

March 19, 2009

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 March at 8:00 PM, Eastern Daylight Savings 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
Robert Wasp Commissioner of Public Works

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STATEMENT FROM SUPERVISOR JOAN WALSH

It has been over twenty days since the Town Board and the Chief of Police suspended with pay a code enforcement officer and three police officers- for their postings on the Internet site FACEBOOK. As we all know, many of the postings by these 4 individuals contained racist and sexist pictures and comments that have brought disgrace and negative national attention upon our community, our Police Department and our Town. I want to emphasize to all the residents of Harrison that the vast majority of the members of our police department are excellent officers, a credit to our community and an integral part of making our community a great place to live. The same thing can be said for our other town employees and officials. No one should judge the other employees of the Town/Village of Harrison by the inappropriate actions of a few.

The Harrison Police Department and the Building Inspector, together with the Town Attorney's office, have been charged with the responsibilities to investigate these incidents and make recommendations as to courses of action.

Scarcely a day goes by that I am not asked by a resident about the status of these investigations. Television and the local and national press seem to report on an almost daily basis about other instances where public officials and police officers are being held accountable for their inappropriate emails or postings on these websites.

We met earlier this evening with the Chief of Police to receive a report on the progress of the investigation. I, along with the other Board members and most residents, would like to see it move more quickly, and the Board has been assured by the Chief that this matter is being handled with the highest priority.

My office has cooperated fully with the police and has turned over to the investigators all the materials that were provided to us by the general public. The Town Attorney's office and the police investigators continue to attempt to assemble a complete set of relevant documents and I would ask that if anyone in the public has any documents or electronic files that would assist them in their efforts to please contact either Robert Paladino Esq. at 917-691-5230 or Lt. Larry Marshall at 914-967-5111.

I want to reassure all of you that this matter is being handled in a thorough and expeditious manner.

It will not be swept under the rug or simply disappear.

I and the other members of the Town Board are committed to ensuring that appropriate action is taken in the very near future.

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APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRM SOLOLOV & STERN TO ASSIST IN THE
INVESTIGATION OF THE THREE POLICE OFFICERS AND
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO WERE SUSPENDED
COST NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000

Lucille Held, resident, addressed the Board. Mrs. Held objected to the town spending \$5,000 to hire a firm to investigate certain individuals. Mrs. Held stated the town has already seen the proof on the news and that should be sufficient to make a decision on the next course of action.

Supervisor Walsh stated she agreed with Mrs. Held's impatience. However, the Supervisor stated the matter has to be handled the legal way because she does not want to jeopardize the outcome.

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to appoint the firm of Sokolov & Stern to assist in the investigation of the three (3) police officers and code enforcement officer, who were suspended, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is available in Professional Fees-Legal Other #001-1900-100-44-42.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward this Resolution to the Chief of Police, the Comptroller, the Building Inspector and the Town Attorneys.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The following item was taken out of order

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APPROVAL TO SET THE DATE OF APRIL 16, 2009 FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
RE: A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT FOR
THE BRAE BURN COUNTRY CLUB

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Attorney Mark Weingarten, with the law firm of DelBello, Donnellan, Weingarten, Wise & Wiederkehr, on behalf of his client Brae Burn Country Club, for authorization to set the date of April 16, 2009 for a Public Hearing RE: A Special Exception Use Permit for a proposed Clubhouse addition and renovations to the County Club.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works, the Building Inspector, the Town Attorneys and Mr. Weingarten.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM THE HARRISON LOCAL
FIREFIGHTERS UNION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 FOR
THE DOWNTOWN SENIOR CITIZEN FRIDAY LUNCHEONS

Jimmy Forrest, President of the Local Firefighters, addressed the Board. Mr. Forrest stated that the Fire Department would like to make a \$500 donation to the Harrison Senior Citizens to help cover the cost of the increase in the downtown Senior Lunch Program.

Rocco Troiano, Director of the Harrison Senior Citizens accepted the donation and thanked the firefighters for their contribution.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the donation, in the amount of \$500, from the Harrison Local Firefighters Union for the downtown Senior Citizen Friday luncheons.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Superintendent of Recreation and the Chief of the downtown Fire Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION BY RESIDENT SUZANNE PASTOR,
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100 FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN FRIDAY LUNCHEONS

Suzanne Pastor, resident, stated she would like to donate \$100 to the downtown Harrison Senior Lunch Program.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the donation from resident Suzanne Pastor in the amount of \$100 for the Senior Citizen Friday luncheons.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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DISCUSSION: RECLASSIFICATION OF ROXANNE DREW AND
JAMES MCQUADE, FROM DETECTIVE TO POLICE OFFICER'S

Ralph Tancredi, Harrison Police Officer, addressed the Board. Mr. Tancredi questioned if the two police officers who were recently reclassified from Detectives to Police Officers were also monetarily brought down in salary.

Supervisor Walsh responded yes.

Mr. Tancredi questioned if the two police officers wanted to be reclassified.

Supervisor Walsh stated they did not want to be reclassified, but what they had requested was to not function as Detectives anymore but rather police officers.

Mr. Tancredi questioned if the Board knew at the time when they promoted two other police officers to the rank of detectives if the other two members of the department wanted to be reclassified from detective to police officers.

Councilman Cannella stated these were discussions that were taken during Executive Session and they need to stay there.

Mr. Tancredi stated that given the budget did not allow for any promotions and having spoken with the two officers, Mr. Tancredi stated the two officers who were reclassified from detective to police officers had wanted to voluntarily give up there positions. Mr. Tancredi stated he is a police officer and past president of the Harrison PBA.

Lucille Held, resident, addressed the Board. Mrs. Held stated she has spoken to the Chief of Police David Hall regarding the reclassification and promotions of the four police officers at the last Town Board meeting. Mrs. Held stated the two detectives would be brought down to officers and the two officers would be promoted to detectives and as a result, the amount paid would not increase for the town. Mrs. Held continued by stating when the Board makes a decision after Executive Session the actions are public information and therefore, the public should be made aware of the actions. Mrs. Held stated the decisions made after Executive Session are not videotaped and therefore, the public does not know the voting results.

Supervisor Walsh stated the reason why the post Executive Sessions voting is not on the video tape is because the Executive Sessions go anywhere from 1-3 hours. It is too costly to have a member of the Cablevision film crew stay and wait to film the vote. However, the Supervisor added the Board would be open to adding the way they voted to the agenda on the following meeting.

Village Attorney Robert Paladino stated the Executive Session Resolutions are written by the Town Clerk and are public information at anytime.

Supervisor Walsh stated the results can also be posted on Channel 75.

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DISCUSSION: RE: CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH DOMINICK PASCALE
FOR WORK IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jimmi Pritchard, resident, addressed the Board. Mrs. Pritchard questioned the Boards authorization to enter into a consulting agreement with Dominick Pascale for costs not to exceed \$6,000. Mrs. Pritchard questioned what the consulting agreement is for.

Councilman Cannella responded by stating the work is for the installation of security cameras and other security matters being undertaken at the police headquarters.

Supervisor Walsh stated Mr. Pascale had worked on this project before his retirement and it is important he be there to finish the project.

Councilman Scappaticci stated the money is being taken from a grant and not from town funds.

Mrs. Pritchard stated perhaps the town can use the grant money for something else.

Supervisor Walsh responded no. The money is specifically for security at the police department.

Mrs. Pritchard stated that the plans for the security cameras have already been designed which include the placement of the cameras and so on. Mrs. Pritchard questioned why the town needs to do the same work again.

Commissioner of Public Works Robert Wasp responded by stating Mr. Pascale has been extremely helpful as a consultant in the final stages of this project by meeting with the security company and deciding on both camera and monitor placement which will enable the system to be fully utilized.

Roy Porto, resident, questioned how much the grant was for.

Commissioner Wasp responded \$130,000.

Mr. Porto questioned where does the money go?

