



Village of Harriman

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2024

7:00PM – AUDIT BILLS
7:25PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Introductory Local Law #8
7:30PM – REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 12, 2024**
- 4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- 6. INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #8 – Limited Time Parking at Village Hall**
- 6. WATER ACCOUNT REQUESTS – Account 23, Account 188**
- 7. AUCTIONS - Spreader**
- 8. PROBATION RELEASE – P.O. C. Martinez**
- 9. COURT CLERK – Temporary P/T Position**
- 10. BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS**
- 11. ATTORNEY COMMENT**
- 12. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 13. POSSIBLE MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

PLANNING BOARD MEETING:	December 16, 2024 - Cancelled
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING:	January 8, 2025
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:	January 14, 2025

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7:00pm – Audit Bills
7:25pm – Public Hearing – Introductory Local Law #8
7:30pm – Regular Meeting

MOTION to open the public hearing was made by Trustee Schneider and **SECOND** by Deputy Mayor Mitchell.

PUBLIC HEARING
Mayor read:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harriman, New York, on November 12, 2024, a local law, titled “Limited Time Parking At Village Hall,” which local law would prohibit parking, except for official business, at the Village Hall property between dusk and dawn and during daylight hours during any snow event or when two inches or more of snow is forecast. In addition, the local law would provide that vehicle and traffic regulations may be adopted by the Board of Trustees by local law or by resolution.

A complete copy of the Introductory Local Law is available for inspection at the Clerk's Office. NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harriman, New York, will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Local Law on December 10, 2024, at 7:25 P.M. or soon thereafter, at the Village Hall, 1 Church Street, Harriman, New York 10926 at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard.

The Village of Harriman will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk.

No public comments.

Mayor asked if there were any written comments?

Clerk replied no.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to close the public hearing and **SECOND** by Trustee Sandoval

MOTION to open the Board Meeting was made by Trustee Sandoval and **SECOND** by Deputy Mayor Mitchell.

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL: Mayor G. Bruce Chichester, Deputy Mayor Wayne Mitchell, Trustee Reyna Sandoval, Trustee Carol Schneider, Trustee Golam Sarker, Village Clerk Jane Leake, Attorney Ben Gailey

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 November 12, 2024?

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

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

This evening's bills were audited:

General Fund	\$ 92,837.27
Water Fund	\$ 91,752.33
Trust & Agency	\$ 2,878.98
Engineering Fees	\$ 9,105.50
Capital Projects	\$ 150,085.25

- Up Coming Meeting Dates:
 - Planning Board – December 16, 2024 - Cancelled
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – January 8, 2025
 - Village Board – January 14, 2025

- 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.

- A drop box is available in the vestibule of the new 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.

- Our Annual New Hat and Glove Drive ended last week and was a huge success. Trustee Sarker, Trustee Schneider and I delivered over 300 hats and gloves collected to Sacred Heart Church last week to be distributed to people in need. Thank you again to everyone who generously donated to this year's event.

- Leaf Pick Up ended Friday, December 6th. I want to thank the DPW crew for doing a great job again this season.

- Reminder that there is no on street overnight parking from November 1st through April 1st from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. and there is no parking on the street during any snow events until the snow has been totally removed from the roads.

- Mandatory Water Restrictions are still in effect. Residents are prohibited from washing their automobiles, equipment or performing other high volume out water usage.

- We have one alternate position opening on the Planning Board and one vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Anyone interested please submit a letter of intent to the Village Clerk or me. If anyone has any questions regarding these positions, please contact me.

- Village Hall and Court Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th as well as December 31st and January 1st for the Holidays.

Addition to the Agenda:

Item 6) water accounts 829 and 853.

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Account 188 – Deferred Payment Plan

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve the lowest rate and deferred payment plan on Account 188.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

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Discussion on leak and rate.

Account 829 – Lowest Rate

MOTION was made by Trustee Sandoval to approve the lowest rate on Account 829.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

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Discussion on leak and rate.

Account 853 – Waiver Requests

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve a 1x penalty waivers on Account 853.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider

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AUCTIONS - Spreader

Mayor stated after Auctions International the DPW Superintendent was not able to sell the spreader.

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve placing the spreader back on Auctions International.

SECONDED by Trustee Sandoval

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Trustee Schneider asked are you able to start the Auction at a certain price?

Mayor replied I think we can.

Mayor asked Ben we can do that?

Attorney replied I believe so.

Discussion.

