, believe it or not. It is just an idea.

Mr. Sainato – Oxford Lane – I can confirm everything that he is saying. Now, I experience it at a different time than Tim does. I am at work during the day when Tim is home, but it is a very trying noise that has been going on for a very long time and some nights it happens continuously throughout the entire night. One reefer would cycle out and then another one will start up and so on. I didn't buy a house near an airport and then complain about the airport. This is new. This wasn't always here. They brought this to our neighborhood and it doesn't appear that there is much concern from the Board. That is the impression I get. The impression I get is that there is nothing we can do about it. Is that the case? Is that how the Board feels?

Mayor stated we don't typically go into a back-and-forth conversation, but I will address two things that you did say. One is a little bit of a contradiction that you are saying that this has been going on for a long while and the other report is that it is only just within the last four months. Second, about the concern of the Board, the Board has been concerned with it and we have been addressing it. We have involved the Building Department as well. I had multiple contacts with Tim. I've been listening to it as well. I am not that far away from you guys where you live so I know. I have not experienced it the way your have. I am not denying what you say happens. I am just saying it has not been my experience to see it that way, nor has it been the Building Departments. We did ask the last time that you spoke that you please document your case. We can't anecdotally, it works in the beginning when you are communicating to the Board, but after this you must document your case. This is now the second Board meeting and I have not seen any of that. I know it is arduous for you to do that, but it is something you must do in order for us to understand the problem complete so that it is not anecdotal. That it is factual and that was addressed last time.

Mr. Lenahan replied I have been writing it down every time it happens. The length of time, when it stops, when it would start as best I can. I am able to do it a little better than Darrin, I am home, but at the same token I am not spending my entire day in my bedroom and I don't know if this is what you are referring to.

Mayor responded that needs to be presented to the Board so that we are aware of it.

Mr. Lenahan replied okay.

Jennifer Gargiulo – Town of Highland Falls – I am actually here to spread awareness about the Special Needs Committee. We have been doing trial and error in Highland Falls. We started a Special Needs Support Group for families of children with special needs. We would like to invite the District, Village of Harriman and the surrounding Communities to these meetings. They are Saturday mornings 11am at the Highland Falls Intermediate School. With that we would like to jump off and start meetings here. We are also working together with the West Point Community, with MWR. We have all new buddies. We are starting Special Olympics back up. We are doing a lot of things to really build it. We actually have jobs. A lot of our people are going out and getting jobs within the Highland Falls Community, Volunteering at Thrift Shops. Again, we want to open that up to the District, the Communities and start here. Start groups here and invite you down to our group to really come out and take a look. We have an open gym. The family support group is actually an open gym also for children and a rested period for parents who

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really, really need it. So, we have volunteers. We look for buddies to stay with the children that have special needs. So, we would like to invite you down and open that up. I can leave my phone number if anybody wants to get in touch with me and get involved in that. Again, it is a huge initiative, it is starting big back up in West Point. It is something that is really not notable. We started with two people in McDonald's and we really have grown to a group of about 30 people just because nobody knew about each other. Nobody new how many families were in need of some support and some activities. Other than going to Rockland County or Goshen. So Highland Falls is going to become that little hub because we have West Point. We really kind of want to open it up to the other Communities too and start initiatives there. Super important we are getting a lot of great feedback. So, I invite everybody to come down Saturday morning 11am, the Highland Falls Intermediate School and reach out to me.

Mayor stated thank you very much and I do have your contact information so I will be reaching out to you. Is it every Saturday?

Ms. Gargiulo replied every Saturday at 11am. Actually the 19th we are having a family day of yoga. Inner Beginnings are coming from Peekskill and we are going to be doing a whole family day of just yoga for free for the families. So, there is a lot of things opening up in the Spring. The Special Olympics is super exciting. We are going to be doing horseback riding at West Point. We are going to be opening that up. So, there are a lot of really great things coming up, but we really want everybody to get involved in it and we are super excited. I will be going to Woodbury and Monroe also opening up to them. We start here and we just build. Once you start coming inclusive it just becomes the norm and it is not something we really have to do like this. So, I am super excited about it.

Mayor responded thank you for sharing.

Mr. Kelly – Oxford – two things I like to stress. I wish the Board would take some kind of initiative to write a letter to Orange County about the roads.

Mayor asked the roads outside of Harriman?

Mr. Kelly replied inside. Right on 17M, right past the car wash and then you go in front of Rally and you are trying to avoid those big holes and it is getting worse. I have spoke with Tony Cardone about patching part of it, but he said that is not really

Mayor stated it is a State Road. Did he tell you that also?

Mr. Kelly continued yeah. Another thought and this is just a moment of thought, about the people you are praying for, how hard they are fighting for stuff that we take for granted every day and we look at this and we look at TV and we say oh look at those poor people. This is happening today and it is sad that families have to be left and their husbands go back to fight for what we have, and we take it for granted and sometimes we just laugh at it because the way politics works. These people are fighting for their lives, just take a moment to think about this besides just watching it on NBC or somewhere else how self-precious of what we have and how hard it is for people to have what we have.

Trustee Chichester replied well said.

Mayor stated thank you.

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Ms. Gargiulo responded Senator Schmidt posted today that he was trying to get critical funding from Albany for the State to process the roads, potholes and all that stuff. So, they are working on it.

Mayor stated the Board actually attended with Senator Skoufis when he was trying to get DOT to actually act. So, there are things in the works, hopefully.

Mr. Lenahan asked can I ask you a question and get a response?

Mayor replied you are welcome to come into my office anytime to ask questions.

Mr. Lenahan stated I just want to know about the expansion at SPG, as far as the actual details. Is there something published?

Mayor replied they are not yet before Planning Board, so we really have limited information. As you may not know SPG actually crosses municipal lines. So, they are only still trying to schedule a preapplication workshop, so it is very in the infancy. I have seen a little of it, the "50,000-foot" view. I know what the expansion is towards the back end of it, but beyond that it is all subject to change.

Trustee Chichester responded and when it progresses further then that they would have public hearings at those meetings, which I would advise you to attend.

Mayor stated keep a look at our calendars and the Town as well.

Mr. Sainato asked is there any way to possibly enforce that they park the trailer in the trailer spots and not the car spots because that may alleviate a little bit of the noise because they are parking in front of the parking lot and it seems like they are running reefers out front?

Mayor replied I had a discussion with the property owner there about moving them and I have noticed that they have moved a lot of them closer toward the building which is further away from the entrance. They will still keep one or two in the front there. Technically they shouldn't. Logically they can because it is during their movement and transition. So, technically they are okay is really the answer. I know where you are heading and I had that same discussion with Motty over there, but I have noticed that he has moved a lot of them further away from the entrance and closer to the building itself.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:31pm.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Jane Leake, Village Clerk