

November 19, 2008

A regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Harrison, Westchester County, New York was held at the Municipal Building, 1 Heineman Place, Harrison, NY, Westchester County, on the 19th day of November at 7:30 PM, Eastern Standard Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan B. Walsh ..... Supervisor

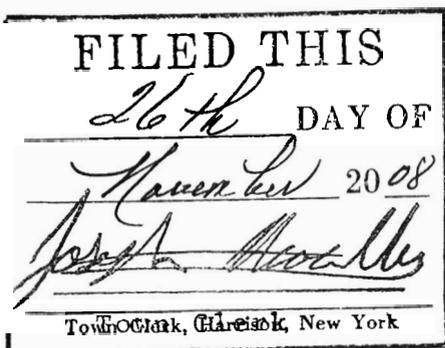
Joseph Cannella )  
Patrick Vetere ) ....Councilmen  
Thomas Scappaticci )  
Fred Sciliano )

ALSO ATTENDING:

Frank Allegretti ..... Town Attorney  
Fred Castiglia ..... Deputy Town Attorney  
Robert Paladino..... Village Attorney  
Jonathan Kraut..... Deputy Village Attorney  
Maureen MacKenzie ..... Comptroller  
David Hall ..... Chief of Police  
Robert Wasp..... Commissioner of Public Works

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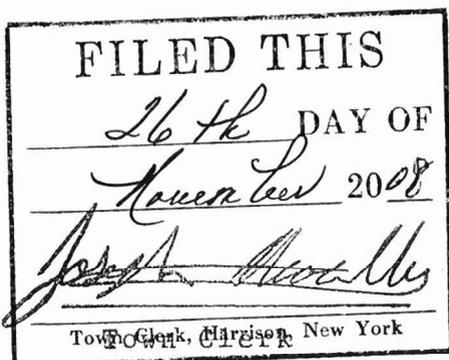
NOTIFICATION THAT TWO HARRISON RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO  
THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY SENIOR HALL OF FAME.

Supervisor Walsh explained that Harrison resident Lucille Held has been elected to the Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame. The Supervisor continued by stating that Mrs. Held will be honored at a luncheon on December 4, 2008.

Councilman Cannella stated that in addition to Mrs. Held, Harrison resident Eleanor Russo was also elected to the Westchester County Senior Hall of Fame and will also be honored at the December 4, 2008 luncheon. Councilman Cannella congratulated Mrs. Russo for her accomplishment.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the following correspondence and reports:

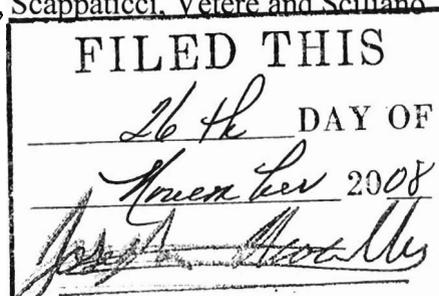
- 1a. Monthly report from the Town Clerk for October 2008.
  - 1b. Monthly report from the Building Inspector for October 2008.
  - 1c. Monthly report from the Receiver of Taxes for October 2008.
  - 1d. Monthly report from the Fire Marshal for October 2008.
  - 1e. Monthly report from the Superintendent of Recreation for October 2008.
2. Letter from thee Harrison Festival Japanese Committee: Re: Contributions to the following organizations for a total of \$6,000, from funds raised at the Great to Live in Harrison Day celebration as well as from the Japanese families.
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|----------------------------------|----------|
| Harrison Public Library          | \$1,800. |
| Harrison Recreation Center       | \$1,000. |
| Harrison Central School District | \$1,500. |
| Harrison Police Association      | \$ 600.  |
| Harrison Fire Department         | \$ 600.  |
| Harrison EMS                     | \$ 200.  |
| Newcomer Club                    | \$ 300.  |
3. Notification by Deputy Assessor Mark Heinbockel that several appointees on the Board of Assessment Review are questionable. Currently they have four (4) members, with the optimum number being five (5), the result of the resignation of Patrick Enright. Two of the present members have expressed the possibilities of leaving the Board. Given these circumstances they feel it would be prudent to start a search for new members, keeping in mind they do not wish to entertain a local Realtor as a Board member. Timing is important, as new members must go to a seminar annually given in April.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Scappaticci, Vetere and Sciliano  
Supervisor Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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PUBLIC HEARING: RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT  
RE: THE REPLACEMENT SYNAGOGUE (YOUNG ISRAEL)

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Vetere, with all members voting in favor, the Hearing was opened.

