

December 2, 2010

A regular Meeting of the Village 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 2nd day of December, 2010 at 7:30 PM, Eastern Standard Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan B. Walsh Mayor

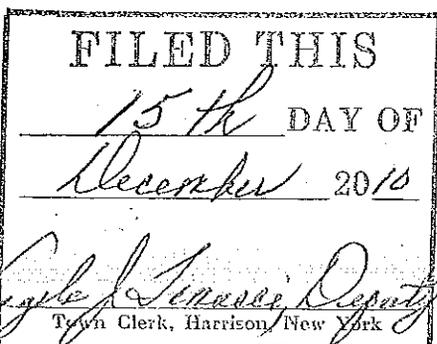
Joseph Cannella)
Fred Sciliano) Trustees
Patrick Vetere)
Marlane Amelio)

ALSO ATTENDING:

Frank Allegretti Town Attorney
Fred Castiglia Deputy Town Attorney
Robert Paladino..... Village Attorney
Jonathan KrautDeputy Village Attorney
Maureen MacKenzie Treasurer
Anthony MarracciniChief of Police
Mark Heinbockel Assessor
Anthony Robinson Commissioner of Public Works
Michael Amodeo Village Engineer

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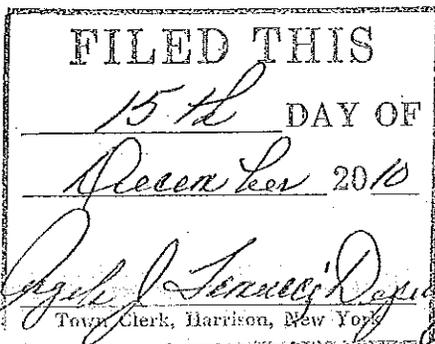
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2010 PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF HARRISON

Details are included in the Town Board Minutes of December 2, 2010, TBR #2010-433.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE CONTRACT
WITH MEZZ ELECTRIC FOR ADDITIONAL WORK RELATED
TO THE PULL BOX LOCATED BETWEEN
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE HVAC COST: \$3,500

On motion of Trustee Cannella, seconded by Trustee Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Village Engineer Michael Amodeo for authorization for Change Order #1 to the contract with Mezz Electric for additional work related to the replacement of the pull box located between the Police Department and HVAC at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this work was necessary as the existing pull box is badly deteriorated and a source of water leaks that would be a weak link in the newly installed system. Replacement of the pull box will eliminate a source of water infiltration into the system and building which has been an ongoing concern.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is available in Capital Account #06GB12.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Law Department to increase the upset limit from \$210,000 to \$213,500.

Adopted by the following vote:

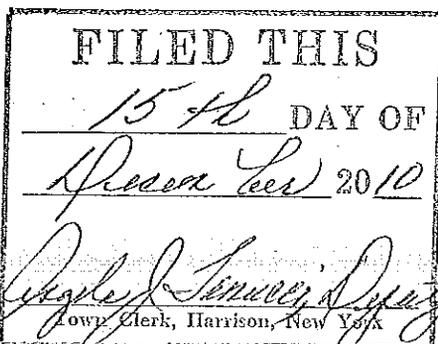
AYES: Trustees Amelio, Cannella, Sciliano and Vetere
Mayor Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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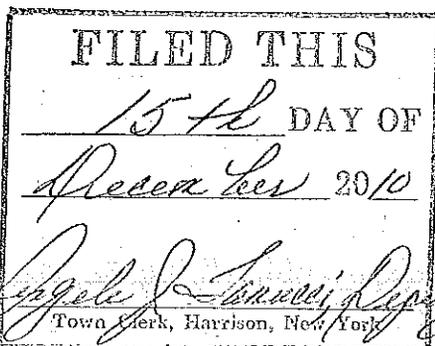
MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Advice of Counsel

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COMMENTS RE: THE NOVEMBER 17, 2010 TOWN BOARD MEETING

Councilman Sciliano stated that he received a tremendous amount of phone calls the day following the Town Board Meeting of November 17th regarding the public speaking at Meetings. Mr. Sciliano said that a lot of times there is misinformation spoken from the podium that he believes in unfair because residents who watch the Meeting from home feel that public comment should be reserved until the end of the meeting. It disrupts the Meeting and sets a bad tone. For instance, at the last meeting the leaf pick up was criticized; Mr. Sciliano took half a day off last Tuesday and spent the morning with Bobby Day, looking at all the trucks going up to the airport, wasting a lot of time. They (DPW) do not do that, waste time. They pick up an average of 800 yards of leaves a day and the smaller trucks dump in the areas where there are large roll-offs. They (the DPW) have a very efficient program. He witnessed truck and machine break downs and they receive immediate response from the town garage. A lot of information stated at the microphone is not true and is doing a disservice to the town. It should be limited. One other item is the Car Policy. The Car Policy was passed last April. It sounded as though the town didn't have a Car Policy someone mentioned we had 47 cars that go home. We don't have 47 cars going home. He would appreciate if people would refrain or at the end of the meeting there would be a public session that residents could speak.

Supervisor Walsh stated there is a yes and no to that. It has been Town Board policy that anyone who wished could address the Board. She doesn't believe that policy should be stopped. If something is discussed during the meeting and a vote is taken, she believes that residents should speak during said topic. Mrs. Walsh agreed with Mr. Sciliano that at times it gets out of hand and that people have become over emotional about it and has become very difficult. It has not been conducive to a well ordered meeting. She asks that residents confine their remarks and she will time them but does not believe that residents should be banned from speaking on a particular item.

Councilman Cannella stated that if their comments are related to the particular item that's being discussed, not to divert into something different because their mind is wandering into another area.

Councilwoman Amelio stated that that's difficult to curtail.

Deputy Village Attorney Jonathan Kraut stated that for clarification, residents at the last meeting were speaking about non agenda topics. In many towns public comment is allowed on items coming up for a vote. Regarding items that are being tabled, with no legislative action being taken most Municipal Boards defer any public comments to the end of the meeting.

Mrs. Walsh stated that as part of that it is not always known that an item will be tabled. Are we in agreement that residents can speak at meetings.

Mr. Cannella stated residents can not just get up to speak if it is not regarding the agenda item.

Jimmi Pritchard stated that a few meetings ago there were people that got up and talked and it was an attack and people very angry with the Mayor. Ms. Pritchard felt it was totally out of proportion and the way the Mayor was addressed at that meeting, she (ms. Pritchard) was embarrassed for the Town of Harrison because of the way two individuals talked. It should never be allowed to go that way and she (Ms. Pritchard) would appreciate always for people to be mindful of good manners and being civil. Police Officers are here and she believes it would be helpful if, since we no longer have a constable sitting here anymore, to call the order to the meeting. If either the board or the attorneys could stop that type of attack, it was wrong. It would be wrong for any of us to do that to any of you or any of you to do that to us. It was totally out of proportion.

Councilman Vetere stated it was disgraceful.

Councilwoman Amelio stated; without a doubt. However, after Lucille finished about twenty minutes ago, turned around and said to me "are you happy". Last week it was "are you deaf".

Ms. Pritchard said those comments should not have been made. No one should be rude to anyone.

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was recessed for Executive Session at 10:05 PM

On motion duly made and seconded, with all members
voting in favor, the Meeting was reconvened at Midnight, 12:00 AM.

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 Midnight, 12:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Angela J. Tamucci
Deputy Village Clerk

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