

December 3, 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 3rd day of December at 7:30 PM, Eastern Standard Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan B. Walsh Supervisor

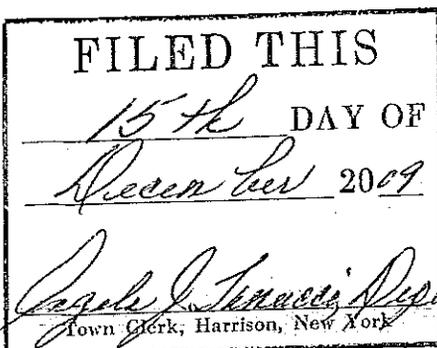
Joseph Cannella)
Thomas Scappaticci)Councilmen
Fred Sciliano)
Patrick Vetere)

ALSO ATTENDING:

Frank Allegretti Town Attorney
Fred Castiglia Deputy Town Attorney
Robert Paladino..... Village Attorney
Jonathan Kraut Deputy Village Attorney
Maureen MacKenzie Comptroller
Judy D'Agostinis Director of Purchasing
Robert Wasp Commissioner of Public Works
Robert FitzSimmons Building Inspector
Ron Belmont Superintendent of Recreation
Anthony Marraccini Captain of the Harrison Police Department

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The Agenda was taken out of order.

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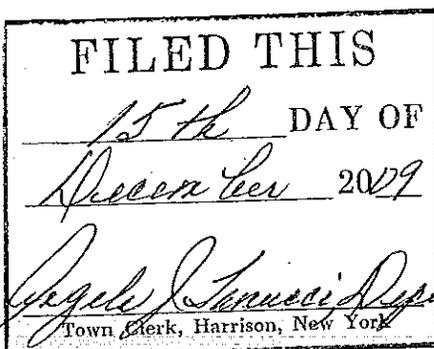
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STATEMENT BY SUPERVISOR JOAN B. WALSH

Supervisor Joan Walsh informed the residents of an article that appeared in Sunday's Journal News regarding a safety check for seniors. Police Officer Tom Milone rang a doorbell of a particular woman who had fallen but chose not to use her life alert, instead waited for Officer Milone who checks on Seniors who live alone, called for an ambulance and went with her to the hospital. Supervisor Walsh congratulated Officer Milone and Nina Marraccini, Director of Community Services, who established this program.

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REPORT BY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS
RE: LOCATION OF THE DOG PARK

Supervisor Joan Walsh explained that at the last meeting the neighbors close to Veteran's Park attended the Meeting and asked that the dog park be relocated. Commissioner of Public Works Robert Wasp, along with RJ Suhre looked at another location in Veteran's Park. Mr. Suhre explained that he is doing this project for his Eagle Scout. After the last meeting RJ and Commissioner Wasp identified a new location at the top of Veteran's Park. Parking is existing and away from homes. With the help of Mr. Bonistall and Mr. Acocella and others the added shrubbery will shield the Park.

Mrs. Walsh stated that many people have donated to this project but Mr. Bonistall donated the balance of the cost. Mrs. Walsh thanked Mr. Bonistall.

Commissioner Wasp stated that some of the Board members and residents, working with RJ, are the ones who got this ball rolling.

Supervisor Walsh thanked Mr. Wasp and RJ for getting this project started.

Councilman Cannella stated that, during the Thanksgiving week-end, Mr. Wasp was on this site, measuring the land, with Mr. Cannella and Mr. Sciliano. He further stated that the Park is not a Town project and thanked Mr. Wasp and RJ for their hard work in getting it accomplished.

Supervisor Walsh said that she received an e-mail from John Tripodi, leader of the Boy Scouts, stated he had another function to attend. Mr. Tripodi said that he received forty seven comments from people with the majority being favorable to the project.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the use of the top part of Veteran's Park for the location of the new Dog Park Project.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Commissioner of Public Works 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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At this time the Supervisor went back to the original order of the Agenda.

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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:

1. Monthly report by the Chief of Police for October 2009.
2. Notification by the Planning Board of the Town of North Castle that a Scoping Session will be held on November 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM, at Whippoorwill Hall, Town of North Castle Public Library, 19 Whippoorwill Road East, Armonk, NY, RE: the scoping of the 11 New King Street Parking Facility Draft Environmental.
3. Notification by Robert Hoch, Director of Government Affairs of Cablevision, that effective January 1, 2010, both residential and business customers, who are sixty (60) days delinquent in payment of their Cablevision bills, will be charged a late fee of \$7.00. This charge was previously \$5.00. Customers will be notified of this change in their monthly bills thirty (30) days in advance of the January 1, 2010 implementation. If anyone has any questions, they can call Mr. Hoch @ 914-378-4515.