Commissioner Wasp responded it has to be used for security at the police department so the first phase is camera work which will cost \$78,000.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the following correspondence and reports:

- 1a. Monthly report from the Building Inspector for February 2009.
 - 1b. Monthly report from the Superintendent of Recreation for February 2009.
 - 1c. Monthly report from the Town Clerk for February 2009.
 - 1d. Monthly report from the Fire Marshall for February 2009.
 - 1e. Monthly report from the Receiver of Taxes for February 2009.
 - 1f. Monthly report from the Commissioner of Public Works for February 2009, with a chart of complaints and requests for services.
 - 1g. Monthly report from the Chief of Police for February 2009.
2. Notification by Thomas Mahar, P.E. on behalf of The New York State Thruway Authority that the Thruway Authority is expected to begin work on I-95, New England Thruway, in April 2009 and to be completed by June 26, 2009. The specific work will include maintenance, washing of bridges at West Street over I-95 (MP NE 10.52) and South Road over I-95 (MP NE 12.01). Washing of the bridges will include the deck surfaces, fascias, joints and substructure elements.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL FOR THREE K-9 TEAMS TO ATTEND TRAINING
IN BLACKLICK, OHIO. COST: NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500

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 three (3) K-9 teams to attend their annual week of in-service training. The training will be conducted by Gold Shield K9 Training the week of March 23rd through March 27, 2009, in Blacklick, Ohio, at a cost, including travel expenses, not to exceed \$6,500.

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, Vetere, Scappaticci and Sciliano Supervisor Walsh
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

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APPROVAL FOR FIRE MARSHAL STEVE SURACE TO ATTEND THE
CONGRESSIONAL FIRE SERVICES INSTITUTE'S NATIONAL
FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES SEMINARS

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Fire Marshal Steve Surace to attend the Congressional Fire Services Institute's National Fire & Emergency Services Seminars, in Washington, D.C., from April 1st through April 3, 2009.

FURTHER RESOLVED that Fire Marshal Surace will pay the associated costs himself, so there will be no cost to the Town other than for the three days that he will be there.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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ACCEPTANCE, WITH REGRET, A LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM
MILLIE FERRARO, SENIOR LAW STENO IN THE LAW DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Walsh stated Millie has been the secretary in the Law Department for 24 years and she will be deeply missed.

Town Attorney Frank Allegretti stated he is very sad to see Millie go. Mr. Allegretti stated Millie was working in the Law Department when he came on as Town Attorney and she has been extremely helpful to him. Mr. Allegretti wished her well in her retirement.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to accept, with regret, a letter by Millie Ferraro, Senior Law Steno, in the Law Department for 24 plus years, effective April 4, 2009.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION FOR ZONING BOARD MEMBER ERNIE FIORE TO ATTEND
THE LAND USE TRAINING INSTITUTE SPRING 2009 CLASSES, MARCH 16TH
AND MARCH 26, 2009, COST NOT TO EXCEED \$60.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Secretary to the Zoning Board Rosemarie Cusumano for authorization for Zoning Board member Ernie Fiore to attend the Land Use Training Institute Spring 2009 classes on March 16th and March 26, 2009, at a cost not to exceed \$60.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Secretary to the Zoning Board.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION TO OBTAIN
PERMITS FROM THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO
OPERATE THE SWIMMING AND WADING POOLS IN PASSIDOMO PARK
(WEST HARRISON) AND BRENTWOOD GUAGNINI PARK

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Superintendent of Recreation Ron Belmont for authorization to apply to the Westchester County Board of Health for permits to operate swimming and wading pools in Passidomo Park (West Harrison) and Brentwood Guagnini Park.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Comptroller to pay permit fees to the Westchester County Department of Health.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Superintendent of Recreation and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL OF THE BOND REDUCTION
RE: ROCKLEDGE ROAD SEWER EXTENSION
AMOUNT: \$250,000 to \$175,000

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Acting Town Engineer Robert Wasp for authorization for a Bond Reduction for Rockledge Road Sewer Extension, from \$250,000 to \$175,000.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL FOR THE DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING TO ISSUE A
PURCHASE ORDER FOR WORK RELATED TO A TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY
OF BEAVER SWAMP BROOK. AMOUNT \$8,760

Councilman Scappaticci questioned why the town is funding this project out of the Recreation Fund.

