



Village of Harriman

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Harriman, New York 10926
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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING March 12, 2024

6:30PM – BUDGET WORKSHOP

7:00PM – AUDIT BILLS

7:20PM – PUBLIC HEARING LL#2024-02 (Amend Stop Intersections)

7:25PM – PUBLIC HEARING LL#2024-03 (Tax Exemption for Volunteer Emergency Personnel)

7:30PM – REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 13, 2024, February 20th & February 27th**
- 3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- 5. MONROE WOODBURY LITTLE LEAGUE BALLFIELDS REQUEST**
- 6. OC SMASH BALLFIELDS REQUEST**
- 7. LOCAL LAW 2024-02 – Amend Stop Intersections**
- 8. LOCAL LAW 2024-03 – Tax Exemption for Volunteer Emergency Personnel**
- 9. USDA AGREEMENT**
- 10. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW 2024-04 – Water Rates**
- 11. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING 2024-2025 Budget**
- 12. WATER ACCOUNT - 440**
- 13. NY STATE CHIEF'S CONFERENCE REQUEST**
- 14. PROBATION RELEASE – Taylor Mosher**
- 15. PROBATION RELEASE – Nick Torres**
- 16. ZBA APPOINTMENT**
- 17. IMA AUTHORIZATION – Stop DWI**
- 18. INCREASE IN AIM FUNDING RESOLUTION**
- 19. BUDGET TRANSFERS & ADJUSTMENTS**
- 20. ATTORNEY COMMENT**
- 21. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 22. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

PLANNING BOARD MEETING:

VILLAGE REORGANIZATION MEETING:

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING:

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:

March 18, 2024 - Cancelled

April 02, 2024

April 03, 2024 – Cancelled

April 09, 2024

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PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor read:

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Harriman will hold a public hearing on Local Law Introductory # 2 of 2024, Chapter 132, Article VI, 132-42 Schedule VIII, at the Village of Harriman Village Hall, 12 Church Street, Harriman, New York on March 12, 2024 at 7:20 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

The purpose of the Local Law is to add to the list of stop intersections Melody Lane in the Northeasterly direction of travel at its intersection with Brookside Drive West located in the Village of Harriman. The previously published public hearing notice incorrectly designated the location of the stop sign as Melody Lane in the Westerly direction of travel at its intersection with Brookside Drive West.

All persons interested in the subject of the proposed Local Law will be heard by the Village Board of Trustees at the above time and place. Persons may appear in person or by agent. All written communications addressed to the Village Board in connection with the proposed Local Law must be received by the Village Board at or prior to the Public Hearing.

Mayor asked did we receive any written comments?

Clerk replied no.

Mayor stated I will open it up to any public comment regarding this matter?

No Public Comment

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

Mayor read:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Harriman will hold a public hearing on Local Law Introductory # 3 of 2024, amending Chapter 118, Article IV – Tax Exemption for Volunteer Emergency Personnel, at the Village of Harriman Village Hall, 12 Church Street, Harriman, New York on March 12, 2024 at 7:25 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

The purpose of the local law is to implement the authority granted to local taxing jurisdictions by NY Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a, authorizing municipalities to adopt a local law which will provide enrolled volunteer firefighters and voluntary ambulance workers with an opportunity to be eligible for a new real property tax of up to ten percent of the assessed value of the primary residence of such qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, and provide a continuation or reinstatement of a real property tax

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exemption of ten percent of the assessed value of the primary residence for surviving spouses, who have not remarried, of formerly enrolled volunteer firefighters and voluntary ambulance workers to the extent authorized by Section 466-a.

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

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

Mayor G. Bruce Chichester, Deputy Mayor Wayne Mitchell, Trustee Sandra Daly, Trustee Carol Schneider, Village Clerk Jane Leake and Village Attorney, Dave Darwin

ALSO, PRESENT – Planning Board Chairperson Irma Escallier and Deputy Clerk, Maria Hunter

ABSENT None

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 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting, February 20, 2024 Budget Meeting and February 27, 2024 Budget Meeting?

