

September 15th 2006 version

TOWN BOARD AGENDA
MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HARRISON,
TO BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
1 HEINEMAN PLACE, HARRISON, NY., IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY,
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006, AT 7:30 pm.

**RECOGNITION BY MAYOR MALFITANO
OF THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE
BY VARIOUS TOWN DEPARTMENTS, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS
DURING THE “ERNESTO” STORM ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

A. REPORT FROM SUPERVISOR MALFITANO ON DECISIONS MADE
FOLLOWING THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETINGS OF AUGUST

August 17, 2006 meeting:

1. Promotion of Frank Balbi to Assistant Engineer, on a provisional basis
2. Approval of a leave of absence for Town Engineer Hugh Greechan
3. Authorization of a Family Medical Leave for Josephine Corso
4. Authorization for a stipend for Robert Day, DPW, until December 31, 2006
5. Increase in hourly wage of David Varberra -- DPW
6. Appointment of Robert Wasp as Acting Town Engineer
7. Authorization to retain Richard Ellis to appraise a certain property
8. Permanent appointment of Anthony Robinson as the Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.
9. Approval on an amendment to the certiorari for #1 & 4 West Red Oak Lane
10. Settlement of a Notice of Claim
11. Approval of a Special Events Permit for Dominic Raneri re: Karioke Concert
12. Authorization to advertise and receive bids for a security system for the Municipal Building.

August 30, 2006 meeting:

1. Approval to create the title and position of Personnel Manager
2. Authorization for the Supervisor to appoint a specific person to this position no sooner than September 6, 2006
3. Approval to create the position of Office Assistant – Automated systems.
4. Authorization for the Supervisor to appoint a specific person to this position no sooner than September 5, 2006.
5. Authorization for the Supervisor to discuss with the former Town Engineer the matter of vacation days to be paid or carried over.
6. Approval to exchange with the Westchester Joint Water Works a vehicle owned by the Water Works for a Vehicle owned by the Town of Harrison.

B. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

1. Monthly Report: Receiver of Taxes for August 2006:
Taxes collected: \$627,124.31
2. Monthly Report: Bureau of Fire Prevention for August 2006
Inspections: 83 Fees collected: \$6,931.00
3. Monthly Report: Recreation Department for August 2006
4. Monthly Report: Building Department: Fees collected: 495,793.00
5. Notification by the Town of North Castle regarding a proposed Moratorium, as studied by their Planning and Zoning Boards. The Proposed Action involves the adoption of zoning map amendments and other planning and regulatory changes designed to implement the Town Comprehensive Plan Update of 1996; to afford increased protection for the Town's environment, to protect the character, quality and livability of the community, and to otherwise promote the public health, safety and general welfare.
6. Monthly Report from the Department of Public Works, including a chart of complaints and requests for service. August 2006: Fees collected: \$8,462.
7. Notification by Gerard Mulligan AICP, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Planning for Westchester County that the County intends to serve as lead agency for the Quarry Heights Sanitary Sewer project.
8. Letter from resident Richard Osterer praising the response of Town employees and volunteers during and after the "ERNESTO" storm hit Harrison during labor Day weekend. He named the following as especially deserving praise:
Bob Wasp, Bill Gerety, Jeff Strazza, Tony Robinson, Richard Evangelista, Robert Porto, Steve Surace and David Hall, and members of the Police and Fire Departments.
9. Letter from the Supervisor of the Town of Greenburgh, Paul Feiner, asking every municipality in Westchester County to adopt the attached Resolution requesting Con Edison to conduct a study as to the feasibility of placing all power lines underground.

C-1. PUBLIC HEARING

RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT FOR THE FIRM OF MALCOLM PIRNIE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 150K DIESEL GENERATOR AT 104 CORPORATE PARK DRIVE.

