



Village of Harriman

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VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MAY 13, 2025

7:00PM – AUDIT BILLS
7:25PM – PUBLIC HEARING – Chapter 74-5 Fees
7:30PM – REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 7 Reorg & April 8, 2025**
- 3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- 5. RESOLUTION – Chapter 74-5 Building Department Fees**
- 6. ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION REQUEST**
- 7. AUCTION INTERNATIONAL – Vehicle 371**
- 8. LEGAL NOTICES – Budget and Tax Collection**
- 9. WATER ACCOUNT REQUESTS – Acct 832, 864**
- 10. POLICE CHIEF -EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT**
- 11. VACATION CARRYOVER**
- 11a. COURT CLERK Resignation**
- 11b. Park Request – 1 Short Street**
- 11c. Park Request - Quinones**
- 12. AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN HYDROGEOLOGIC SERVICE AGREEMENT**
- 13. ZBA ATTORNEY – ENGAGEMENT LETTER**
- 14. BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS**
- 15. ATTORNEY COMMENT**
- 16. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 17. POSSIBLE MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

PLANNING BOARD MEETING:	May 19, 2025
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING:	June 4, 2025
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING:	June 10, 2025

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7:00pm – Audit Bills

7:25pm – Public Hearing – Local Law 2 - Chapter 74-5 Fees

7:30pm – Regular Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Deputy Mayor Schneider to open the public hearing Second by Trustee Chichester

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 April 8, 2025, a local law entitled “Increase in Rental Registration Fee,” which local law would increase the residential rental registration fee from \$50 to \$100 per dwelling unit and, in addition, if a dwelling unit owner, occupant or agent was given the inspection checklist and the dwelling unit fails the inspection due to non-compliance with the checklist, the dwelling unit owner shall be required to pay an additional \$75 re-inspection fee.

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 at the Village Hall, 1 Church Street, Harriman, New York, on May 13, 2025, at 7:25 P.M., 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.

The mayor asked did we have any written comments?

The treasurer replied no.

No public comment.

Motion by Trustee Chichester to close the public hearing **Second** by Deputy Mayor Schneider

REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL: **Mayor** Wayne Mitchell, Deputy Mayor Carol Schneider, Trustee Reyna Sandoval, Trustee Golam Sarker, Trustee G. Bruce Chichester, Attorney Ben Gailey, Village Treasurer Coimbra

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 reorg minutes of April 7, 2025?

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to accept the reorg minutes of April 7, 2025.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

Mayor asked if there are any changes or corrections to the board minutes of April 8, 2025?

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to accept the board minutes of April 8 2025.

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

ALL IN FAVOR

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

This evening's bills were audited: 2024/2025

General Fund	\$137,387.76
Water Fund	\$ 52,336.13
Trust & Agency	\$ 1,048.98
Engineering Fees	\$ 29,776.40

- Up Coming Meeting Dates:
 - Planning Board – May 19th
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – June 4th
 - Village Board – June 10th

We have updated the website to .gov domain as required by the governor. If you go to .org it will automatically redirect you to the .gov website. Our emails will remain the same.

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.gov 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.

The Annual Clean Sweep took place on Saturday April 26, 2025, and was a very successful event. Thanks to everyone who volunteered.

On Sunday, April 27th Deputy Mayor Schneider, Trustee Sandoval and I attended the Woodbury Historical Society "Fifty People that Shaped Orange County" with the historical societies and historians from many towns and village including our very own Irma Escallier from the Village of Harriman. Irma Escallier did an outstanding job.

Hydrant Flushing will be taking place the whole month of May. The water may be discolored, but it is safe to drink.

Village Hall and the Court Office will be closed Monday, May 26th for Memorial Day.

The Memorial Day Parade in Monroe is scheduled for Sunday, 25th starting at 1:30 at Smith Clove Park.

The Memorial Day Parade in Woodbury is scheduled for Sunday, 25th starting at 12:00 at Bond Street in Central Valley.

In Harriman, the Memorial Day services will start at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 26th at Saint Anastasia Church. Service will then follow at the Memorial at Village Square, the Memorial at the Harriman VFW, and a Memorial at the Emily Perez Monument by the Mary Harriman Park. Food at Mary Harriman Park afterwards.

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The Harriman Engine Company's Annual Carnival will be held June 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

Brush pick-up – we ask that you place brush, untied, at the edge of your property with but end facing out. Please do not place it on the street and we do not accept grass clippings.