The following people addressed the Board regarding the matter:

- 1) Leslie Snyder of the Firm of Snyder & Snyder  
representing Young Israel of Harrison
- 2) Steve Schechter, resident.
- 3) Robert Ganz, resident
- 4) Joe Toplyn, resident.
- 5) Vinny Zappier, resident.
- 6) Gail Fishkind, resident.

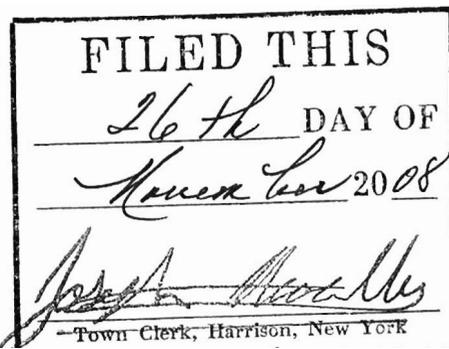
**\*\*AWAITING TRANSCRIPT FROM STENOGRAPHER\*\***

At this point of the Meeting the Board recessed for ten minutes.

It was agreed to continue the Public Hearing until the December 4, 2008 Town Board Meeting.

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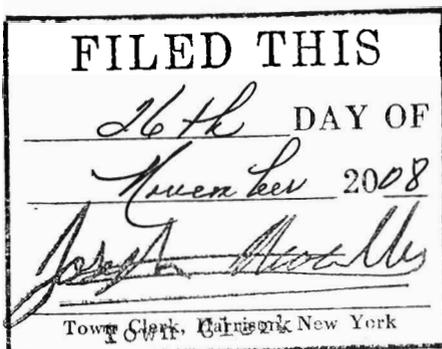
PUBLIC HEARING: RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT FOR THE  
INSTALLATION OF TWO EXTERIOR EMERGENCY GENERATORS AND HVAC  
EQUIPMENT AT 2 MANHATTANVILLE ROAD

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci, with all members voting in favor, the Hearing was opened.

With no one speaking for or against the Hearing was closed.

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APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF 2 MANHATTANVILLE ROAD FOR A  
SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO  
EXTERIOR EMERGENCY GENERATORS AND HVAC EQUIPMENT

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to approve a Special Exception Use Permit for the installation of two exterior emergency generators and HVAC equipment at 2 Manhattanville Road.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works and the Building Inspector.

Adopted by the following vote:

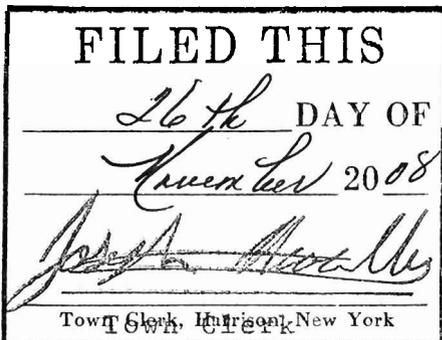
AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Vetere, Sciliano and Scappaticci  
Supervisor Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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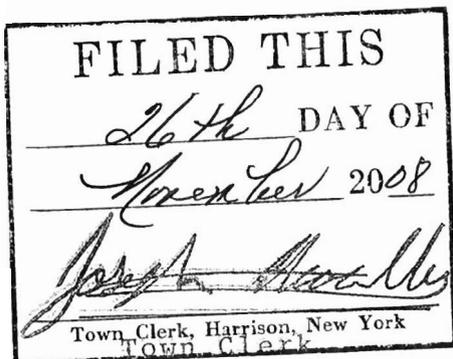


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PUBLIC HEARING: RE: VERIZON FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Vetere, with all members voting in favor, the Hearing was continued until the December 4, 2008 Meeting.