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to accept the minutes of February 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting and February 20 and 27, 2024 Budget Meetings.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly - Abstained
Trustee Schneider
Mayor Chichester

NAY:
NONE

Trustee Daly stated I missed the meeting because I wasn't informed of the correct date.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

This evening's bills were audited:

General Fund	\$ 113,110.38
Water Fund	\$ 61,299.96
Trust & Agency	\$ 2,454.64
Engineering	\$ 2,468.90
Capital Project	\$ 406,850.00

- Up Coming Meeting Dates:
 - Planning Board – March 18, 2024 – cancelled
 - Reorganizational Meeting – April 2, 2024
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – April 3, 2024

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Village Board – April 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 do ask that you do 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 Annual Clean Sweep is on Earth Day this year, Saturday, April 20, 2024. More information and registration is available at the Town of Monroe website.
- Reminder there is no on street overnight parking from November 1st through April 1st from 11pm-6am and no parking on any streets during any snow events until the snow has been totally removed from the roads.
- We have been notified by JCAP that we have been awarded a grant of \$18,840.60. Thank you to our Court Department for submitting for those funds.
- The New Village Hall and Police Station – Everything is on schedule and proceeding well.

Agenda Additions:

- 12b) Water Account 199
- 19a) Water Department Training Request
- 19b) James Kelly’s Resignation

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 – January – \$19,166.00

NYS Court Report – January - \$19,044.00

Village Receives - \$16,795.50

Building Department – see attached report

\$ 1812.00	8 Building Permits
\$ 500.00	2 Violation Searches
\$ 200.00	1 Rental Registration Renewal
<u>\$ 300.00</u>	3 Building Permit Extensions
\$ 2612.00	

MONROE WOODBURY LITTLE LEAGUE BALLFIELDS REQUEST

Trustee Schneider stated I went over the Monroe Woodbury schedule versus the OC Smash schedule. Monroe Woodbury is fine as far as I am concerned to approve them with the exception of September 14, 2024, which is our Family Fun Day. Orange County Smash schedule is open for the Friday’s from 4pm to dusk if they wish to take that slot and the whole month of August. There is no conflict with Monroe Woodbury Little League. That would be my suggestion to the Board.

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MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve the MW Little League Ball Field request with the exception of September 14, 2024, due to Family Fun Day.

SECOND was made Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

OC SMASH BALLFIELDS REQUEST

Mayor stated OC Smash Ballfield request as outlined by Carol, are there any questions from the Board.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve the OC Smash Ballfields request for the Friday nighttime slot they asked for (4pm-dusk) and that can be from Spring through the Fall and then August 1-30, 2024, all the time slots they requested.

SECOND was made Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

LOCAL LAW 2024-02 – Amend Stop Intersections

There were no written or verbal comments at tonight's Public Hearing.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to adopt Local Law 2024-02 – Amends Stop Intersections.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

LOCAL LAW 2024-03 – Tax Exemption for Volunteer Emergency Personnel

There were no written or verbal comments at tonight's Public Hearing.

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to adopt Local Law 2024-03 – Tax Exemption for Volunteer Emergency Personnel.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

USDA AGREEMENT

Mayor stated this is our annual renewal IGA Agreement with USDA for wildlife services from April 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024. This is for the goose control of the parks.

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to authorize the Mayor to sign the IGA Agreement.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW 2024-04 – Water Rates

Mayor stated we need to set a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 2024-04 to amend the water rates for April 9, 2024, at 7:25pm.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve scheduling a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 2024-4, amending water rates for April 9, 2024, at 7:25pm.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

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AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING 2024-2025 BUDGET

Mayor stated we need to set a Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Budget for April 9, 2024, at 7:20pm.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve scheduling a Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Budget for April 9, 2024, at 7:20pm.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

WATER ACCOUNT REQUEST

Account 440 – Invoice & Penalty Waiver

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to approve the invoice and penalty waiver on Account 440.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

Account 199 – Penalty Waiver

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to approve a 1x penalty waiver on Account 199.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