Adopted by the following vote:

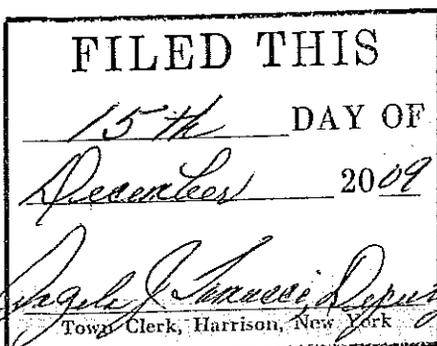
AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Scappaticci, Vetere and Sciliano
Supervisor Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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TABLED: PUBLIC HEARING: CONTINUATION OF HEARING RE: LOCAL LAW # OF
2009 AMENDING RESIDENCE DISTRICT, TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS
THE MODIFICATION OF THE "B" ZONE

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

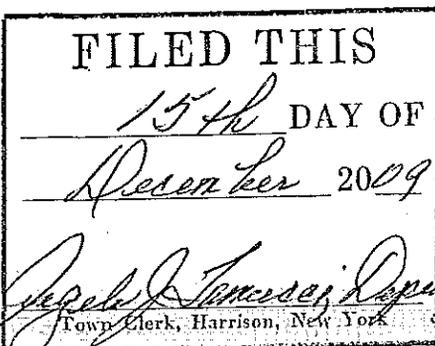
Deputy Village Attorney Jonathan Kraut suggested some changes.

Councilman Cannella stated that he met in an informal meeting with Commissioner Wasp and Building Inspector FitzSimmons. They would like this to move as quickly as possible.

The Hearing was tabled until the December 17th Meeting.

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CONFIRMATION FOR THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF PAMELA STOCKTON AND
JUNE ANN SWARTZ AS TRUSTEES OF THE HARRISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to continue the re-appointment of Pamela Stockton and June Ann Swartz as Trustees of the Harrison Public Library by the Library Board of Trustees.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Library Board of Trustees.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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 Town Clerk, Harrison, New York

Library Board of Trustees

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APPROVAL FOR THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT
WITH PLENFLEX INC, FOR FIRE DISTRICT #1: SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM

On motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for authorization for the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Plenflex, Inc, for Fire District #1: Service Awards Program, after it has been reviewed by the Law Department.

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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 Town Clerk, Harrison, New York

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APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A DONATION FOR THE HARRISON DOG PARK

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for authorization to accept the following donation for the Harrison Dog Park account #009-615.

Dr. Thomas Cerillo and Gina Cerillo \$25.

Total: \$25.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the donations to date are \$4,481.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

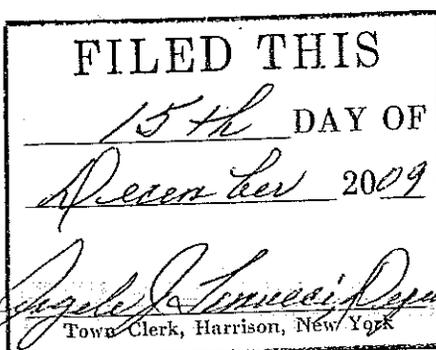
AYES: Councilmen Cannella, Vetere, Scappaticci and Sciliano
 Supervisor Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL TO ACCEPT A DONATION
FOR THE EMILIO SCATENATO PLAQUE

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for authorization to accept the following donation for the Emilio Scatenato Plaque account #009-61:

Joken Development Corp. \$100.

Total: \$100.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

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

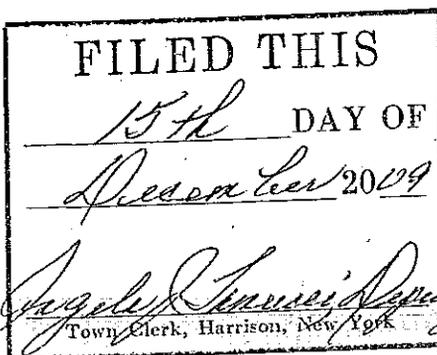
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Councilman Vetere stated that the stone for the plaque has been selected.

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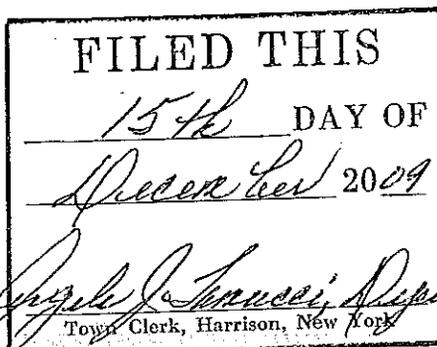
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ADJOURNED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:
REQUEST BY SUPERVISOR JOAN WALSH FOR
THE TOWN ATTORNEYS TO AMEND
THE ORDINANCE CHAPTER 155, SECTION 13,
ONLY WITH REFERENCE TO LEAVES

The matter was adjourned to Executive Session.

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TABLED: REQUEST TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING
RE: A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT TO CO-LOCATE
A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY ON
THE PROPERTY OF MANHATTANVILLE COLLEGE

The matter was tabled until the January 7, 2010 Meeting.

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Town Clerk, Harrison, New York

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ADJOURNED UNTIL AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:
REQUEST FOR THE RETIREMENT INCENTIVE ACCEPTANCE
FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

Supervisor Walsh explained the Retirement Incentive and read into the record a letter by Director of Purchasing Judith D'Agostinis as follows:

"It is with great joy (and some anticipation) that I submit my letter of retirement from my position as Director of Purchasing effective December 31, 2009.

Joan, when you hired me as your assistant under Supervisor John Passidomo, who would think that I would be retiring twenty eight years later with you as our Supervisor. I leave with great memories of my years in the Town House; from having the first PC in the building with those 8" floppy diskettes, to the fun parties we had, to the great friends I have made.

I will miss everyone I have met over the years, vendors, employees, and especially Maureen MacKenzie and her staff Annamar, Debbie & John, whom I have worked so closely with over the years. To my co-workers, Opal Douglas and Marie Bailey, their dedication, loyalty, support and friendship will never be forgotten.