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PUBLIC HEARING: RE: PURSUANT TO TOWN LAW, ARTICLE 12A TO  
CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
FOR MEADOW LANE, PURCHASE, AT AN ESTIMATED COST  
TO BE PRESENTED DURING THE HEARING

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Vetere, with all members voting in favor, the Hearing was opened.

Ryan Coyne, representative of Kellard Sessions Consulting, P.C. addressed the Board. Mr. Coyne explained that it is being proposed to connect the drainage from Meadow Lane to the Star Farm Road. In order to do that, two 15 inch pipes will be installed from Meadow Lane through private property where there is a pond connecting to the Town's drainage facilities on Star Farm Road. The proposal also includes installation of six catch basins and drainage throughout the low points on Meadow Lane in addition to repaving the area to establish a crown so that the catch basin will function properly. The cost will be about \$355,000. Mr. Coyne continued by stating that his firm has added in soft costs for bid documents, technical specifications and plans as well as construction administration. The total cost is about \$390,000.

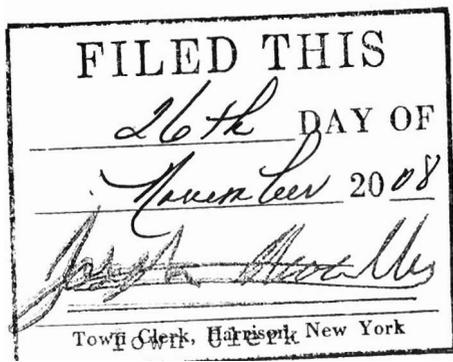
Councilman Cannella stated that cost is really not all that bad.

Deputy Village Attorney Jonathan Kraut stated the only thing that would be excluded would be any costs associated with the acquisition of the easement which the attorneys feel positive they will get or the cost of the condemnation.

The Hearing was continued until the December 4, 2008 Meeting.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR POLICE OFFICER ALEXANDRA GRAMINGA  
TO ATTEND PACE LAW SCHOOL, FALL 2008. COST \$4,658.70

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Chief of Police David Hall for authorization for P.O. Alexandra Graminga to attend Pace Law School for the 2008 Fall Semester, at a cost of \$4,658.70, taking the following course:

“Criminal Law”

FURTHER RESOLVED that upon satisfactory completion and submission of P.O. Alexandra Graminga’s attendance and proof of payment, the Comptroller is authorized to audit and pay for expenses as outlined in the contract with the Harrison Police Association.

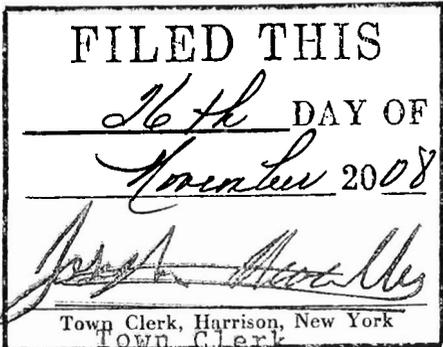
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Personnel Manager and the Chief of Police.

Adopted by the following vote:

- AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Sciliano and Scappaticci  
Supervisor Walsh
- NAYS: Councilman Vetere
- ABSENT: None

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RE-APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD BERMAN,  
PRESIDENT OF MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE,  
AS A MARRIAGE OFFICER

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Supervisor Joan Walsh for the re-appointment of Richard Berman, President of Manhattanville College, as a Marriage Officer within the Town and Village of Harrison.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to President Berman.

Adopted by the following vote:

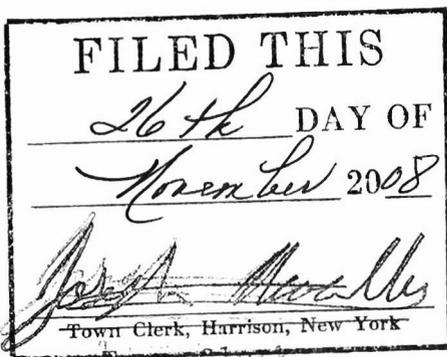
AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Sciliano, Vetere and Scappaticci  
Supervisor Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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 Mr. Berman



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AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE THE SURETY BOND FOR KEIO ACADEMY

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Building Inspector Robert FitzSimmons for authorization to release the Surety Bond submitted by Shimizu North America, LLC, re: Keio Academy, in the amount of \$8,750.