C-2 PUBLIC HEARING:

RE: AMENDING THE TOWN CODE RE: MINIMUM FIRST-FLOOR ELEVATIONS:

To amend a certain section of Chapter 235-32 of the Town Code of Harrison entitled "Minimum First-Floor Elevations" by adding "C" to this section of the of the Town/Village Code entitled Local Law No. ___ of 2006.

C-3. PUBLIC HEARING

RE: AMENDING THE TOWN CODE RE: "MINIMUM FIRST-FLOOR ELEVATIONS"

To amend certain sections of Chapter 235-4 of the Code of the Town Code of Harrison entitled: Definitions, by adding the Definition: "Pre-existing Grade" and to amend "Height of Building or Structure" of the Town/Village Code entitled by Local Law No. __ of 2006.

Deputy Village Attorney Joe Latwin has filed sketches in the Town Clerk's office which are available to the public so that the meaning of this amendment is clear.

C-4. PUBLIC HEARING

RE: CONSIDERATION OF THE CREATION OF A "TOWN HOUSE ZONE" IN THE TOWN CODE, AND TO APPLY THAT NEW ZONE TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE TOWN.

Letter from the Mayor Philip Trifiletti of Mamaroneck expressing opposition to the proposal to build Townhouses on the Riverbend property, with a Village Board Resolution of opposition attached. Further, Mayor Trifiletti requests notification of any meetings that are scheduled to discuss these proposed townhouses.

C-5. PUBLIC HEARING

RE: REQUEST BY THE WESTCHESTER JOINT WATERWORKS FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A FILTRATION PLANT ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE WATER WORKS OFF PURCHASE STREET.

D. PERSONNEL:

1. Request by Police Chief David Hall that the full amount of the tuition due to Iona College for two courses taken by Lt. Robert Collins be paid at this time. One course: Database Systems for Criminal Justice has been completed, the second course, Thesis/Computer-based research is 50% complete, with a final completion date of December 31, 2006. This delay in completion has been authorized by Iona College officials. Total cost: \$3,811.00

2. Request by Police Chief David Hall for authorization for Sgt. Robert Schanil and Sue DiIuglio to attend a one-day workshop for Microsoft Excel, given by CompuMaster. November 7, 2006 at the Westchester Marriot Hotel in Tarrytown. Cost \$149 per person. Budget funds are available.

3. Request by Town Clerk Joan Walsh for authorization for Marie Bailey and Matthew Walsh to attend a one-day workshop for Microsoft Excel, given by CompuMaster on November 7, 2006 at the Westchester Marriot Hotel in Tarrytown. Cost \$149 per person. Budget funds are available.

4. Request by Police Chief David Hall for authorization for four Police Officers to attend

a one-day seminar: Death Investigations – From Crime Scene to Post Mortem, hosted by the Westchester County Detectives’ Association to be held at Marymount College on October 4, 2006. Cost: \$100 for the four officers.

5. Request by Police Chief David Hall for the appointment of Nancy Siconolfi to the Part-Time Availability List for school crossing guards, at the hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour.

6. Request by Police Chief Hall for authorization for the Department’s two Youth Officers and two School Resource Officers to attend a one-day training conference: Role of First Responding Police Officer in Child Abuse Cases.” The conference will be held at Manhattanville College on October 18, 2006, at a cost of \$50 per person.

7. Request by Fire Marshal Steve Surace for authorization for himself and Assistant Fire Marshal Martin Gotte to attend the NYS Fire Marshals & Inspectors Seminar/Education Courses to be held in Montour Falls, NY October 17-19, 2006. This seminar will help fulfill the NYS requirement of 24 hours of in-service training each year. Cost \$700. This is a budgeted item.

8. Request by Fire Marshal Steve Surace for authorization to attend the NYS Fire/Arson Investigators Seminar to be held at the NYS Fire Academy in Montour Falls, November 1-3, 2006. Cost: not to exceed \$500. This is a budgeted item.

E. ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Invitation from Superintendent of Recreation Ron Belmont for Town officials and community members to attend the Annual ‘It’s Great to Live in Harrison/Columbus Day Observance festivities on October 8th and 9th, 2006.