Planning continues for Family Fun Day 2025 which will be held on Saturday, September 6th. More details will follow as the committee meets and continues planning.

Addition to Agenda

- Agenda Item 11a) Court Clerk Resignation
- 11b) Park Request – 1 Short Street
- 11c) Park Request - Quinones

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Treasurer Report

DPW

Police Department – Funds \$15.00

Building Department

\$ 3,795.13	7 Building Permits
\$ 250.00	1 Violation Searches
\$ 200.00	2 Building Permit Extensions
<u>\$ 100.00</u>	Penalties/After Fact
\$ 4,345.13	

MOTION by Trustee Chichester to accept reports.

SECONDED by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW #2 - BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harriman, County of Orange, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph (16)(b), titled "Residential rental registration (includes fire safety inspection)," of subsection A, titled "Building Department" of §74-5, titled "Fee schedule" of Chapter 74, titled "Fees," of the Code of the Village of Harriman is amended to read as follows:

(b) Residential rental registration (includes fire safety inspection): \$100 per dwelling unit.

If a dwelling unit owner, occupant or agent was given the inspection checklist and the dwelling unit fails the inspection due to non-compliance with the checklist, the dwelling unit owner shall be required to pay an additional \$75 re-inspection fee.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

There were no written or verbal comments.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to approve Local Law #2

SECONDED was made by Trustee Sandoval

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ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS REQUEST

The Mayor stated that Orange County Board of Elections is requesting using our building for the Primary Election on June 24th and the General Elections on November 4th. The Treasurer has reached out to them several times for insurance and has not received it as of today. So, I would like to approve this conditionally on receiving the insurance from Orange County Board of Elections.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the Board of Elections Request.

SECONDED was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

AUCTION INTERNATIONAL – Vehicle 371

The Mayor stated at the last Board meeting we approved the listing for the 2017 Ford Explorer Police Car at Auction International. The bid came in at \$5,900.00.

MOTION was made by Trustee Sandoval to approve the bid for the 2017 Ford Explorer Police Car in the amount of \$5,900.00

SECONDED was made by Trustee Sarker

ALL IN FAVOR

LEGAL NOTICES BUDGET AND TAX COLLECTION

Mayor read notices.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to accept the legal notices.

SECONDED was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

WATER ACCOUNT REQUESTS

Accounts 832 – Penalty Waiver Requests

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to approve 1x penalty waivers on Accounts 832

SECONDED was made by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

Account 864– Penalty Waiver Requests

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve 1x penalty waivers on Account 864.

SECONDED was made by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

POLICE CHIEF – EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT

The board has received a copy of the Police Chief proposed contract from June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2029.

MOTION was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider to approve the Police Chief Contract

SECONDED was made by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

VACATION CARRYOVER

The Mayor stated we have received a letter from the Treasurer asking for Jane Leake and herself, due to extenuating circumstances, to be allowed to carry over in excess of the allowable 5 days. This would be for the Treasurer to carry over 3 additional days and the Village Clerk to carry over 6 additional days.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the request, allowing both Jane Leake and Marie Coimbra to carry over the excess days stated

SECONDED was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

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COURT CLERK RESIGNATION

The Mayor stated we received a letter of resignation from our court clerk, Taylor Mosher, effective May 30th. I will need a motion accepting the resignation.

MOTION was made by Trustee Sandoval to approve court clerk resignation

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

ALL IN FAVOR

The Mayor stated that we wish Taylor good luck with her future endeavors.

PARK REQUEST – ONE SHORT STREET

The Mayor stated that we received a park request from 1 Short Street for June 28th. I will need a motion approving that request.

MOTION was made by Trustee Sandoval to approve park request

SECOND was made by Trustee Sarker

ALL IN FAVOR

PARK REQUEST – QUINONES

The Mayor stated we received a park request from Quinones for June 21st. I will need a motion approving that request.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve park request

SECOND was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN HYDROGEOLOGIC SERVICE AGREEMENT

Mayor stated this is an annual renewal for our Hydrogeologic Services with WSP.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve authorizing the Mayor to sign the renewal for WSP Hydrogeologic Services Agreement.

SECONDED was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

ZBA ATTORNEY – ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Mayor stated the board received an Engagement Letter from our ZBA attorney Joe McCay dated May 12, 2025, with the new rate of pay.

MOTION was made by Trustee Sandoval to approve the Engagement Letter from our ZBA attorney date May 12, 2025.

