

Late item E-7

TOWN/VILLAGE OF HARRISON
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

TO: Ronald Belmont, Supervisor and Members of the Town Board

FROM: Maureen MacKenzie, Comptroller

RE: Town Board Meeting of January 17, 2013

DATE: January 16, 2013

On January 3, 2013 the Town Board approved resolution 2013-028, authorizing to pay BfJ Consultants up to an amount not to exceed \$15,000.

Supervisor Belmont has asked that the resolution be amended to authorize an amount not to exceed \$20,000, in addition a funding source is required.

Kindly authorize the budget transfer to fund this amendment:

Increase:

001-8020-100-4406

Planning Board/Master Plan Update \$20,000

Decrease:

001-1440-100-0407

Engineering Special Services \$20,000

With the addition of the \$20,000 authorization, the total now authorized for BfJ Consultants for the Master Plan Update is \$161,238.38.

Kindly approve the funding source for the amendment to be budget line 001-8020-100-4406, Planning Board/Master Plan Update.

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June 16, 2005

2005 -- 236 -- b

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRM OF
BFJ PLANNING, INC. FOR AN UPDATE OF THE HARRISON MASTER PLAN,
AT A COST OF \$112,000

On motion of Councilman Vetere, seconded by Councilman Scappaticci,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Supervisor Malfitano for authorization to enter into an Agreement with BFJ Planning for the amount of \$112,000 for the Town of Harrison Master Plan Update, with an additional amount for expenses not to exceed \$5,000.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of an Environmental Impact Statement, if needed, is not included in this cost.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to execute the Agreement.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funds for this Agreement will come from Town Fund Balance.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Town Attorneys, the Town Planner, the Comptroller, the Chairs of the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Architectural Review Board, the Superintendent of Recreation and Ms. Sexton of BFJ Planning.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen Scappaticci, Vetere, Paladino and Cannella
Supervisor Malfitano

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

FILED THIS
8 DAY OF
July 2005
Tom B. Walsh
TOWN CLERK
Town Clerk, Harrison, New York

- Assessors
- Engineer
- Filg
- Comptroller
- Board
- Law
- Police
- P Wrks
- Purchg
- Rec'n
- Supv
- Planner, Zoning & ARB Chairmen
- Ms. Sexton
- BFJ Planning
- Town Planner

March 15, 2012

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BFJ PLANNING TO
COMPLETE THE COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

Harrison resident, Robert Porto said I hope you guys (Speaking to the Board.) are still on the path of trying to save money. I don't know if this is the time to spend \$40,000 on a Master Plan. There is a tax cap that I hope we are going to try and abide by. The Board can, with 60% approval, override that tax cap. I am hoping that you really understand what is going on out there when you don't work for the public sector. I don't know if this is really a good time to do this Master Plan and I hope you are trying to keep the expenses very low.

Harrison resident, Mike LeDore commended the Board for perusing the Master Plan. I think it is something that we need. We have needed it for years. However, there are some concerns that I hope you will take into consideration. Number one, if you use the 2007 draft Master Plan, as a baseline, it may be a mistake. If you recall, in 2007, there was a substantial uproar about certain issues. Many of us remember the Public Hearings and the issues regarding density in certain areas. So I am asking you to go very slowly on this. I was at the meeting the other night. I think it was a good meeting for the most part. Although he didn't believe it was very detailed. I think you need to go a little slower than you are planning. We need to start from scratch with this Master Plan and not yet again boilerplate what we did in 2007 with minor changes. They used the 1988 plan then and there were very few changes then. Harrison has changed substantially since that time. In the last six years it has changed and since 1988 it has changed drastically. So please keep that in mind. Secondly at the work session a discussion on the complete environmental impact statement (EIS) was brought up for the entire town. It was briefly discussed. I believe that it is imperative that this Board spend that money for an EIS to complete the Master Plan. If you ignore these costs it is going to be a disservice to all the residents of Harrison because the EIS is the proper tool. It is going to determine the positive and negative effects of any development that we will have. It will offer alternatives that would be construed as the middle ground in any type of development. We see what is happening in the Brentwood and downtown where they knock down a one family home and put up a two family home, sometimes it good, sometimes it's not. I really encourage this Board to go very slowly on this. Look at the EIS, if you have to spend a little extra money on this then do it. Let's do this right.

Harrison resident Chris Hughes said she hopes that the Board will have Public Hearings in all areas of town.

Supervisor Belmont stated that all the Public Hearings that were held are all on file and we will be holding more Public Hearings on this in the future. We are trying to put this town in a positive direction. That is what is needed.

Councilman Malfitano asked where the funding is coming from.

Comptroller Maureen Mackenzie said we have \$18,000 in a prior encumbrance for BFJ specifically for the Master Plan and we have \$30,000 in contingency to cover this.

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March 15, 2012

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On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Supervisor Ron Belmont for authorization to enter into a contract with BFJ Planning to complete the Comprehensive Master Plan at a cost of \$48,000.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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- Assessor
- Benefits
- Bldg
- Compt'lr
- Engrng
- Law
- Police
- P. Wrks
- Purch'g
- Recr'tn
- Supvs'r

<p>FILED THIS</p> <p><i>23rd</i> DAY OF</p> <p><i>March</i> 20<i>12</i></p> <p><i>Jacqueline Greer</i></p> <p>Town Clerk, Harrison, New York</p>