Matt and I are looking forward to spending time in Florida, as well as more time with our children and grandchildren, but always returning "home" to Harrison.

I would like to thank the current Board, as well as the prior Boards, and especially you, Joan, for giving me such a wonderful opportunity."

Thank you all.

Sincerely,

Judy

Seven employees have accepted the Retirement Incentive.

For those who have reached the age of retirement will receive \$1,000 for the first ten years, and \$1,250 for the following years to a max of \$25,000.

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Councilman Cannella asked to hold this matter until after executive session.

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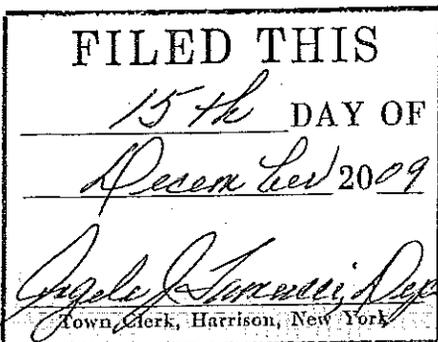
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TABLED: REQUEST BY RESIDENT NATALIE MOSCOW FOR
THE TOWN BOARD TO ADOPT A LOCAL LAW AGAINST DOG TETHERING FOR
ANY LENGTH OF TIME

The matter was tabled until the January 7, 2010 Meeting.

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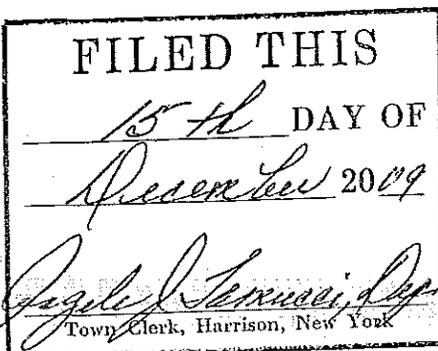
MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Personnel 5
Advice of counsel 2
Settlement of claim 1

At this time the Village Board Meeting was opened. Any comments to changes from the 2010 Tentative Budget to the 2010 Preliminary Budget will be heard after the Village Board Meeting.

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PUBLIC HEARING RE: THE 2010 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR
THE TOWN/VILLAGE OF HARRISON

Supervisor Joan Walsh read the following into the record:

As is obvious from the number of people here tonight, word has spread that there are problems in preparing the 2010 budget. For a number of years now, the town spent money freely, on capital improvements such as the West Harrison Streetscape and pool, on plans for other improvements, on flood remediation, as well as increasing staff to meet the demands of our residents. We spent our reserve funds and increased our bonded debt. Money was coming in equally freely, and no one – in Harrison or the wider community--foresaw the current economic downturn. This is not a partisan statement – it is fact. Regardless of who we are or where we live – together we are all facing this problem and have to work together to resolve it.

It is also a fact that we are projecting that, at the end of the year, we will have a deficit on the revenue side of \$4.3 million, on a budget of \$51.5 million. Note that I said on the revenue side. On the expenditure side, with the cooperation of the employees, we reduced expenditures by over \$ 1 million.

Where does the town get its revenue? In addition to real estate taxes, the town gets money from sales taxes, mortgage fees, court fines, building dept fees, and interest on money in the bank. Although we budgeted slightly less than we had received in 2008, it turns out that even those reduced expectations were too high. Take just one example: fees on mortgages. We consulted with a number of real estate people as to how houses in Harrison were selling, and what they thought would happen in 2009. Their numbers were close to actuality. BUT – what we had not factored in was the change in the amount of the mortgage that people were getting. We did not include in our calculations the fact that 80% and 90% mortgages were a thing of the past – today's mortgages are for much less so the fees are much less.

A major expense item is our bonded debt. In recent years, there were many capital improvements and plans for capital improvements, projects that were paid for through bonds. In the 2010 Budget, before we pay anything else, we need to reserve approximately \$3.5 million in principal and interest for those costs. At the current estimate of \$318,000 per point on the tax rate, that is about 11 points on the tax rate. Of course, that is not all increase, we have had bonded debt in other years, but it is a definite factor.

Another factor is the fact that we included in the 2009 budget \$1.3 million that we anticipated from the sale of land. There was a certain gentleman who had met with me numerous times during the summer of 2008 with plans to build 8 luxury houses on town-owned land off Kenilworth Road adjacent to the Hutchinson River Parkway. That land would have sold for several million dollars, plus building fees, but the Board put only 1.3 million in the 2009 Budget... a decision we thought was conservative – but instead this buyer disappeared.

I proposed we sell a building lot on Rockwell Street, with a base price of \$300,000, but the neighbors objected, and it didn't happen.

The Board agreed to sell 14 acres off Old Orchard Street, with 8 building lots, with a price of about \$4 to \$5 million, but the neighbors objected. At about that time, it was found that there had been some illegal dumping in one area where a sewer was recently built, so that sale is being delayed. Although we anticipate the land being sold in 2010 as an approved subdivision, we can't count on it as we do not know how long the remediation will take. That remediation will be a county expense as it was the county that installed the sewer, but the timetable is uncertain.

At the last Town Board meeting the Board agreed to auction a building lot on Woodland Street in Quarry Heights, with a minimum price of \$300,000 but with the expectation that it will go higher. We will set the date for that auction tonight. Those are the major items where revenue did not meet expectations.