PROBATION RELEASE – P.O. C. Martinez

Mayor read memo from Chief Tenaglia.

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve the probation release of P.O. C. Martinez effective December 8, 2024.

SECONDED by Trustee Schneider

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COURT CLERK – Temporary P/T Position

Mayor stated the Board has in front of them the information regarding the temporary part-time Court Clerk position.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to approve Alice Confield as temporary part-time Court Clerk with a starting date of December 23, 2024, through January 13, 2025.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

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BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS

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

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell to approve the Budget Transfer request as outlined in the Treasurer's memo dated December 9, 2024.

SECOND was made by Trustee Schneider
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ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Gailey stated on the sale of the former Police Station a draft contract should be going out tomorrow to the buyers Attorney.

Trustee Schneider stated I saw that the Town of Monroe passed their budget. So how quickly do we have to send something out?

Attorney Gailey replied we are actually researching that now. The normal requirement is four months. Either from passing of the budget or from when the tax bills are actually delivered which we haven't gotten to yet.

Trustee Schneider stated the first time they tried to pass the budget one of their Board Members got it to halt until the following meeting because they only got their budget hours before the meeting and the second time it seems like they did pass it. It was stated that it wasn't received until noon and yet they passed it.

Attorney Gailey replied it happens all the time in legislature. So that is not a defect in their process, or it is not a legal defect in their process anyway.

Trustee Schneider stated I guess the important thing then is how quickly do we have to react to that.

Attorney Gailey replied there is no immediacy.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Ms. Stavrides – Oxford – I have some comments and questions about the Sewer Treatment Plant. I myself and others living on River Road have noticed a definite change. There is an awful smell detected on almost a daily basis. This never happened in the past. So, this seems to be something new. Sewer gas is hydrogen sulfite, which is unhealthy for people to be exposed to it on a daily basis. I also learned that if the conditions are bad enough sewage can back up into our homes. I called my homeowners insurance and found out that I am not covered if this should happen. I would have to purchase an additional coverage for that, in which I did. I have attended several meetings at the Village Board in Woodbury and they were discussing a Sewer Moratorium and public comments are strongly in favor of continuing this moratorium because the Treatment Plant is over capacity. Some of the questions I have now; does the Village of Harriman have a moratorium in place? Is there such a thing?

Mayor replied we are not answering. You just comment.

Ms. Stavrides – oh, no answer. Okay. She continued, if so, how long is the moratorium? What is the Village doing to mitigate the foul smell that is coming from the Sewer Treatment Plant? Also, I would like to ask you if the Harriman Board will also join your voices with the Village of Woodbury and to support an extension of the Moratorium without exceptions, like Woodbury Commons? During the past week I observed a surveyor at the Treatment Plant. Is the County planning on doing an extension of the Plant soon? If so, what direction would they take this? This is for the Town of Monroe, I guess, all the

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apartments that are going up on Route 105 are they approved to hook up to our Treatment Plant here in Harriman?

Mayor replied we don't usually comment. We take your comments and take them under advisement. But I will say, the Village of Harriman has no control over the Sewer Plant, which is an Orange County Plant. They run the Plant. We have been in contact with our Local Representatives that represent us at the County. We have talked about it, and we are concerned about the Sewer Plant as anybody else and we are doing legally what we can to look into that.

Ms. Stavrides stated everybody says it is in our backyard. It is not in our backyard; it is our backyard.

Mayor responded we understand that.

Ms. Stavrides stated it is getting to a crisis level.

Mayor replied we understand.

Ms. Stavrides responded well, thank you very much.

Attorney Gailey asked do you have an approximate date when the odors started?

Ms. Stavrides replied I really don't. I would say like sometime this summer. Approximately.

Attorney Gailey stated I was just wondering if something operational had changed.

Ms. Stavrides responded it used to be on occasion, but now it is like every single day. I am adjacent. It hasn't come into the house yet, but if I go to the mailbox, I definitely smell it.

Attorney Gailey replied okay.

Mayor stated I have been involved with the Sewer Plant as far back as the 90's. I was on a Sewer Committee back then and we saw this happening and we have been fighting against it for a long time and we will continue to fight even though it has been a losing fight so far because of where it is located and such. But, I will promise you we will continue to look at it.

Ms. Stavrides responded join forces with the others.

Mayor replied it is the best we can.

MOTION was made by Trustee Schneider to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:02pm.

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

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Respectfully submitted by: _____
Jane Leake, Village Clerk