NY STATE CHIEF'S CONFERENCE REQUEST

Mayor stated this is a request from the Chief of Police to attend the NYS Chief's Conference from July 14 to July 17, 2024, at a cost of \$832.00. Mayor read memo.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve the Chief of Police Conference from July 14 to July 17, 2024, at a cost of \$832.00.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

PROBATION RELEASE – Taylor Mosher

Mayor stated we have a request from the Judge for Taylor Mosher to be taken off probation effective March 16, 2024. She has completed her one-year employment as the Village Court Clerk. Also for Taylor to receive a \$1.00 per hour raise effective March 18, 2024, which was discussed at the Courts Budget.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve the probation release for Taylor Mosher effective March 16, 2024, and a \$1.00 per hour raise effective March 18, 2024.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

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PROBATION RELEASE – Nick Torres

Mayor stated the Board has received a request from Kyle, DPW Superintendent for Nick Torres to be taken off probation effective March 14, 2024. Mayor read memo.

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to approve the probation release for Nick Torres effective March 14, 2024.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

ZBA APPOINTMENT

Mayor stated this past week I interviewed Mr. Mike Pettiford who is interested in becoming a member of our ZBA. Mike is relatively a new member of Harriman, but is already aware of the Villages parks, restaurants and stores. He told me he is more than willing to visit sites the ZBA might be deciding on. I believe Mike would be a good addition to our ZBA, therefore I am requesting your consideration to put Mike Pettiford on the Village's ZBA.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to appoint Mike Pettiford as a member of the ZBA Board.

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

IMA AUTHORIZATION – Stop DWI

Mayor stated the Harriman Police Department has been awarded funding for their 2024 STOP DWI Enforcement Patrol beginning March 10, 2024, and ending January 1, 2025. Participation is for the full year. Harriman Police Department has been awarded in the amount of \$4,689.00 for the first period of 2024 patrol year, March 10, 2024, to June 2024. The Department will receive subsequent letters of awarded amounts for the second and third periods.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve the Inter-Municipal Agreement for Stop DWI Enforcement Patrol from March 10, 2024 – January 1, 2025.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

INCREASE IN AIM FUNDING RESOLUTION

Mayor stated the NY Conference of Mayors has sent a sample resolution for increasing the AIM Funding. Mayor read the resolution.

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to approve sending the AIM Resolution to Governor Hochul and other offices as indicated.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mithcell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

BUDGET TRANSFERS & ADJUSTMENTS

Mayor stated the Board has received Budget Transfers from the Treasurer in a memo dated March 11, 2024.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mithcell to approve the Treasurer's Budget Transfers request as outlined in the memo of March 11, 2024.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

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AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

DPW TRAINING REQUEST

Mayor stated we have a request to register Ron, Nick and Kyle for the HVWWC seminar on April 18, 2024. **MOTION** was made by Trustee Daly to approve the training request for Ron, Nick and Kyle to attend the HVWWC seminar on April 18, 2024.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

RESIGNATION – Jim Kelly

Mayor stated I received a notice from long time Planning Board Member Jim Kelly that he is going to resign from his position as the alternative member effective April 1, 2024.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve Planning Board alternate Jim Kelly's resignation.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Darwin stated now that the Board has approved the minutes from last month's meeting. I will need a certified copy of the minutes to attach to the agreement with ORDEVCO for the release of OR-5 well rights. I will attach the certified minutes to the agreement, which the Mayor has already signed and send that to the escrow agent. Once they record that agreement, they will be able to release the \$50,000.00 to the Village.

Mayor stated we have Paul Edwards, J Square Builders who has spoken with you about his property water situation, do you have anything on that?

Attorney Darwin replied I sent you a draft water agreement to review. When you have a chance to look it over, we can talk about whether you have any changes to it or not.

Mayor replied we will put that on next month's agenda because that will need approval.

Attorney Darwin responded yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

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

SECOND by Deputy Mayor Mitchell
ALL IN FAVOR

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

The following was given by Mayor Chichester:

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MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Regular Meeting
SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider
ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to adjourn the Regular meeting at 8:30pm.
SECOND was made by Trustee Mitchell
ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Jane Leake, Village Clerk