

May 1, 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 THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008, AT 7:30 PM,
EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

A. **REPORT FROM SUPERVISOR WALSH ON DECISIONS MADE**
FOLLOWING TOWN BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON APRIL 17, 2008 .

1. **Approval to amend TBR #2008-226, in connection with Dominick Pascale.**
Mr. Pascale shall be the consultant for work in the MIS division of the Harrison Police Department.
2. **Approval of a contract with the law firm of Carl Walker for a parking study at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.**

B. **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:**

1. **LORI WILSON, PRESIDENT, OF THE WHNA, spoke on behalf of the members, who would like to sponsor the purchase and mounting of a liberty-type Bell in honor of the West Harrison Volunteer Fire Fighters. They would like the Bell placed across from the Fire House on a small raised platform between the parking lot and the street. Trustees Gerri Barbagallo and Charlie Russo met with Town Engineer Bob Wasp and advised him that the WHNA, at their cost for the Bell and installation, would like to include this Bell in the West Harrison Streetscape project. They propose that a plaque near it be engraved with the following:**

In Honor of Our Volunteer Fire Fighters
Past, Present and Future

Donated by:
West Harrison Neighborhood Association
Month, Day, Year

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- ITEM: 2.** Notification by Con Edison RE: Con Edison's Electric Delivery Service Rate Increase of 23.96% in delivery service charges. Con Edison has notified the Town of their intention to file a new request this month with the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) to increase electric delivery service rates on April 1, 2009.

C. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
None

D. **PERSONNEL:**

1. **Request by Chief of Police Dave Hall for approval for two officers to attend a Street Crimes Seminar, at the New Rochelle Police Department on May 5th, 6th and 7, 2008, at a cost of \$395 per officer. This is a budgeted item.**
2. **Notification by Rosemarie Cusumano, Architectural Review Board Secretary,**

that Edward Pon has been chosen to be the new Chairman of the ARB.

3. Request by Fire Marshal Steve Surace for approval to attend the NYS Investigators Seminar, in Niagra Falls, NY, from May 15th through May 19, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500. This is a budgeted item.

4. Request by Deputy Assessor Mark Heinbockel for approval for himself and Assessor James Calandrucchio to attend the annual Cornell educational seminars on Appraising, from July 13th through the July 16, 2008, in Ithaca, NY, at a cost of \$1,000 per person. This is a budgeted item.

5. Request by Town Clerk Joseph Acocella for approval to appoint Nicole Pascale to the position of summer assistant in the Town Clerk's office, effective June 1, 2008, at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. Ms. Pascale will be replacing Michele Behr who is pursuing her career in Marketing. This is a budgeted item.

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ITEM: 6. Request by Supervisor Joan Walsh for approval to create the position of Administrative Intern in the Supervisor's office and appoint Susan Weintraub to the position at an annual salary of \$46,500. This is an EXEMPT Class position, for a term of one year, and the salary is within the budget line in the 2008 Budget. Mrs. Walsh has discussed this matter with the Westchester County Commissioner of Human Resources, and this title has been approved for Harrison by that office. I also discussed it with our Personnel Manager and it fits within our framework.

E. ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Request by Scott Dunberg, Event Coordinator for ALS - Tri-State Trek for approval for 300 cyclists to travel through Harrison on their way from Boston to New York on July 20th. The event benefits the ALS Therapy (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Development Institute. A copy of the route is attached. A Certificate of Insurance has been approved by the Town Attorneys.

2. Request by Joseph Hinchey of Manhattanville College for a Special Events Permit for the college to host a fireworks display as part of an Admissions event on Thursday, June 5, 2008. There is no rain date. Further requested that the fee be waived. A Certificate of Insurance and Special Indemnification Agreement has been approved by the Town Attorneys.

3. Notification by Deputy Assessor Mark Heinbockel that a recent local law amending the Laws of Westchester County to create an option for local Towns to elect to use an alternative Taxable Status Date was enacted. This change in law was done at the request of the Westchester County Assessor's. The law (attached) would change Taxable Status Date from June 1st, each year to May 1st. The primary purpose of changing Taxable Status Date is to lessen the timing difficulties of accepting and approving exemption applications, while at the same time producing the Tentative Assessment Roll, and finalizing valuations. Heretofore, the confluence of events all landing on the same date created major problems for Assessor's. It has been determined by Westchester

County as well as the Assessment community that there is no adverse impact to taxpayers, but should limit corrections and errors, and make the assessment process run smoother.

Request for approval to change the Taxable Status Date 2009, from June 1st to May 1st.

4. Request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for approval for a Budget Modification.
5. Request by Town Attorney Frank Allegretti for approval to set the date of May 15th for a Public Hearing RE: Proposed Local Law, Chapter 16, Disciplinary Proceedings.
6. Request by Henry Mohr, Chief of Fire District #2, for approval to take their new Engine #13 to the NYS Fire Chief's Convention in Lake George, NY, from June 9 through June 15, 2008. Carl Lambiasi of Excelsior will be driving the vehicle and will be solely responsible for it. The Engine will be covered under a separate insurance policy from Seagrave Fire Apparatus.
7. Request by Attorney Albert Pirro on behalf of several residents of the Town of Harrison, to set a date for a public hearing in sixty (60) days from the date of this petition, RE: Petition of Text Amendment to Section 235-26 of the Zoning Code, denying residents applications for variances regarding the height of walls, columns/gates in their front yard.

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- ITEM:** 8. Request by Boy Scout Justin Robert Pennella, for authorization to organize a cleanup and rehabilitation of the Haviland Cemetery on Pleasant Ridge Road. The project, chosen as his required service for the rank of Eagle Scout, will entail organizing the clean up of the property, including but not limited to the following: trimming back the trees and shrubs, resetting loose and fallen stones in the perimeter wall, setting down woodchips as mulch to prevent the growth of further weeds and shrubs, create stable pathways to walk the property, and to place more crushed blue stone at the roads shoulder to prevent erosion.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Withdrawn.
2. Town car use policy. **(Back up was distributed at the April 17th meeting)**

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- ITEM:** 3. Harrison Townhouse Space Study by D'Amore Design Studio.

G. MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION: