

March 19, 2009

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 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 Mayor

Joseph Cannella)
Patrick Vetere)Trustees
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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ACCEPTANCE, WITH REGRET, A LETTER OF RESIGNATION,
FROM DOUGLAS WHITE, SANITATION WORKER IN THE SANITATION
DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mayor Joan Walsh thanked Mr. White for his years of service and wished him well.

On motion of Trustee Cannella, seconded by Trustee Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from Douglas White, Sanitation Worker in the Sanitation Division of the Department of Public Works.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Treasurer, the Personnel Manager and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL TO SET THE DATE OF APRIL 16TH FOR A PUBLIC HEARING
RE: THE FORMATION OF A SEWER DISTRICT EXTENSION
ON CENTURY TRAIL

On motion of Trustee Cannella, seconded by Trustee Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of William Morgenroth, Consulting Engineer, to set the date of April 16, 2009 for a Public Hearing RE: the formation of a sewer district extension on Century Trail.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Village Engineer, the Building Inspector and Mr. Morgenroth.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:	Trustees Cannella, Vetere, Scappaticci and Sciliano Mayor Walsh
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

The following was also adopted in the Town. TBR #124

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

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 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 Trustee Cannella, seconded by Trustee Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Acting Village 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 Mayor 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 Treasurer, the Village Engineer, and the Director of Purchasing.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Trustees Cannella, Scappaticci and Sciliano
Mayor Walsh

NAYS: Trustee Vetere

ABSENT: None

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TABLED: REQUEST TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT ON LAKE STREET

The matter was tabled until the April 2, 2009 Meeting.

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APPROVAL TO HIRE THREE PART TIME LABORERS IN
THE SANITATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Trustee Cannella, seconded by Trustee Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Commissioner of Public Works Robert Wasp to hire three part time laborers in the Sanitation Division 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 Treasurer and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER \$200,000 FROM ACCOUNT 01GB11 TO
THE VILLAGE FUND BALANCE.

Village Attorney Robert Paladino, speaking on behalf of Treasurer Maureen MacKenzie, addressed the Board. Mr. Paladino stated the Treasurer has submitted a letter to the Board stating that as of the end of 2008, the Village of Harrison had an estimated Fund Balance of \$10,000. However, because of certain entries which the Treasurer was required to make the revenue will be reduced by approximately \$120,000 which reflects a portion of the delinquent tax notices that the Village has not yet collected. Therefore, the Village will actually have a negative Fund Balance of \$110,000. In order to resolve this problem, Treasurer MacKenzie is requesting that the Board authorize \$200,000 be transferred from account 01GB11 (which has a balance of \$254,000) to the Village Fund Balance.

Trustee Cannella questioned if the Boards previous authorization a few months ago to transfer funds from the 01GB11 account to the surplus is reflected in this estimation.

Mr. Paladino responded yes. The Board had previously authorized the transfer of \$550,000 from the 01GB11 account to the surplus account which resulted in the present \$254,000 balance in the 01GB11 account.

On motion of Trustee Cannella, seconded by Trustee Vetere,

it was

RESOLVED to authorize the transfer of \$200,000 from 01GB11 Capital Account to the Village Fund Balance.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Treasurer and the Village Attorneys.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Trustees Cannella, Vetere, Scappaticci and Sciliano
Mayor 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
Village Clerk