On the spending side, we have been extremely conservative this year. In fact, with the help and cooperation of our employees, we are right now \$1 million BELOW budgeted spending. I will tell you that all purchase orders – requests to purchase just about almost anything – comes to me to be approved. And often I say NO. One result is that people think twice before sending up a request. As I said, we are \$1 million under budget in spending.

In our current planning, we are also revamping some of the services that we give. Snow plowing seems to be sacred, and we do want our streets to be safe, but it may be that we will wait another hour or two before we send out the trucks. Sanitation routes are being consolidated and extended, and residents will be asked to put garage cans at the curb as is now done for recycling bins. Residents who are elderly and frail will be allowed to pay a fee, and still have back-door pickups but permits will be extremely limited. One reason for this is the number of injuries that occur when the men go onto your property. That results in very high medical expenses for us. In fact we are 50% over-budget in this category. This change will cut down on that expense. Most other changes will not be visible to residents, but will save us money.

Any organization's major expense is salaries. There too we have been pro-active. There were raises in 2009, as this was the last year of a 3-year contract, and we were obligated to pay those raises. However, in the last two years we have cut 26 positions through attrition. This year, we offered retirement incentives, and 9 more people are retiring by the end of this year. None of them will be replaced immediately, and most will not be replaced at all. We are discussing a similar offer in 2010, and most of those people also will not be replaced.

Currently we are in discussions with the unions regarding some of the provisions in their contracts. We have proposed a number of options. By law, we cannot unilaterally impose changes in those contracts, it can only be done with the consent of these four unions.

The alternative to union concessions is layoffs, an action we are reluctant to do but one that has been taken by many, many other entities. Those numbers make the papers every week. The difference is that we must follow union rules that decide who goes and who stays – rules governed by seniority.

We will make every effort to come to agreements with the unions, but in the end, we must think of all of our taxpayers, all of our residents.

By law, we must adopt the Final Budget by December 20th. We don't have the luxury of the federal or state governments to extend that deadline, to see if we can come up with alternatives. The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for December 17th, and the full Board will be working every day to achieve a responsible budget.

In recent months – I have been given many names. Anyone who says “NO” gets that tag. I have repeatedly said “there is no money,” and “layoffs have to be an option.”

Do I want to impose layoffs? **No.** I have worked for this town for many years, and know most of the employees and their stories. They are people to me, not numbers.

However – and I have also said this publicly – I view my responsibility to be to all residents of this town, not just the employees. And I believe that all members of this Board share that concern. A major expense item.

In the end, this Budget will be the result of the efforts of all five members of the Board. I set the initial parameters – some of my choices have been accepted, and some ignored. Other choices have been proposed by other members of this Board. Some I think are good – some I don't agree with, but I certainly expect that we will all work for the best interests of our Town. The proof of that will come on December 17th when we adopt the final budget.

Now – I will take comments from the Board and from the audience. Everyone will be limited to 5 minutes – and here is my timer.

Deputy Village Attorney Jonathan Kraut stated that there was one procedural item. He explained that traditionally the Comptroller would read into the record the highlights, any changes from the Tentative to the Preliminary Budget, put them into the record, prior to comment and by motion of the Board open the Public Hearing for any comments from the public. Comments at a town law section 108 hearing regarding a budget are limited to any person, resident or not, speaking in favor or against the budget or for or against any particular item therein.

Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie read the following changes from the 2010 Tentative Budget to the 2010 Preliminary Budget:

Ms. MacKenzie stated the changes, because of the change in salaries is very lengthy. She asked the Board if she could give the total salary effect. The salaries went back to what they were, with no increase, there were changes made to some positions that were approved by the board. That salary increase that goes back into the budget that had been removed is \$4,509,508.00. She stated that there were other changes, and would highlight the bigger ones, \$30,000 took down the Special Service line in the Assessor's office from \$60,000 to \$30,000. These are reductions in expenditures. Also reduced was in the Town for the line deficit reduction \$350,000 now reduced to \$150,000 the rest are the total net \$282,908 as a decrease to expenditures from the Tentative Budget. \$282,908 separate from the \$4.5 million. The current rate, today, in the budget is

20.862%. That's the percentage increase to the budget.
Supervisor Walsh asked if the Comptroller had any other comments.

Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie responded this is all she has.

Mrs. Walsh said that these additions, corrections, subtractions will be available at the end of the day, Friday, December 4th. They will not be incorporated into a new budget document until Tuesday or Wednesday.

Councilman Scappaticci interrupted, stating he had a copy of the new Budget.

Ms. MacKenzie responded that the printed Budgets are ready, the Board has them, and the reason they were not distributed is due to any changes that may have been made tonight, December 3rd. The budget will be online tomorrow, Friday, December 4th for everyone to view.

