



Village of Harriman

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING AUGUST 13, 2024

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

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 9, 2024, July 23, 2024**
- 3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- 5. RESIGNATION - TRUSTEE**
- 6. WATER ACCOUNT REQUEST - 779**
- 7. SURPLUS PROPERTY – One Maple Avenue**
- 8. REQUEST DPW SUPERINTENDENT – MARY HARRIMAN PARK PAVING UPGRADE**
- 9. ESCROW REFUND – MYL Investors LLC**
- 10. WATER DEPARTMENT TRAINING REQUEST**
- 11. SURPLUS – DPW SPREADER**
- 12. SURPLUS – MAILBOX/CHAIRS**
- 13. BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS**
- 14. ATTORNEY COMMENT**
- 15. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 16. POSSIBLE MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

PLANNING BOARD MEETING:	August 19, 2024
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING:	September 4, 2024
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:	September 10, 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 Carol Schneider, Trustee Reyna Sandoval, Village Clerk Jane Leake and Attorney Ben Gailey

ABSENT None

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

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 July 9, 2024?

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to accept the minutes of July 9, 2024.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

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

Mayor asked if there are any changes or corrections to the minutes of July 23, 2024?

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to accept the minutes of July 23, 2024.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

This evening's bills were audited: 2024/2025

General Fund	\$ 132,589.51
Trust & Agency	\$ 142.98
Water Fund	\$ 77,002.52
Engineering Fees	\$ 17,819.05
Capital Projects	\$ 185,566.09

- Up Coming Meeting Dates:
 - Planning Board – August 19, 2024
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – September 4, 2024
 - Village Board – September 10, 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.

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- 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.
- August Water Bills went out and are due by August 30th to avoid penalties.
- Brush pick-up continues – we ask that you place brush, untied, at the edge of your property with butt end facing out. Please do not place on the street and we do not accept grass clippings.
- 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 outside water usage.
- Units responded to the Orange County Sewer District located at 72 River Road for a report of a possible chemical reaction due to mixed chemicals and increased vat temperatures. Chief Tenaglia responded to the scene along with the Harriman Police Department, Orange County Department of Emergency Services and Hazmat Team, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, State Police, Woodbury Police, Monroe Fire Department, and Harriman DPW. River Road was closed, and traffic was diverted away from the scene. Investigation revealed that there was no chemical spill or threat of an explosion, so shelter in place or evacuation orders were deemed unnecessary. Scene information was communicated to the public via the Harriman Police Department's Facebook page. Thank you to all who helped to make sure the Village of Harriman residents were safe.
- The paving of 3 Village roads – Church Street, South Main and a portion of North Main should begin either Friday August 16th or Monday August 19th
- The Annual School Supply Drive is still ongoing. New school supply donations can be dropped off at Village Hall Monday – Friday, 8am to 4 pm or at the Police Department anytime. We will be working with Monroe Woodbury School District to have the donations distributed to children that need them the most. The donations drop off deadline will be August 27th.
- Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please reach out to the Village Treasurer. We're all hoping for good weather and to see lots of village residents come out to enjoy the day and activities.
- New Village Hall and Police Station Update – Everything is on schedule and proceeding well. Grand opening date to be announced soon.
- **AGENDA ADDITIONS**
10a) Water Seminar – Training Request

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer Report – see attached report

DPW – see attached report

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MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve the DPW Superintendents Mary Harriman Park Basketball Courts Paving Request.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Sandoval
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

ESCROW REFUND – MYL Investors LLC

Mayor stated the Board has received emails and letters from Mr. Yoel Leifer requesting refund of the bond posted on May 5, 2021, by MYL Investors LLC to the trust account in the amount of \$21,731.00. This was confirmed by John Lanc and the Building Inspector.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve refunding the bond trust account posting of \$21,731.00 to MYL Investors LLC.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Sandoval
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

WATER DEPARTMENT TRAINING REQUEST

Mayor stated the Board has a memo from the DPW Superintendent requesting permission to send Chris Wendt, Ron Krzywicki, and Kyle Livsey to the annual HVWWC Trade Show on August 8, 2024, with a cost of \$50.00 each.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve the HVWWC Trade Show Seminar on August 8, 2024, for Chris Wendt, Ron Krzywicki and Kyle Livsey at \$50.00 each.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Sandoval
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

WATER DEPARTMENT TRAINING REQUEST

Mayor stated this is a training request from the DPW Superintendent to send Nathaniel Depew to W2O's Grade D Certification Course in Cortland New York from October 21-25th at a cost of \$625.00 with additional funds such as lodging and meals. Mayor read memo.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve Nathaniel Depew to attend the W2O's Grade D Certification Course from October 21-25th at a cost of \$625.00 with additional funds such as lodging and meals.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Sandoval
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

SURPLUS PROPERTY – DPW Spreader

Mayor stated the DPW Superintendent is requesting surplus a 3-yard Swenson Salt Spreader to be sold on Auction International.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve the DPW request declaring the 3-yard Swenson Salt Spreader as surplus and to be sold on Auction International.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

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AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Sandoval
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

SURPLUS PROPERTY – Mailbox/Chairs

Mayor stated we have a request from the Treasurer to declare surplus of 49 Chairs and 1 Postal Box and be put for sale on Auctions International. Mayor read memo.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve the Treasurer’s request declaring 49 Chairs and 1 Postal Box surplus and to be put for sale on Auctions International.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Sandoval
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve the Budget Transfer Request as outlined in the Treasurer’s memo of August 12, 2024.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell
Trustee Sandoval
Trustee Schneider

NAY:
NONE

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Gailey stated the Village of Harriman along with the Village of Monroe recently filed suit against the Town of Monroe with respect to the settlement of Zoning Litigation by the Town Board. The Town Board has stated that it intends to tax all properties in the Town, including properties in the Village, to pay the expenses of that settlement. The Town borrowed \$19 million dollars to purchase property owned by Developers in order to settle the litigation and the position of the two Village’s is that those expenses can be charged only to the tax payors in the Town outside of the Village’s and can not be charged to property owners within the two Villages. That suit was just filed recently and there has been no response yet from the Town.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Stavrides – 22 Oxford Lane – I wanted to talk about the incident that happened at the Sewer Treatment Plant. I think you said there was no shelter in place order. Well, there was. I was at home when the Fire Department came down Oxford Lane banging on people’s doors to alert us to shelter in place. Which I am very grateful. They did take that time and carried through in whatever they needed to do, but after that no further communication. Nobody new when it ended, shelter in place. No one new when it was safe to go out. There was just no new communication. I checked the news. I checked the Village website. Eventually I called the Village Police Department, and I was told to check their Facebook page in a little while. Now, I don’t think that is adequate. A lot of people don’t have Facebook and just to say check the Facebook page or never thought of something like that would be on Facebook page. So, I am wondering if the Village has a system in place like for the future if there is any type of incident that the public needs to be made aware of that they could send out like a robo blast. Because I know that Town of Woodbury, that is my Town, does do that. But to think of things in the

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future because I am sure the way things are going a lot more incidents may happen, not just at the Treatment Plant, but in general.

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

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

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 at 8:40pm.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees voluntarily recognizes Teamsters Local Union No. 445 as the exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining for the following Village of Harriman employee positions: All full-time and regular part-time deputy clerks, court clerks, village clerks and building inspectors, excluding all other employees and officers.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

AYE: Deputy Mayor Mitchell

Trustee Sandoval

Trustee Schneider

NAY:

NONE

MOTION was made by Trustee Sandoval to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:50pm.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Jane Leake, Village Clerk