



Village of Harriman

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Harriman, New York 10926
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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2024

7:00PM – AUDIT BILLS
7:20PM – PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET 2024-2025
7:25PM – PUBLIC HEARING LL#2024-04 (Water Rates)
7:30PM – REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 12th Regular & Budget & April 2nd Re-Org**
- 3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- 5. LOCAL LAW 2024-04 – Water Rates**
- 6. BUDGET 2024-2025**
- 7. WATER SHUT OFF'S**
- 8. WATER AND MAINTENANCE RELEVY**
- 9. NYCOM Annual Meeting and Training for Mayors**
- 10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARING AND ISSUING RFPs FOR MH1A**
- 11. WOODBURY CENTRE WATER METERS DISCONNECTION REQUEST**
- 12. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING – Introductory Local Law 2024-5 – Amending Chapter 136**
- 13. PROBATION RELEASE – Nate DePew**
- 14. DPW Contract Approval**
- 15. PBA Contract Approval**
- 16. BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS**
- 17. ATTORNEY COMMENT**
- 18. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 19. POSSIBLE MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

PLANNING BOARD MEETING:	April 15, 2024 Cancelled
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING:	May 01, 2024
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:	May 14, 2024

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7:00pm – Audit Bills
7:20pm – Public Hearing – Budget 2024-2025
7:25pm – Public Hearing – LL# 2024-04 Water Rates
7:30pm – Regular Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING – Budget 2024-2025:

Pursuant to Section §5-508 of the Village Law of the State of New York, the tentative budget for the Village of Harriman has been prepared and filed with the Village Clerk at the Village Office, 12 Church Street, Harriman, New York, where it may be examined by all interested persons between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Said tentative budget includes a maximum compensation for the mayor of \$25,000 per year and for the Trustees of \$7,766.53 per year.

A summary of the tentative budget is as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$3,588,069
WATER FUND	\$1,813,239

A Public Hearing on the budget will be held at 12 Church Street, Harriman, New York on April 9th at 7:20 p.m. to consider same before final adoption.

No Public Comments.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – Introductory Local Law 2024-04 – Water Rates

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Board of the Village of Harriman will hold a public hearing on a proposed introductory local law entitled, Local Law No. 4 of 2024 - A Local Law Amending the Water Rates for the Village of Harriman,” at Harriman Village Hall, 12 Church Street, Harriman, New York on April 9, 2024 at 7:25pm or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

This local law, if adopted, will amend §§ 74-5 I 1(a), 3(a)(1) and (2) of the Village Code by increasing the Village of Harriman water rates.

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.

No Public Comments.

Clerk stated there were no written comments for either Public Hearing.

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

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REGULAR MEETING:

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

ABSENT NONE

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

The Mayor asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

This evening's bills were audited:

Trust & Agency	\$ 315.96
General Fund	\$ 103,248.91
Water Fund	\$ 78,747.87
Engineering Fees	\$ 14,461.11
Capital Projects	\$ 383,693.20

- Up Coming Meeting Dates:
 - Planning Board – April 15, 2024 – Cancelled
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – May 1, 2024
 - Village Board – May 14, 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.
- 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 on the street and we do not accept grass clippings.
- The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation has issued its annual statewide ban on outdoor burning of brush and debris from March 16, 2024 to May 14, 2024.
- The Annual Clean Sweep is on Earth Day this year, Saturday April 20th. More information and registration is available at the Town of Monroe website.
- On March 26th Deputy Mayor Mitchell, Trustee Schneider, Trustee Daly, and I attended the Orange County Association of Towns, Villages and Cities. There was a presentation from Hope Alive 845 an organization that helps find missing children. More information on this organization can be found on the Village of Harriman website.

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- Planning has started for Family Fun Day 2024 which will be held on Saturday September 7th. More details will follow as the committee meets and continues planning.
- On Sunday, April 28th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. the Woodbury Historical Society will sponsor “50 Items that Tell the Story of Southeastern Orange County”. With the historical societies and historians from many towns and villages including Iram Escallier from Village of Harriman.
- Trustee Carol Schneider update – Since the last meeting I spoke with someone at Orange County Smash and MW Little League and they have worked out a mutual schedule amongst themselves in using the ballfield and MW Little League will supply the clay for the field as they have in the past. They provide the clay and our DPW provides the truck to pick it up in helping them out.
- The Village is hosting a Spring Community Drive. The drive is in support of an organization called Riley’s Parade. Riley’s Parade is an organization that helps support families that are staying at the Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley while their child is fighting in the NICU. They support the families by providing them with care packages. We will be collecting travel sized toiletries. We will be running this Community Drive from April 15th to May 15th. Any questions please call the Village Hall.
- New Village Hall and Police Station Update – Everything is on schedule and proceeding well. Deputy Mayor has been overseeing it and he agrees.

Agenda Additions:

- 16a) Water Account 246
- 16b) Water Account 831
- 16c) Water Account 765
- 16d) Authorize Mayor to Sign Grant Distribution Agreement – Crest Grant 26289
- 16e) SEQRA Resolution 4 – Accept Repaving Crest Grant 26289
- 16f) Park Request- Barcnas
- 16g) WSP

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor asked if there are any changes or corrections to the minutes of March 12, 2024?

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to accept the minutes of March 12, 2024.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

Mayor asked if there are any changes or corrections to the minutes of March 12, 2024 Budget Meeting or April 2, 2024, Re-Org Meeting?