Changes From Tentative Budget 2010 to Preliminary Budget 2010

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	Sick Incentive Payout-151	
	From: 157 To: 0	(157)
Page 6	Assessor-1355	
	Sick Incentive Payout-151	
	From: 1,605 To: 638	(967)
	Special Services-407	
	From: 60,000 To: 30,000	(30,000)
Page 12	Central Services-1610	
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	From: 0 To: 5,250	5,250
Page 16	Central Data Processing-1680	
	Equipment Maintenance & Repairs-402	
	From: 18,952 To: 1,000	(17,952)
	Software Maintenance-476	
	From: 84,603 To: 82,660	(1,943)
Page 17	Special Items-1900	
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	From: 350,000 To: 150,000	(200,000)
Page 18	Police Department -3120	
	Longevity-181	
	From: 235,007 To: 225,195	(9,812)
	Equipment Maintenance & Repairs- 402	
	From: 113,300 To: 105,000	(8,300)
	Office Supplies-403	
	From: 16,420 To: 12,500	(3,920)
	Travel and Conference-406	
	From: 4,600 To: 2,600	(2,000)
	Special Services-407	
	From: 38,000 To: 35,000	(3,000)
	K-9 Services 471	
	From: 35,000 To: 30,000	(5,000)
Page 18	Software Maintenance-476	
	From: 86,000 To: 86,849	849
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	From: 6,500 To 2,000	(4,500)
Page 19	Police Department Benefits-3120	
	Payment of MTA Payroll Tax-804	
	From: 25,272 To: 30,119	4,847
	Social Security-830	
	From: 460,844 To: 549,223	88,379
	Medicare-835	
	From: 107,778 To: 128,447	20,669
	Youth Forum Department -3125	
	Other Equipment-240	
	From: 6,000 To: 0	(6,000)
	Office Supplies-403	
	From: 4,054 To: 1,000	(3,054)

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	Equipment Maintenance & Repairs-402	
	From: 10,000 To: 5,000	(5,000)
	Special Services-407	
	From: 15,000 To: 10,000	(5,000)
	Auto Body-479	
	From: 0 To: 1,500	1,500
Page 22	Building-3620	
	Over Time Salaries-120	
	From: 25,000 To: 6,000	(19,000)
Page 24	Community Services-6989	
	Part Time Salaries-130	
	From: 64,382 To: 31,000	(33,382)
	Gasoline-470	
	From: 200 To 2,000	1,800
Page 25	Recreation-7020	
	Part Time Salaries-130	
	From: 500,000 To: 530,000	30,000
Page 27	Historian-7510	
	Part Time Salaries-130	
	From: 14,640 To: 0	(14,640)
	Furniture and Furnishings-210	
	From: 50 To: 0	(50)
	Office Equipment-220	
	From: 50 To: 0	(50)
	Office Supplies-403	
	From: 200 To: 0	(200)
	Travel and Conference-406	
	From: 200 To: 0	(200)

	Special Services-407 From: 100 To: 0	(100)
	Postage-417 From: 120 To: 0	(120)
	Telephone-418 From: 827 To: 0	(827)
	Printing and Stationary-430 From: 100 To: 0	(100)
	Membership and Dues-433 From: 60 To: 0	(60)
	Books and Publications-445 From: 250 To: 0	(250)
	Celebrations-7550	
	Material and Supplies-410 From: 0 To 2,000	2,000
Page 29	Zoning-8010	
	Special Services-407 From: 5,300 To: 2,000	(3,300)
	Planning Board-8020	
	Special Services-407 From: 58,000 To: 52,000	(6,000)
Page 30	Employee Benefits Town-9000	
	Payment of MTA Payroll Tax- 804 From: 23,688 To: 28,868	5,180
	Social Security-830 From: 431,967 To: 526,416	94,449
	Medicare-835 From: 101,024 To: 123,113	22,089
Page 31	Public Library-7410	
	Payment of MTA Payroll Tax- 804 From: 3,199 To: 3,918	719

	Social Security-830 From: 58,340 To: 71,448	13,108
	Medicare-835 From: 13,644 To: 16,710	3,066
Page 32	Highway Department Roads-5110	
	Longevity-181 From: 22,876 To: 25,429	2,553
	Highway Benefits-9000	
	Payment of MTA Payroll Tax-804 From: 6,999 To: 8,387	1,388
	Social Security-830 From: 127,636 To: 152,947	25,311
	Medicare-835 From: 29,850 To: 35,770	5,920
Page 36	Special Items-1900 (Village)	
	Deficit Reduction-4491 From: 150,000 To: 100,000	(50,000)
Page 38	Employee Benefits Village-9000	
	Payment of MTA Payroll Tax-804 From: 7,168 To: 9,205	2,037
	Social Security-830 From: 130,704 To: 167,854	37,150
	Medicare-835 From: 30,568 To: 39,256	8,688
Page 44	Fire District#2- Benefits-3411	
	Payment of MTA Payroll Tax-804 From: 5,128 To: 6,012	884
	Social Security-830 From: 93,502 To: 109,633	16,131

Medicare-835
From: 21,867 To: 25,640 3,773

Real Property Taxes-1001
From: 3,585,684 To: 3,866,658 280,974

Page 45 Water District#2 -8311

Real Property Taxes-1001
From: 1,308,898 To: 54,650 (1,254,248)