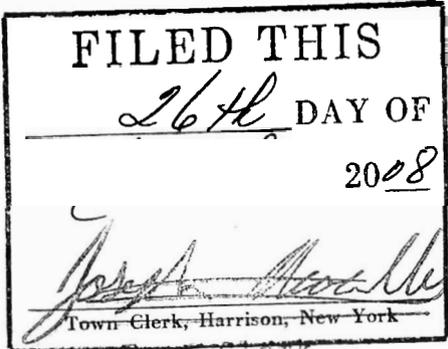
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Building Inspector.

Adopted by the following vote:

- AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Vetere, Scappaticci and Sciliano  
Supervisor Walsh
- NAYS: None
- ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL TO SET THE DATE OF DECEMBER 4, 2008 FOR  
A PUBLIC HEARING, RE: CABLEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to set the date of December 4, 2008 for a Public Hearing re: Cablevision Franchise Agreement.

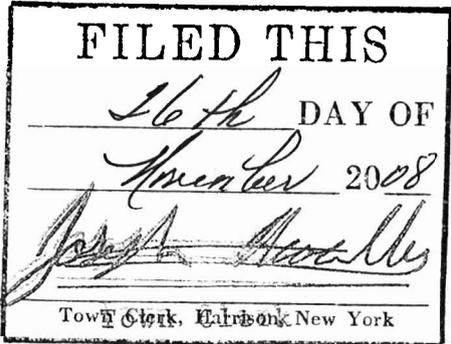
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Town Attorneys.

Adopted by the following vote:

- AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Sciliano and Scappaticci  
Supervisor Walsh
- NAYS: Councilman Vetere
- ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL TO SET THE DATE OF DECEMBER 4, 2008 FOR  
A PUBLIC HEARING RE: THE 2009 BUDGET.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to set the date of December 4, 2008 for a Public Hearing RE: the 2009 Budget.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

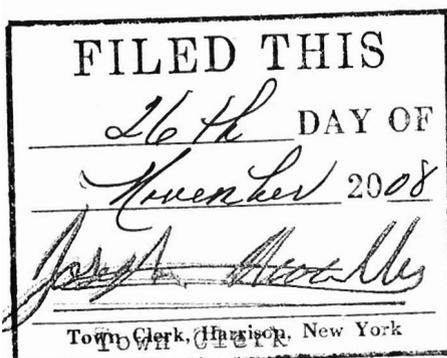
AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Sciliano and Scappaticci  
Supervisor Walsh

NAYS: Councilman Vetere

ABSENT: None

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DISCUSSION

RE: MATTERS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION BEING DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC

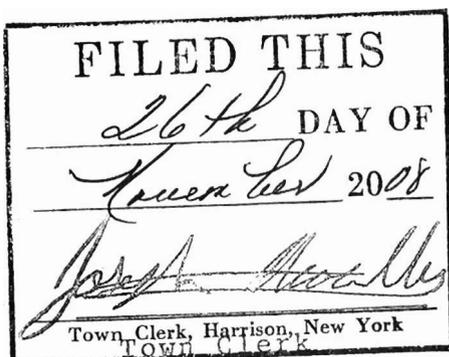
Councilman Scappaticci stated that he was not inclined to hold executive sessions any longer if members of the Board were going to discuss private matters in public. Mr. Scappaticci went on further to explain that Supervisor Walsh and Councilman Vetere have discussed conversations that went on in executive session with members of the public.

Supervisor Walsh apologized to Councilman Scappaticci for quoting him in remarks made in executive session.

Councilman Scappaticci stated that the Supervisor misquoted him and that it should not have been done.