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to accept the minutes of March 12, 2024 Budget Meeting and April 2, 2024 Re-Org Meeting.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Daly
Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Schneider

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer Report – see attached report

DPW – see attached report

Police Department – see attached report – Funds \$45.00

Water Account Adjustments – see attached report

Court Reports – see attached report December 2023 NYS Report \$16,836.00 Village - \$12,630.00

February 2024 NYS Report \$19,166.00 Village - \$14,917.50

March Court Activities \$20,835.00

Building Department – see attached report

\$ 75.00 1 Building Permits

 250.00 1 Violation Search

\$ 325.00

MOTION by Trustee Daly to accept the Department Monthly Reports.

SECONDED by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Daly

Deputy Mayor Mitchell

Trustee Schneider

LOCAL LAW 2024-04 – Water Rates

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

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to adopt Local Law 2024-04 – Water rates.

SECONDED was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell

Trustee Daly

Trustee Schneider

NAY:

NONE

2024-2025 BUDGET

Mayor stated I need a motion from the Board to accept the 2024-2025 Budget.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve adopting the Village’s 2024-2025 Budget.

SECONDED was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell

Trustee Daly

Trustee Schneider

NAY:

NONE

SHUT-OFF’S

Mayor stated the Board has been provided with a list of water shut offs for this current period.

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to accept the water shut offs for April 11, 2024.

SECONDED was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell

Trustee Daly

Trustee Schneider

NAY:

NONE

WATER AND MAINTENANCE RELEVY

Mayor stated the Village Treasurer has given us a list of unpaid water and maintenance that will be Re-levied to the Village taxes if not paid by April 22, 2024.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to authorize the Village Treasurer to re-levy the water and maintenance on the Village Taxes provided they are not paid on or prior to April 22, 2024.

SECONDED was made by Trustee Schneider

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AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

NYCOM – Annual Meeting and Training for Mayors

Mayor stated we previously asked the Board, but I need a motion for the NYCOM Annual Meeting and Training for the Mayor.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to authorize the Mayor to attend the Annual NYCOM Training Meeting.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREPARING AND ISSUING RFPs FOR MH1A

Mayor stated this item will be moved to Executive Session for discussion with the Village Attorney and then we will probably come out of Executive Session to vote on it.

WOODBURY CENTRE WATER METERS DISCONNECTION REQUEST

Mayor stated the Board has information on this Woodbury Centre Disconnections request.

LACK OF MOTION - Denied

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW 2024-05/Amend

Chapter 136

Mayor stated we need to set a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 2024-05 to amend Chapter 136 for May 14, 2024, at 7:25pm.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve scheduling a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law 2024-5, amending Chapter 136 for May 14, 2024, at 7:25pm.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

PROBATION RELEASE – Nate DePew

Mayor stated the Board received a request from the Superintendent of DPW. Mayor read memo.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve the probation release for Nate DePew effective April 3, 2024.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

DPW CONTRACT APPROVAL

Mayor stated the Board and various members have been in negotiations with the DPW Department for a contract renewal and that has come to fruition and is ready to be accepted.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to accept the DPW Contract.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider with the revision from the Labor Attorney.

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AYE: Trustee Daly
Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

PBA CONTRACT APPROVAL

Mayor stated this contract has been successfully negotiated between the Village of Harriman and the Police PBA effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2028.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to accept the PBA Contract.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Trustee Daly
Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS/TRANSFERS

Mayor stated the Village Treasurer has requested Budget Modifications and Transfers. Mayor read memo.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve the Budget Modifications and Transfer Requests as outlined in the Treasurer's memo of April 5, 2024.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Trustee Daly
Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

Trustee Daly asked do you know if there is any way we can get money from Albany for something like that? I don't know if you would know Wayne because you are in the business shall we say. (Referring to Police Department services not provided by the County any longer)

Deputy Mayor Mitchell replied they generally wouldn't.

WATER ACCOUNT REQUESTS

Account 246 – Penalty Waivers

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve a 1x penalty waivers on Account 246.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Trustee Daly
Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Schneider

Account 831– Penalty Waiver

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve a 1x 30-day penalty waiver on Account 831.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Trustee Daly
Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

Account 765 – Penalty Waivers

LACK OF MOTION - Denied

PARK REQUEST

Lorelei Cruz Barcenas – May 18, 2024 3pm – 7pm

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve Barcenas's park request for May 18, 2024.

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SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

AYE: Trustee Daly
Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN GRANT DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT –
Crest Grant 26289**

Mayor stated we have a resolution determining that the repaving of Church Street is a Type II Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and accepting a Grant from DASNY under its Crest Program for a repaving project. Mayor read resolution.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to authorize Mayor to sign the DASNY Paving Grant Agreement.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Daly
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Darwin stated I just want to remind the Mayor and the Board of the addition to the Agenda whether to renew the WSP Contract for Hydrogeological Services and we were going to go into Executive Session for advice of Counsel to discuss that.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Irma Escallier – Lexington Hill – when is the completion of the new Village Hall?

Deputy Mayor Mitchell replied estimated time frame is still September. We are still on track for September.

Ms. Escallier stated good to know because I am preparing things for the walls.

Deputy Mayor Mitchell replied thank you.

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

SECOND by Deputy Mayor Mitchell
ALL IN FAVOR

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

The following was given by Trustee Schneider:

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

SECOND was made by Trustee Daly
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MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to table MH1A WSP Engineering Services for further research.

SECOND by Deputy Mayor Mitchell
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MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to authorize Mayor to sign WSP Contract Renewal subjected to Attorney reviewing form and content.

SECOND by Trustee Daly

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION was made by Trustee Daly to adjourn Regular meeting at 9:05pm.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Jane Leake, Village Clerk