Commissioner of Public Works Robert Wasp responded this is the survey needed in order to pursue the wetlands application. As far as the funding source, that is entirely up to the Board. The Commissioner explained he looked for funding sources and the Recreation Fund was an available source however, he would gladly accept any other funding source recommendations.

Councilman Scappaticci stated it was his belief the Recreation phase of this project was taken out and therefore he feels it should not be paid for with Recreation funds.

Supervisor Walsh responded it is still going to be a passive park, without soccer and baseball fields, but rather one with walking trails and a small field for pick-up ball.

Councilman Cannella stated respectfully, given its size it can be taken from the Recreation Fund.

A discussion ensued regarding the scope of the project.

Councilman Vetere opposed the request on the Village agenda for approval to enter into a contract with the firm of Leonard Jackson Associates for work related to Project Home Run.

Councilman Scappaticci opposed both requests on the agendas:

- 1) Approval to conduct the topographical survey in the amount of \$8,760 to be taken from the Recreation Fund
- 2) Approval to contract with Leonard Jackson Associates for work related to Project Home Run.

Supervisor Walsh stated the town cannot leave the field the way it is now. The supervisor is opposed to turning it in to a baseball and soccer field as originally proposed. However, the Supervisor added she would like to add enough top soil to the surface to turn it into a passive park that can still be utilized throughout the year

Councilman Cannella stated this needs to be done because the town has invested too much money in it already.

Councilman Sciliano stated as much as he would like to have another funding source as an alternative to the Recreation Fund, he will vote yes for both requests.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Supervisor Walsh,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Acting Town Engineer Robert Wasp for authorization for the Director of Purchasing Judy D'Agostinis to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$8,760 to Contractors' Line and Grade South, LLC, for work related to a topographical survey of Beaver Swamp Brook.

FURTHER RESOLVED that an updated topographical survey is needed in support of their NYSDEC Wetland Permit Application and to establish final grades on the property.

FURTHER RESOLVED that work is scheduled to begin on March 18, 2009 and should be completed two–three (2-3) weeks of authorization.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is available in the Subdivision Recreation Fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Purchasing.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Vetere and Sciliano
Supervisor Walsh

NAYS: Councilman Scappaticci

ABSENT: None

This was transferred from the Village. VBR # V-2009-025

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APPROVAL FOR A CONTRACT WITH LEONARD JACKSON ASSOCIATES
RE: PROJECT HOME RUN. COST NOT TO EXCEED \$66,000.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Acting Town Engineer Robert Wasp for authorization for a contract with Leonard Jackson Associates for the work related to the preparation of modified plans for Project Home Run and an associated hydraulic analysis for a Letter of Map Revision application on the Beaver Swamp Brook for submission to FEMA, at a cost not to exceed \$66,000. The following work tasks are associated with this contract:

1. Prepare modified layout and grading plans to complete Project Home Run
2. Prepare Beaver Swamp Brook Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) application for submission to FEMA

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Law Department to prepare the contract and the Supervisor to execute same.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is available in the Subdivision Recreation Fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Town Engineer, and the Director of Purchasing.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Scappaticci and Sciliano
Supervisor Walsh

NAYS: Councilman Vetere

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL TO HIRE THREE PART-TIME LABORERS IN
THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to hire three (3) part-time laborers in the Highway Department in the Department of Public Works, effective Monday, March 23, 2009, at an hourly rate of pay of \$11 per hour.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL TO HIRE THREE PART-TIME LABORERS IN
THE PARKS DEPARTMENT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to hire three (3) part-time laborers in the Parks Department of the Department of Public Works, effective Monday, March 23, 2009, at an hourly rate of pay of \$11 per hour.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

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

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AUTHORIZATION FOR COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS ROBERT WASP
TO PURCHASE FIVE HUNDRED TONS OF SALT.
COST NOT TO EXCEED \$32,435.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED approve the request of Commissioner of Public Works Robert Wasp for authorization to purchase five hundred (500) tons of salt, at a cost not to exceed \$32,435.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is available in the Highway Department's Operating Budget as follows:

\$12,329 from the Salt Account (003-5142-100-04-10)

\$18,000 Transfer from Account #003-5142-100-01-72 (Highway Part-Time Leaves) to Account #003-5142-100-04-10.