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POSITION OF HARRISON PBA  
RE: CREATION OF THE POSITION OF PEACE OFFICER

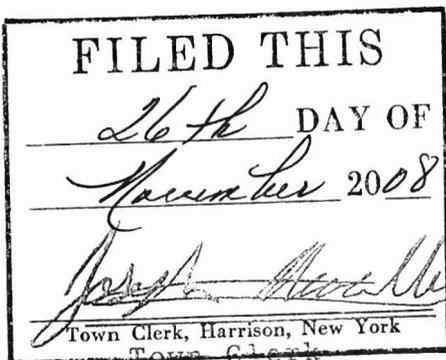
Police Officer Dave Tolve, an executive member of the Harrison PBA addressed the Board. Officer Tolve explained that it was the position of the Harrison PBA that the Town Board should create the position of Peace Officer within the Town of Harrison in order to help with the current police work load in the court. Officer Tolve explained that the Harrison PBA felt this would be a beneficial position to the Department and also supported the candidate the Chief of Police was bringing forward for the job.

Councilman Scappaticci stated he has been in favor of this for quite awhile and questioned the Chief of Police as to why the Town can't create a Police Auxiliary Program. Mr. Scappaticci explained he has seen similar programs advertised in other municipalities.

Chief of Police Dave Hall stated that the program was a personnel matter and he would discuss it with the Board in executive session.

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MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

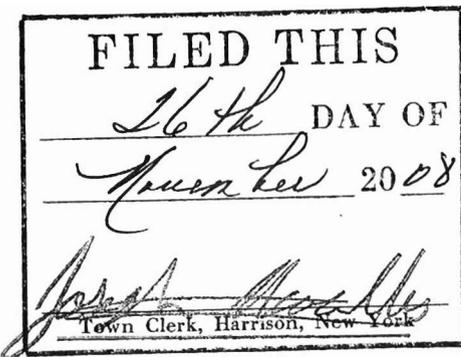
Personnel	7
Litigation	1
Settlement of Claim	1
Potential Litigation	1
Potential Sale of Land	1

On motion duly made and seconded,  
with all members voting in favor,  
the Meeting was recessed for Executive Session at 9:57 PM

On motion duly made and seconded,  
with all members voting in favor,  
the Meeting was reconvened at 11:45 PM

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APPOINTMENT OF PAUL MARCONE TO THE TRAFFIC DIVISION IN THE HARRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT, ON A PART TIME BASIS.

On motion of Councilman Scappaticci, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,  
it was

RESOLVED to appoint Paul Marcone to the traffic division in the Harrison Police Department on a part time basis, at a salary up to \$2,500 till the end of 2008.

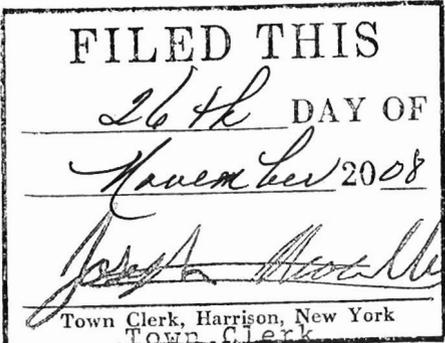
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Chief of Police.

Adopted by the following vote:

- AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Sciliano and Scappaticci  
Supervisor Walsh
- NAYS: Councilman Vetere
- ABSENT: None

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SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM: GANNON-O'ROURKE v TOWN OF HARRISON

On motion of Councilman Scappaticci, seconded by Supervisor Walsh,

it was

RESOLVED to settle the claim of Gannon-O'Rourke v Town of Harrison, in the amount of \$743.01.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this settlement is subject to the claimant signing a General Release.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Town Attorneys.

Adopted by the following vote:

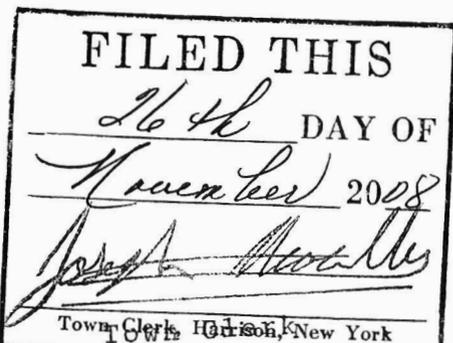
AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Sciliano and Scappaticci  
Supervisor Walsh

NAYS: Councilman Vetere

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL TO CREATE THE POSITION OF PART TIME ASSISTANT FIRE  
INSPECTOR/FIRE MARSHAL IN THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