WJWW Dist of Earnings-2141
From: 0 To: 1,245,248 1,245,248

Page 46 Sewer Mtce District Benefits-8120

Payment of MTA Payroll Tax-804
From: 688 To: 829 141

Social Security-830
From: 12,544 To: 15,115 2,571

Medicare-835
From: 2,934 To: 3,535 601

Real Property Taxes-1001
From: 518,696 To: 563,461 44,765

282,908

**Changes From Tentative Budget 2010 to Preliminary Budget 2010
As of December 2, 2009**

K-1 Town Board -1010

Salaries-102
From: 57,868 To: 72,336 14,468

Town Justice- 1110

Salaries-102
From: 306,026 To: 382,534 76,508

Supervisor-1220

Salaries-102
From: 234,186 To: 292,732 58,546

K-2 Comptroller-1315

	Salaries-102	
	From: 261,557 To: 326,947	65,390
	Receiver of Taxes-1330	
	Salaries-102	
	From: 160,676 To: 200,845	40,169
	Purchasing-1345	
	Salaries-102	
	From: 88,382 To: 110,478	22,096
	Assessor-1355	
	Salaries-102	
	From: 138,507 To: 173,134	34,627
K-3	Town Clerk-1410	
	Salaries-102	
	From: 119,726 To: 149,658	29,932
	Law -1420	
	Salaries-102	
	From: 182,676 To: 269,984	87,308
	Engineering-1440	
	Salaries-102	
	From: 219,879 To: 274,849	54,970
K-3	Public Works-1490	
	Salaries-102	
	From: 323,628 To: 404,534	80,906
	Central Services-1610	
	Salaries-102	
	From: 73,290 To: 91,612	18,322
K-4	General Town Buildings-1620	
	Salaries-102	
	From: 905,604 To: 1,109,505	203,901
	Central Garage-1640	

	Salaries-102 From: 493,784 To: 617,229	123,445
	Central Data Processing- 1680	
	Salaries-102 From: 190,134 To: 237,667	47,533
K-5	Law Enforcement Civilian Employees-3120	
	Salaries-155 From: 298,995 To: 373,743	74,748
K-7	Police Department-3120	
	Salaries-102 From: 5,216,039 To: 6,520,045	1,304,006
	School Crossing Guards- 3120	
	Salaries-154 From: 162,400 To: 203,000	40,600
	Youth Forum-3125	
	Salaries-102 From: 63,727 To: 79,659	15,932
K-8	Fire District#2-3411	
	Salaries-102 From: 1,040,757 To: 1,300,943	260,186
	Fire Inspection-3420	
	Salaries-102 From: 58,507 To: 73,134	14,627
K-8	Building Department- 3620	
	Salaries-102	

	From: 506,463 To: 633,081	126,618
K-10	Highway Roads-5110	
	Salaries-102 From: 1,516,366 To: 1,895,457	379,091
	Highway Snow-5142	
	Salaries-102 From: 106,412 To: 133,015	26,603
	Community Services- 6989	
	Salaries 102 From: 0 To: 58,644	58,644
	Recreation-7020	
	Salaries-102 From: 768,021 To: 960,025	192,004
K-11	Parks and Playground- 7140	
	Salaries-102 From: 779,587 To: 974,484	194,897
	Public Library-7410	
	Salaries-102 From: 844,495 To: 1,055,915	211,420
	Planning Board-8020	
	Salaries-102 From: 45,435 To: 56,794	11,359
K-12	Sewer District-8120	
	Salaries-102 From: 165,812 To: 207,265	41,453
K-13	Sanitation-8160	

Salaries-102
From: 1,936,725 To:
2,474,326 537,601

Law-1420 (Village)

Salaries-102
From: 75,000 To: 136,598 61,598

Total 4,509,508

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J-1 Real Property Taxes 1001
(Town)

From: 23,148,241
To: 26,031,925

2,883,684

J-4 Real Property Taxes 1001 (Highway)

From: 4,452,071
To: 4,892,937

440,866

J-4 Real Property Taxes 1001 (Library)

From: 2,073,440
To: 2,301,753

228,313

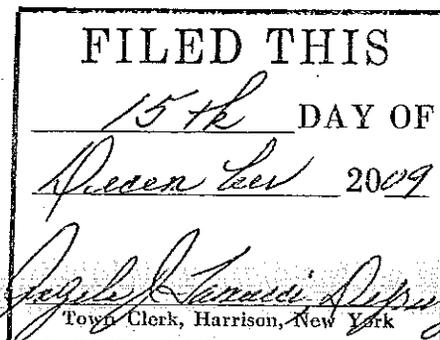
J-5 Real Property Taxes 1001 (Village)

From: 8,353,742
To: 8,950,817

597,075

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Questions by the residents:

Lucille Held asked if the listed changes meant that you dealt with the unions and no one will get an increase or are we anticipating an increase in labor when you (the Board) renegotiate their contracts.

Supervisor Walsh responded that she does not anticipate any increase in salaries for 2010, but the Board is still working on this.

Mrs. Held asked if it was said that the tax increase would be 20. something %.

Ms. MacKenzie replied that that's what in the budget now, the Preliminary. Yes.

Mrs. Held stated that we, the 8,000 taxpayers and the corporations, produce and give to the town 42 million dollars, that leaves of the 54 million dollar budgeting that's anticipated, 12 million dollars to come from other sources, fees, etc. She vehemently objects to this budget and wants us to use, like we are a corporation, we the taxpayers who contribute $\frac{3}{4}$ of the money to your creating a budget, we demand that this budget be cut. Mrs. Held continued to state objections to the budget.

Supervisor Walsh commented that she agrees that we can not have a 20% increase, and is sure that the Board also agrees. Nobody said that there will be a 20% increase, we are still working on it.