\$ 2,106 Transfer from Account #003-5142-100-01-40 (Highway Part-Time Summer) to Account #003-5142-100-04-10.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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DISCUSSION:
REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE TO ROAD SALT

Naomi Oppman, resident, addressed the Board. Ms. Oppman questioned if there was any other type of alternative way the town can use to clean up the roads after a snow fall besides the salt. Ms. Oppman continued by stating the salt harms the taxpayer's property by destroying grass and plants. Ms. Oppman added she has had to replant her front yard as a result of the salt killing her trees and grass in the front of her property.

Commissioner of Public Works Robert Wasp responded by stating it is important to note that Ms. Oppman lives on a state roadway and because of safety concerns, that particular road needs to be salted during every snow fall. Commissioner Wasp went on to state the town has looked into other alternatives other than salt however, he urges the residents to purchase salt protectors if their plants and shrubbery are affected by the road salt.

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DISCUSSION:

ADDING A RECYCLING RECEPTACLE SOMEWHERE IN THE TOWN
FOR WEEKEND DELIVERY.

Councilman Cannella stated that he has received numerous requests from residents for there to be a recycling receptacle added in the town somewhere for weekend drop-off if the home recycling becomes too large. The Councilman recalled there being a drop off container located in the parking lot on Halstead Avenue across from the Harrison Funeral Home a few years back.

Commissioner Wasp stated he would look into finding a container for the least amount of money or utilizing an existing container.

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DISCUSSION:

REFUNDS ON COMMUTER PARKING PASSES

Town Clerk Joseph Acocella stated that he has received requests from residents who no longer need their commuter parking permits for refunds on the permits. Mr. Acocella went on to state unfortunately, these residents have lost their jobs in the present economy and no longer need to commute.

The matter was adjourned to Executive Session for advice of counsel.

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DISCUSSION:

REQUEST BY LUCILLE HELD FOR A TOWN COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED TO
REVIEW THE CO-USES OF VARIOUS BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN.

Lucille Held, resident, addressed the Board. Mrs. Held stated it is time for the Town Board to take a look at how they will continue to support the 19 buildings the town currently operates. Mrs. Held went on to state that both senior citizens centers in town have no parking, the new senior citizens annex building in West Harrison has no furniture and the Sollazzo Recreation Center which was built in 1899 is practically falling down.

Supervisor Walsh responded by stating the money is in the budget for the new senior annex furniture and most of it will be donated.

Mrs. Held stated the town needs to form a committee to discuss the co-uses of various buildings throughout the town with the goal being eliminating the using of some of them completely.

Supervisor Walsh stated she has spoken with Mrs. Held about this proposal however, since this is the first time the Board is hearing it they (the Board) should take the time to think it over.

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MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Litigation	1
Personnel	2
Contract re: Meadow Lane	1
Advice of Counsel	2

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was recessed at 9:23 PM.

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was re-convened at 10:13 PM.

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AUTHORIZATION TO RAISE THE CAP ON LEGAL FEES
IN THE MATTER OF PORTO v MARRACCINI TO \$25,000

On motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to raise the cap on legal fees in the matter of Porto v Marraccini to \$25,000.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER BILOTTA
TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to appoint Christopher Bilotta to the Board of Assessment Review, effective March 30, 2009, with term to expire September 30, 2014.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Assessor and the Chair of the Board of Assessment Review.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

There being no further matters to come before the Board,
the Meeting was on motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor, declared closed at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Acocella
Town Clerk