On motion of Councilman Scappaticci, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to create the position of part time assistant Fire Inspector/Fire Marshal, in the Fire Marshal's office.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Personnel Manager and the Fire Marshal.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Sciliano and Scappaticci  
Supervisor Walsh

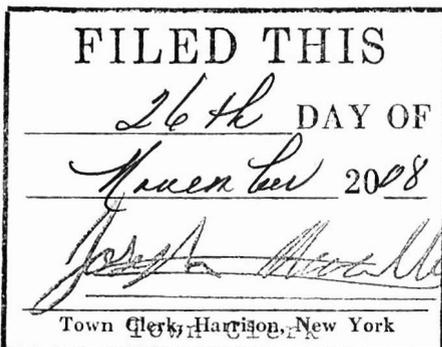
NAYS: Councilman Vetere

ABSENT: None

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*Fire Marshall*



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APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW MENTRASTI TO THE PART TIME POSITION  
OF ASSISTANT FIRE INSPECTOR/FIRE MARSHAL  
IN THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

On motion of Councilman Scappaticci, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to appoint Andrew Mentrasti to the part time position of Assistant Fire Inspector/Fire Marshal, in the Fire Marshal's office, up to 17.5 hours per week, at the hourly rate of \$32.50 per hour.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Personnel Manager and the Fire Marshal.

Adopted by the following vote:

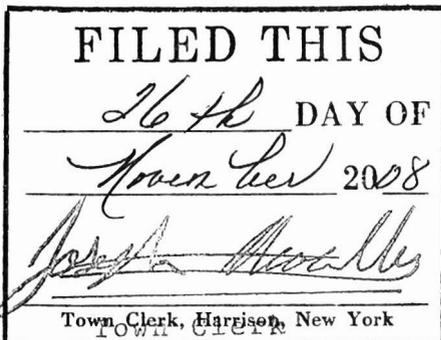
AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Sciliano and Scappaticci  
Supervisor Walsh

NAYS: Councilman Vetere

ABSENT: None

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X *Luc Newell*

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AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND TBR #2008 – 524, ELIMINATING THE POSITION  
OF DIRECTOR OF THE MIS (IT) DEPARTMENT ARUN ANKOLA

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to amend TBR #2008-524, eliminating the position of the Director of the MIS (IT) Department Arun Ankola, effective December 31, 2008.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize payment of salary and benefits until December 31, 2008.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Personnel Manager.

Adopted by the following vote:

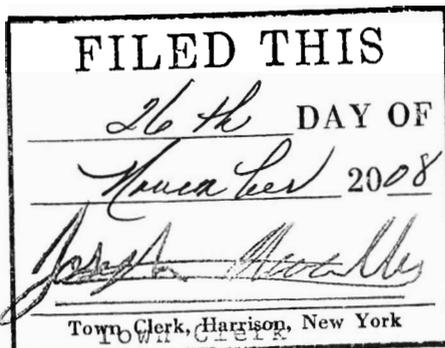
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Supervisor Walsh

NAYS: Councilman Vetere

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION TO RESCIND TBR #2008-416, FOR OUT-OF-TITLE PAY  
TO JOSEPHINE CORSO

On motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to rescind TBR #2008-416, for out-of-title pay to Josephine Corso during the vacation of Susan DiIuglio, secretary to the Chief of Police.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Personnel Manager and the Chief of Police.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Sciliano and Scappaticci  
Supervisor Walsh

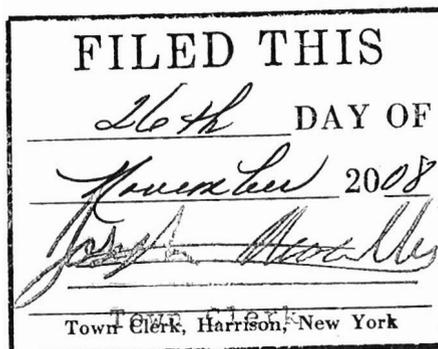
NAYS: Councilman Vetere

ABSENT: None

There being no further matters to come before the Board,  
the Meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded,  
declared closed at 11:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Acocella  
Town Clerk



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