Vincent Musolino, PBA President, said that he would like to have letter read in to the record as follows: You (Mayor) responded to my letter saying that I (Sgt. Musolino) would be contacted to schedule dates immediately following the November 3rd elections. Sgt. Musolino wrote on November 23rd a request that the Mayor and the Town Representatives contact him to schedule a mutually, agreeable date and time to commence negotiations for collective bargaining. An Agreement that would be effective the first day of January 2010. As of this date (December 17th), over nine weeks have passed since my September 29th letter without a response from you. Notwithstanding the PBA repeated requests to commence negotiations, you found the time to conduct a December 1st Meeting, on very short notice, you found the time to extract concessions from all the Labor Organizations within the Town/Village who face layoffs. I've been advised that your proposed 2010 budget does not include any layoffs but at the December 1st Meeting it was made clear that if concessions demands by the Town/Village were not made, that layoffs would occur. If you would have responded to my (Sgt. Musolino) letters in a timely fashion, with your proposed budget pending, you (Mayor) could have discussed the PBA's response. Your last minute tactics after submitting a proposed budget, without including layoffs, is contrary to the letter of January 1, 2010, you or your representative should contact me (Anthony Celfaro) PBA Attorney, to schedule mutually, agreeable dates and times. At this time Mayor, I'd like to know if you'll contact our (PBA) attorneys tomorrow morning.

Supervisor Walsh responded: a meeting that was held on the December 1st, various issues were discussed and decided by the full Town Board on Monday night. It was agreed there would be informal discussions with the members, foremen and presidents of the unions, no lawyers-no negotiators. The Teamsters representative and the CSEA representative called, and after discussion with the Board it was decided that those two representatives could attend. It was an informal discussion, not a negotiating session, it was an outline to them regarding some of the concessions that we are asking for, to bring down a rate of 20% which is not acceptable.

Mr. Musolino asked the Mayor if she would contact Mr. Celfaro's office in the morning.

Mrs. Walsh said: She's not sure, because she has some questions and has been discussing with the Board about the way they were arrived. She added she is not willing to share with you (Mr. Musolino) those discussions right now but we are not ready to enter into negotiations at this time. She further stated she would call the attorney tomorrow and tell him the same thing.

Mr. Musolino replied that the PBA would like to start talking in good faith.

Mrs. Walsh thanked Mr. Musolino.

Naomi Oppman spoke next and stated she opposed the 20% tax increase, pointing out that unemployment is over 10% and our Town has foreclosures. She believes there are things that can be done. DPW does a great job plowing the streets but you could eat off our streets, why not plow our streets like they do in White Plains or Rye. Next, the leaves, stop the leaf pick up.

Supervisor Walsh interrupted saying that regarding the leaves, the Board talked about it, requiring leaves be bagged but The Village of Mamaroneck had it in force for only one week. We had the example of White Plains who rescinded it after two weeks. The Board didn't think the residents would accept it.

Councilman Cannella said it was an underlying safety issue.

Ms. Oppman responded thought it was great that the police are ticketing people whose leaves are in the street. She asked is there a charge for Commercial garbage pick up.

Mrs. Walsh: Yes.

Ms. Oppman: Why not lower the Department Heads salary by 10%. Councilmen are receiving full benefits after 8 years.

Councilman Cannella stated that the Board has had a series of meetings looking at every item that could be looked at. In all the things that have been discussed, there needs to be curbside pick up. There's been a contraction in Public Works; there will not be any rehires, so curbside pick ups will continue. There will be charges for commercial pick ups. We have spoken with the unions, and we've suggested various things that can be looked at. We're hopeful that there will be some give on some of those things. The Meeting was very cordial, we understand we have a

problem and are asking cooperation from everybody with respect to staffing, etc. The Town is too reliant on revenue generated by non-tax items. When the economy is good, building fees are up and good things happen, but when the economy gets bad, we have a problem where we cannot cover basic services. That's not healthy. That's what we're faced with. The budget was cut dramatically last year. We are now working on the 2010 budget.

Cheryl Geller, resident, stated that a double digit increase is not acceptable to this community. Mrs. Geller said she received an email from a resident who is now out of town, he said there are two fundamental problems with the town budget. One is residential property assessment's hasn't been done in years.

Supervisor Walsh answered: 1937 was the last time a re-assessment was done.

Ms. Geller said that no one has had the courage to reassess homes that haven't been assessed for years. Second, there should be a five-year to ten-year town plan.

Mrs. Walsh replied we have an informal plan.

Mrs. Geller replied: that's not good enough any more.

Dominick Pascale said regarding curbside pick up. Across the street from me there are elderly people. My father is 80 years old. How many people are going to have an exemption?

Supervisor Walsh said there would be a system of permits.

Mr. Pascale asked where does it save money.

Councilman Cannella, pointed out there have been a great number of injuries with employees climbing up icy driveways, some are out on workman's comp. As the department shrinks, the Town won't be able to do it.

Mr. Pascale said that in some parts of Harrison and West Harrison, you could bring your garbage to the curb, and then some areas don't have sidewalks or curbs. There are issues where leaves are put in the street or wind blows them into the street, then what happens?

Mrs. Walsh replied that most people bring their recyclables to the end of the driveway and we anticipate they'll do the same thing with their garbage. Most have garbage pails that are on wheels.

Mr. Pascale: so it's not a savings on money but compensation cases.

Mrs. Walsh: Yes.

Glen DeFaber stated he was no longer a resident but is still a tax payer. He continued that Harrison for the last 25 years has had a downward slope of revenue and an increase in cost with

the services that are given to the tax payers, salaries have gone up. Whatever has gone on before is done. The situation in Harrison is like the peace or lack of peace in the Middle East. We've seen things go back and forth. Employees realize that we're in a dire situation, if they give in someone else gets an opportunity

Supervisor Walsh interrupted: I take exception to the way you characterize that.