Sunday: October 8th.....Fireworks, West Harrison, at dusk

Monday, October 9thParade – 10AM

Festival in Ma Riis Park following parade

2. Request by Assessor James Calandrucchio for the apportionment of Lot 24(24 through 28) Block 861, owned by Michael Di Marino, into two lots. One lot will be 50x10 and the second lot will be 75x100.

3. Request by Assessor James Calandrucchio for a correction and amendment of the Tax Roll for 2006 for Lot 2 in Block 252. The Enhanced STAR Exemption was inadvertently dropped, and the Basic STAR was applied instead. This correction and amendment has been approved by David Jackson, Executive Director of the Westchester County Tax Commission.

4. Request by Assessor James Calandrucchio for a correction and amendment of the Tax Roll for 2006 for Lot 2 in Block 78. The Basic STAR Exemption was inadvertently dropped. This correction and amendment has been approved by David Jackson, Executive Director of the Westchester County Tax Commission.

5. Request by Police Chief Hall that the Town accept a donation from Old Mutual (Bermuda) Ltd of Purchase in the amount of \$100.

6. Request by David Parsons, Chief of Operations for the Harrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps, for authorization for the payment of the Corps' final installment payment which is due October 1, 2006. Amount: \$106,250.

7. Request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for the following budget transfer:

DECREASE:

001-3420-100-240

Fire Inspector-other equipment \$2,000

INCREASE:

001-3420-100-010

Fire Inspector-Materials & Supplies \$2,000

8. Request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for the following budget transfers:

DECREASE:

001-1900-100-4490 \$5,607

CONTINGENCY

INCREASE:

\$5,607

001-3120-100-0407

POLICE SPECIAL SERVICE

To transfer funds from Contingency to Police Special Services to cover the cost of pre-employment medical testing, psychological and lie detector testing for new recruits.

DECREASE:

001-1900-100-4490

\$4,342

CONTINGENCY

INCREASE:

001-3120-100-0240

\$4,342

POLICE OTHER EQUIPMENT

To transfer funds from Contingency to Police Other Equipment to cover the cost of radios for new recruits.

9-a. Request by Commissioner of Public Works Bob Wasp for Amendment #1 to the contract with Woodard and Curran, for work related to regulator permitting for Project Home Run, as required by the NYS DEC, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

A: Wetland Permitting including a meeting with the NYS DEC Wetlands

Division representative, performing delineation, developing a revised wetland map and super-imposing onto the current site layout, modifying the current site layout and identifying additional wetland mitigation measures, completing wetland permit application. COST: \$15,000

B. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, including a review of the pre-development and proposed post-development impervious areas and flow conditions, project site plan and detail drawings plus completion and submission of the Notice of Intent for the proposed construction activity and Sediment Control Plan. COST: \$15,000

9-b Request by the Commissioner of Public Works for the Board to identify a funding source for this Amendment, with the funds to be placed in Project Home Run Capital Account # 06RE05.

10. Request by Commissioner of Public Works Bob Wasp for authorization of training classes to be taught by Gallagher Bassett Services, Inc., in connection with an update of the comprehensive safety program mandated by the Department of Labor. With the completion of these session, DPW will be 100% in compliance with the Department of Labor mandates.
Funding is available in Special Services Account #001-1900-100-4407

11. Request by the manager of the Westchester Joint Water Works that the Town accept a utility easement on Taylor Avenue. Block 791, p/o Lot 1, between the Harrison School District and the Westchester Joint Water Works.

F. **OLD BUSINESS:**

Request by Supervisor Malfitano for a rate increase for the customers of the Westchester Joint Water Works to defray the estimated increase in interest expense next year. An analysis of the proposed increase was presented at the August 17th Board meeting, with two alternatives to be considered.

This request was tabled at the August 17th Town Board meeting.

G. **MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:**