SECONDED was made by Deputy Mayor Schneider

ALL IN FAVOR

BUDGET TRANSFERS/ADJUSTMENTS

The Mayor stated the Board has received from the Village Treasurer Budget Transfers and Adjustments request. Mayor read memo.

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to approve the Budget Transfers and Adjustments request as outlined in the Treasurer's memo dated May 12, 2025.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney Gailey stated no comment tonight, Mayor.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Diane McGrath 63 South Main Street – I lived here for 20 years, and I have never been to a board meeting, so a lot of this is new for me. I am trying to understand, I have been on the website, and I have been trying to understand the codes. I am going to be honest with you because the website is not user friendly. I am looking for the noise codes, zoning codes, construction, and vehicles on property codes. The codes are not written very clearly. I am having a hard time understanding that. For instance, noise, if I call and say the neighbors are blasting music, there is nothing in the code stating that from 7 to 10 or that they have to shut it after 10:00 p.m. I actually called the police station to find out what the noise variance was, and he told me, depending on who answers the call, they determine what the noise is and if they tell people to shut it down or not. It is just not written very clearly. I am also having some issues on South Main Street with garbage. Different things that I am seeing over the course of the last year, so I am just trying to address things. I don't want the town to start looking like crap, I am going to be honest with you, down the street there is a pile of garbage which is a sin that it is even like that. They took everything out of the dumpster and pitched it on the property, it is disgusting, the bears are walking around dragging the garbage up the street. I have been harassing the building inspector about helping me out with my neighbor's property. I am just trying to get my little piece of property to look nice, respecting our neighbors and there are just people that don't care, and I have a problem with that, I pay a lot of money in taxes, and I have been here for a long time. I am looking for a little help from people in the community, so I know what can I do, what can you do to help me to rectify the situation?

The Mayor stated that she should give him a call in the morning. We are aware of the property in question; we are addressing that. I know you have spoken to the building inspector regarding that property, so we are aware of it. When you give me a call tomorrow, I will point you in the right direction or give you some other resources.

Maureen Licata 65 South Main Street – I have the same comments as Diane McGrath, but you guys know, I have been emailing, I get nothing, I get past the buck, you know what I mean. I have been here since 1979 and the village looks like crap, in my opinion. South Main Street, my mother's yard floods, I have been asking to get it fixed for years. We have an architect, an engineer and nothing happens. The house next to Reyna's is disgusting. I walk the Village every day, does anyone here walk the Village every day? I walk for almost 2 hours every day, I see a lot and it is ridiculous, nothing gets addressed at all.

The Mayor stated I would not say nothing gets address at all.

JoAnn Shuart 16 Church Street – I have one question, are we going to get after the people who haven't cut there lawn yet? There are a lot of people here who take care of their lawn, it is really not fair.

The mayor stated I know what you are talking about and will do our best to address that. That is something that comes up every year as we all know and it is unsightly. I can tell you our building inspector is very vigilant when it comes to getting out and being in the community as I am sure you have seen her in the truck and about.

Daine McGrath 63 South Main Street – I just have another question. If someone buys a house, and rents rooms out and there are more people living in this house then there should be, how do we address that situation? Because I am watching the Village of Monroes meeting videos and everyone has issues with tons of people living in one family houses. So, I am just curious about how we would address the situation.

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The Mayor stated that it is something else you would have to come to talk to me in person about because that is an issue that we are trying to address as well.

Diane McGrath stated, I will come to you tomorrow or do I need to see anyone else? How about the codes is there anyway someone can look at the codes and clarify them. I am going to make a list.

The Mayor stated absolutely make a list and we will discuss everything.

Justin LaMarch 504 Silver Maples – I been reading the minutes online and I see there are no department reports, attached to it, is there anyway we could see what the building department report is, DPW report and how much the Village Court brings in. Other municipalities do that, Village of Monroe and Village of Woodbury.

The Mayor stated that I will talk to the Village Clerk when she comes back in and if that something that is doable then that is something we will do. That is a discussion that I will have to have with the Village Clerk. I am not opposed to it.

MOTION was made by Deputy Schneider to Enter into Executive Session for advice of counsel.

SECOND by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

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

The following was given by Deputy Mayor Schneider:

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

SECOND was made by Trustee Chichester

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION was made by Trustee Chichester to adjourn Regular meeting at 8:20pm.

SECOND was made by Trustee Sandoval

ALL IN FAVOR

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Marie Coimbra, Village Treasurer