Mr. DeFaber: I'm not trying to blame anybody.

Mrs. Walsh replied we've worked very, very hard not to hurt anyone.

Mr. DeFaber responded: Joan, I don't think you do. You're a very honest person. We give the residents many services that other towns would love to have. Four sanitation pick ups a week, trash, junk and two garbage pick ups. If you go to Northern Westchester you have one pick-up a week and put it at the curb. If you want driveway pick-up, you pay extra. He added that he doesn't think that residents could pull their garbage to the street and that won't make them leave, but if the taxes continue to increase, they will be forced to leave. What do we charge for the pool pass? Most communities charge \$300 to go to a pool. Day Camp, is that paid through the town or do residents pay for it?

Mrs. Walsh: Residents pay for Summer Camp. She asked Superintendent of Recreation Ron Belmont for the cost.

Mr. Belmont replied: \$450.

Mr. DeFaber replied that in most communities its \$700. He continued that we don't need to give employees increases, no one else is getting increases.

Rob Porto, resident, stated he looked at the budget from ten years ago, the employees pension was 1% and now the pension and benefits shows a big difference. I don't agree

Supervisor Walsh stated that the pension amount and the amount the town contributes is set by the State. In recent years it was 0 because the market was doing so well, but now with the crash we'll be paying more. Six percent of the budget will go to pensions. One thing that amazed Mrs. Walsh is the cost associated with our retirees, we have about seven hundred (700) retirees who are part of our health package.

John Katsogridakis, resident, asked if anyone knew of any other town where the employees leave at 4PM during the summer.

Mrs. Walsh replied: No, but she does know of some communities that close at noon on Fridays, but it is a matter of contract. At one point we were in the old building which was not air conditioned so summer hours would end at 4pm and it became a contract item.

Mrs. Held said no one is asking for the impossible. That if the labor situation is unmaneuverable it has to be done another way. Different communities have their law departments, recreation.

Things that can be controlled, like the night of the meeting we added \$30,000 to recreation. This can not be done. Why is it that New Rochelle giving \$2,000,000 out of their capital fund.

Mrs. Walsh answered: we've spent money much too freely over the years and now we have the problems and we're working very hard on them.

Deborah Notkin, resident, asked about provisions in union contracts, others had to give back, there needs to be give back on all sides. It would be a shame to lay off someone. She went on to say that she's heard things about the benefits and dental plan, everybody has it for life after retirement, and how does Medicare play into this.

Mrs. Walsh responded that once you become 65 Medicare becomes primary, but Medicare does not pay everything, so the town becomes the secondary insured. She also said that she receives mailings from AARP, and has spoken to Maureen and the Personnel Manager about it. Why can't we convert our retirees once who are 65, some younger, to AARP as a secondary benefit. We are exploring it. Will this happen, I'm not sure. Spoke to a nursing home some of the secondary insurance companies don't accept everyone, possibly because of existing conditions. The union contracts state the retirees have this benefit for life.

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

Councilman Scappaticci asked if the Preliminary Budget had to be accepted tonight.

Attorney Kraut replied that section 109 of the New York State Town Law indicates that after the Public Hearing, the Town Board may further change, alter, and revise the Town Budget.

Supervisor Walsh asked: so we're accepting the changes the Comptroller read tonight.

Mr. Kraut: Yes.

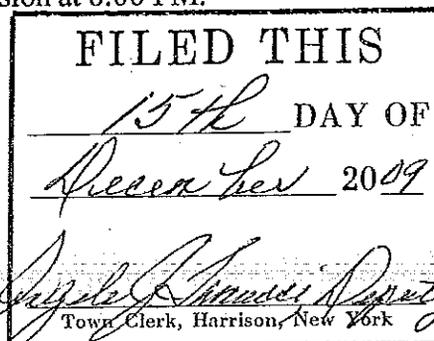
Mr. Scappaticci asked: can additional changes be made?

Supervisor Walsh stated: the changes are made tonight and before December 20th, will adopted as the final budget.

Kraut: Yes. This is the Preliminary and the Hearing is over.

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was recessed for Executive Session at 8:00 PM.

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was re-convened at 11:05 PM.



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Before having the Public Hearing on the 2010 Preliminary Budget, the Village Meeting was called to order.

Councilman Vetere left during Executive Session due to a medical condition.

December 3, 2009

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SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM: ELLISON v TOWN OF HARRISON

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to authorize the settlement of claim in the matter of Ellison v Town of Harrison for the amount of \$1,400.

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 and the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilman Cannella, Scappaticci and Sciliano
Supervisor Walsh

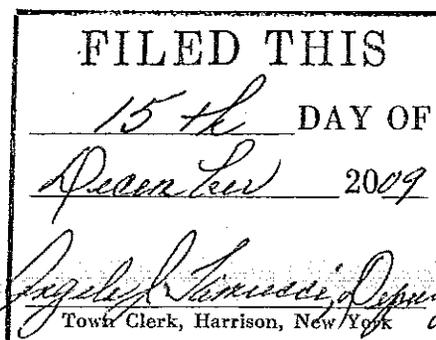
NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Vetere

There being no further matters to come before the Board, the Meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded, declared closed at 11:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela J. Tamucci
Deputy Town Clerk



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