

July 2, 2008 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 WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2008, AT 7:30 PM,
EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

PRESENTATION BY KATHERINE FRANKEL OF
THE HARRISON RESIDENTS COMMITTEE

- A. REPORT FROM SUPERVISOR WALSH ON DECISIONS MADE FOLLOWING TOWN BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON JUNE 5, 2008.
1. Settlement of an improper practice charge.
 2. Settlement of claim.
 3. Approval to extend the term of employment of Susan Weintraub to July 30, 2008.
- B. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:
- 1a. Monthly report from the Building Inspector for May 2008.
 - 1b. Monthly report from the Harrison Police Department for May 2008.
 - 1c. Monthly report from the Town Clerk for May 2008.
 - 1d. Monthly report from the Harrison Recreation Department for May 2008.
 - 1e. Monthly report from the Fire Marshall for May 2008.
 - 1f. Monthly report from the Receiver of Taxes for May 2008.
2. Letter from Anja Porto stating that, as she was driving around Harrison she noticed the telephone poles decorated with tag sale notices and other moving information pasted on them, (and it) looks like a mess. She would like the Board to create a new law by which residents who do not remove the signs they posted be fined an amount of perhaps \$20 per day, after a few days have past the sale date. Since the Town employs a Constable, maybe he could issue the summons. Ms. Porto believes it's fair that people use the poles, but finds it offensive that they do not clean up after themselves.
3. Letter from John Pizzi, Director of Athletics and Physical Education for the School of the Holy Child thanking Mayor Joan Walsh, Superintendent of Recreation Ron Belmont and the Town of Harrison for helping to sustain their athletics program this Spring. Mr. Belmont provided the School with the field at Silver Lake Park for their softball teams. Because of the efforts of Mr. Belmont and his staff, they had a tremendously successful spring season. Their softball team earned the most wins in school history and lost in the semi-final game of the New York State Association of Independent School Tournament. Their new synthetic turf field is complete and looks great, and they are very excited. Mr. Belmont and Mr. Pizzi have already worked out a schedule for the coming year, so that Holy Child can continue to utilize Silver Lake Park during the Fall and Spring athletic seasons and in exchange the Harrison Recreation Department will use the gymnasium for youth basketball during the winter and the grass

and synthetic turf field for youth soccer at Holy Child.

4. Notification from William Gorton, Regional Design Engineer for the I-287 Cross Westchester Expressway on Reconstruction of Interchange 8 (Westchester Ave & White plains Ave.) that a public information meeting for the project will be held on July 9th at the White Plains Library from 7 to 9 PM.

5. Notification from Kathleen Pacella, Town Clerk of Somers, that a Resolution was adopted at their June 12, 2008 Meeting, authorizing their Supervisor to sign the Croton Kensico Watershed Intermunicipal Coalition Agreement and appointed Mary Beth Murphy, Supervisor of the Town of Somers as delegate. The Agreement is between the Towns of Bedford, Cortlandt, Harrison, Lewisboro, Mt. Pleasant, New Castle, North Castle, North Salem, Pound Ridge, Somers, Yorktown and the Village of Mt. Kisco, whose land areas is located wholly or partially within the Croton or Kensico Watersheds.

6. Notice from Westchester County Executive Spano of a preliminary decision by the County to provide partial funding, under the East of Hudson Water Quality Investment Program, to construct sewers in the Quarry Heights section of the town of North Castle. The Notice states that if anyone objects to this decision, they have fifteen (15) days to object to it. The purpose of the project is to eliminate failing septic systems in the Quarry Heights area. The sewers will serve 60 homes in that area.

7. Report from the NYS Public Service Commission on its investigation of the "Reasonableness of Con Edison's restoration efforts following the September 2006 Storm Outage." The Findings of the Commission were that the efforts by Con Edison to restore service as soon as practicable after the outage were sufficient and that reimbursement of claims other than for spoiled food is not required. A full copy of the Commission's Report is available in the Town Clerk's office.

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ITEM: 8. Letter of resignation by K. Patrick Enright, from the Board of Assessment Review, effective June 17, 2008. Mr. Enright has taken a position as the Director of Credit, in Landover, Maryland.

C. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Request by Harrison Commons Condominiums, LLC, RE: 55-33 Calvert Street (Seville Plaza) for a Special Exception Use Permit for construction of a new building to include residential uses in a PB zone. **(Back up was distributed at the June 5th meeting)**

D. PERSONNEL:

1. Letter of retirement/disability from Margaret Minishi-Harmon, effective May 21, 2008.

2. Request by the Library Board of Trustees for confirmation for the appointment of Christopher Vaughan to the position of Library Page, effective July 3, 2008, at the hourly

rate of \$9.00. This is a budgeted item.

3. Request by the Library Board of Trustees for confirmation for the appointment of Mr. Robert Blake of Purchase, NY, to the currently vacant position of Trustee of the Harrison Public Library, for a term to commence on July 3, 2008 and to expire on December 31, 2012.

4. Letter of resignation of Eric T. DiBuono, effective June 26, 2008.

5. Request by Chief of the West Harrison Fire Department Patrick Galluzzo for himself, the Chiefs, Officers and Members of the W. Harrison Fire Department for authorization to attend the Firehouse Expo in Baltimore, Maryland from July 25-27, 2008. Further requested to authorize the Comptroller to issue an advance check in the amount of \$5,000 to cover these expenses.

6. Request by Superintendent of Recreation Ron Belmont for approval for the additions to the Recreation Part Time Availability List.

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ITEM: 7. Request by Building Inspector Robert FitzSimmons for approval for an increase in the hourly rate of pay for Joseph Hines, from \$10 to \$11 per hour.

E. ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Request by Chief of Operations Joseph Bilotta of the HVAC for the third installment of their 2008 funding in an amount of \$125,000.

2. Request by Court Clerk Rosemary King for approval for remuneration for Judge Roger Sirlin of Mamaroneck Village Court in the amount of \$1,250. Judge Sirlin was retained to reside over a case that Judge Lust and Judge Voetsch recused themselves. Judge Sirlin presided over the matter five (5) times. (Voucher is attached)

3. Request by Village Attorney Robert Paladino for the Town Board to accept a donation of seventeen (17) file cabinets from Mastercard as per the attached e-mail dated June 11, 2008.

4. Request by Director of Purchasing Judy D'Agostinis for approval for PO#281684, for Fire Coats, Bunker Pants and Fire Boots, for Fire District #2, at a total cost of \$13,899. Funding is available in account #011-3411-100-04-23.

5. Request by Attorney Joseph Sack on behalf of his client Jan Karst, (re: section 235-51(E) of the Town/Village Code) for approval for an extension to March 31, 2009, to obtain a building permit, and a time frame of 24 months from that date to substantially reconstruct their home at 20 Griswold Road. Their home was destroyed by fire on May 19, 2008 and requires a complete tear down and re-build. They would also like to take this opportunity to complement and thank the Building Department for their help during this process.

6. Request by Director of Purchasing Judy D'Agostinis, after review with Chief of the West Harrison Fire Department Pat Galluzzo, for approval for a Bid Award to Bonistall Electric, 27 Purdy St, Harrison, at their Total Bid Price of \$10,000, for a 1989 Ford Utility Truck. Further requested to authorize the Law Department to prepare a bill of sale. Further requested to authorize the Director of Purchasing and the West Harrison Fire Department to transfer ownership of this vehicle to Bonistall Electric.

7. Request by Town Attorney Frank Allegretti for approval to set the date of August 7, 2008 for a Public Hearing re: Disciplinary Proceedings. **(Back up was distributed at the May 15th Meeting)**

8. Request by Attorney Seth Mandelbaum with the firm of McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, on behalf of his client, 400 Westchester Avenue, LLC (Fordham University), for approval to set the date of August 7, 2008 for a Public Hearing for an Amended Special Exception Use Permit for an additional parking area and a Bee-Line bus passenger shelter in previously disturbed locations on the above reference property. **(Planning Board approval was granted PB2008/48)**

9. Request by Town Attorney Frank Allegretti for approval for the ASCAP License Agreement Renewal, and further requested to authorize the Comptroller to pay same.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Request by attorney John and Mrs. Voetsch for the Town Board to grant him a license agreement to maintain the present location of the fence that separates their property from the Town property. **(Back up was distributed at the June 5th meeting)**

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ITEM: 2. Request by attorney Albert Pirro to discuss the alleged complaint from Senior Citizens, that they are intimidated by the Harrison Police Department.

G. MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: