

April 18, 2013

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 Thursday, April 18, 2013 at 7:30 PM. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Belmont Supervisor

Marlane Amelio)

Joseph Cannella) Councilpersons

Fred Sciliano)

Stephen Malfitano)

ALSO ATTENDING:

Christopher Ciopolla Deputy Village Attorney

Maureen MacKenzie Comptroller

Anthony Marraccini Chief of Police

Anthony Robinson Commissioner of Public Works

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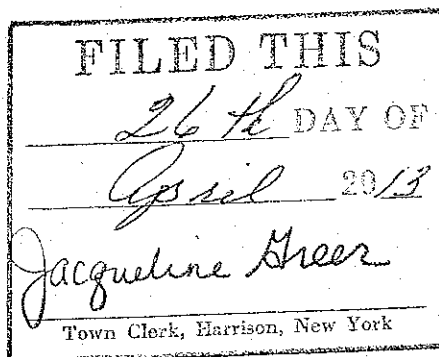
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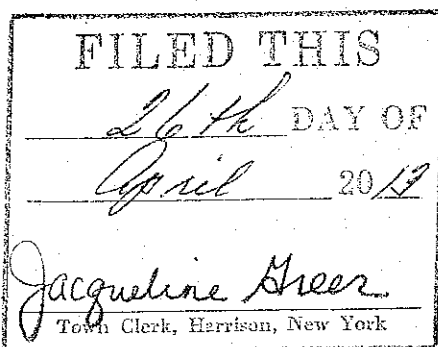
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PRESENTATION BY SUPERVISOR BELMONT OF
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT TO
THE HARRISON RECREATION BASKETBALL PROGRAM'S
7TH & 8TH GRADE BOYS AND THEIR COACHES FOR WINNING
THE 2013 WESTCHESTER COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Supervisor Belmont presented Certificates of Achievement to the Harrison Recreation Basketball Team of 7th and 8th grade boys for winning the 2013 Westchester County Parks and Recreation Basketball Tournament. The team was coached by Joey Mellea, Brian Lobel and Frank Loungo. Certificates were presented to Brian Aslanian, Noah Bender, Austin Evans, Ethan Evans, Alexander Gianaris, Joseph Hirshorn, Jim Kelly, Scott Lobel, Luke McCarthy, Tyler Menniti, Noah Riesel and Matt Rossi. Congratulations to all the players and coaches.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the following correspondence and reports:

- 1a. Monthly report by the Town Clerk for March 2013.
- 1b. Monthly report by the Building Inspector for March 2013.
- 1c. Monthly report by the Receiver of Taxes for March 2013.
- 1d. Monthly report by the Acting Fire Marshal for March 2013.
- 1e. Monthly report by the New Rochelle Humane Society for March 2013.
- 1f. Monthly report by the Commissioner of Public Works for March 2013.
- 1g. Quarterly report by the Library Director for January, February and March 2013.
- 1h. Monthly report by the Chief of Police for March 2013.

Adopted by the following vote:

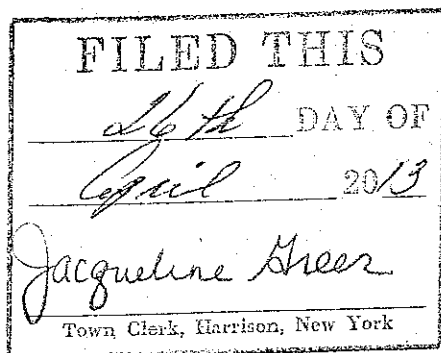
AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE ADAM MARCIANO
AS A PART TIME AVAILABILITY CLERK AT THE HARRISON LIBRARY

On motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Library Director Galina Chernykh for authorization to hire Adam Marciano as a part time availability clerk at the Harrison Library at an hourly rate of \$11 not to exceed 17 ½ hours per week.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

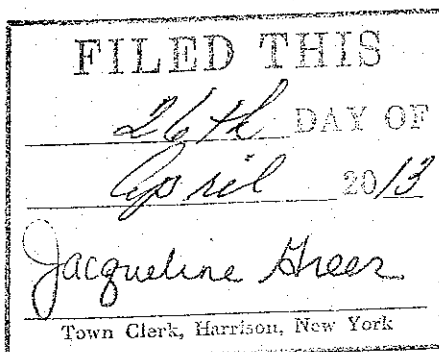
AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE ONE PART TIME EMPLOYEE
IN THE HIGHWAY DIVISION OF THE DPW

On motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Commissioner of Public Works Anthony Robinson for authorization to hire one (1) part time employee in the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works, effective, Monday, April 22, 2013 at an hourly rate of \$11.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is available in the Highway Department Operating Budget account #003-5142-100-0172.

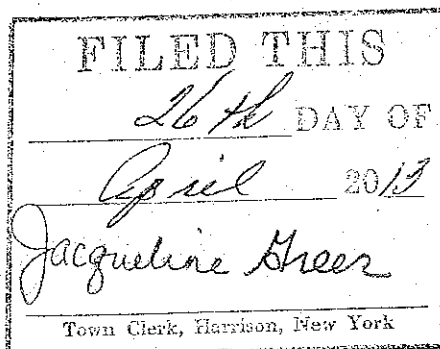
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Personnel Manager and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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APPROVAL TO ADD DONNA MURANI-BUCKLEY
TO THE PART TIME AVAILABILITY LIST

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Personnel Manager Debra Scocchera for authorization to add Donna Murani-Buckley to the part time availability list at an hourly rate of \$11 for the Municipal Building.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

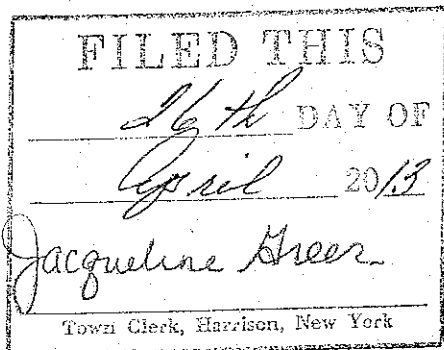
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Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL FOR A BUDGET MODIFICATION
FOR THE WEST HARRISON FIRE DISTRICT #1

Notification the West Harrison Fire Chief Steven Mancini is requesting a total of \$23,551 be transferred from Fire District #1 Fund Balance to Account #010-3410-100-0401. This transfer is necessary for mandated repairs to Class A Burn Rooms located at the Nike Base Fire Training Center. Said repairs will exceed NFPA recommendations.

Councilman Sciliano said that since the fire training center was built, when it needed repairs, the guys did many of the repairs themselves to cut this number in half.

On motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the following budget modification for Fire #1 in the amount of \$23,551:

Increase:

010-0000-059-5999 \$23,551
Appropriated Fund Balance

Increase:

010-3410-100-0401 \$23,551
Building Mtce. & Supplies

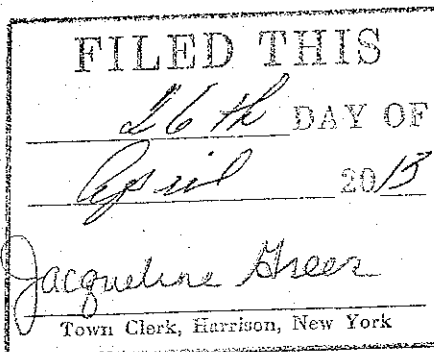
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and Fire Chief Mancini.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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APPROVAL FOR THE TOWN OF HARRISON TO REGISTER WITH
NATIONAL IPA AND US COMMUNITIES FOR THE
NEW "PIGGYBACKING" LAW-EXCEPTION TO COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Notification by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie that Municipalities in New York State are now allowed to purchase items and to contract for service's through the use of contracts let by the United States or any agency thereof, any state or any other political subdivision or district therein. In the past, we were only allowed to purchase off of a NYS contract. If there was no NYS contract and the amount of the purchase or service contract exceeded our purchasing threshold, we would have to go out to bid, which is both costly and time consuming.

Comptroller MacKenzie said that municipalities have been waiting for a long time for this change in the law. They are calling this "piggybacking". If another municipality or community does a bid, it would have to conform to New York State Law, and then we would be able to "piggyback" on that bid. It would be checked to make sure it conforms to the New York State bid process; the law department would review it. We would still go to the Board for approval of the purchase order.

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for the Town of Harrison to register with National IPA and US Communities.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

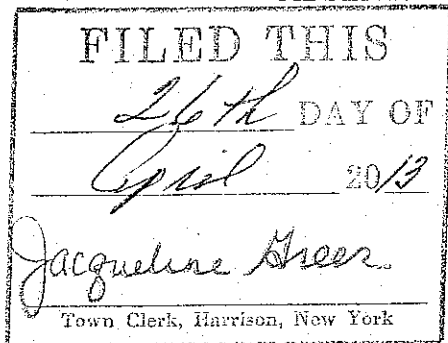
AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION
TO ACCEPT A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000
FOR THE 2013 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Supervisor Belmont said he would like to thank Dave Franz of West Harrison who helped coordinate this effort to receive this \$10,000 check from an anonymous donor. We are going to have a great summer of music and entertainment in our community.

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Superintendent of Recreation Gerry Salvo for authorization to accept a donation in the amount of \$10,000 by an anonymous donor for the 2013 Summer Concert Series.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

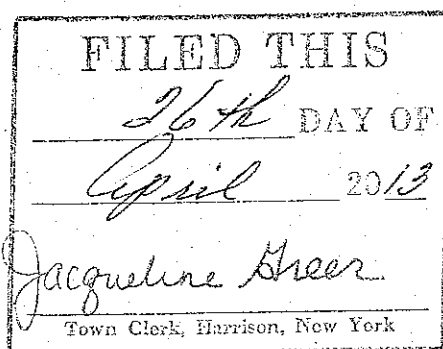
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Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL FOR THE SUPERVISOR TO ACCEPT DONATIONS
FOR THE "HALPERIN BUILDING RENOVATION FUND"
AND FOR THE COMPTROLLER TO ESTABLISH AN ACCOUNT IN THE NAME OF
THE "HALPERIN BUILDING RENOVATION FUND" FOR THIS PURPOSE AND TO
SEGREGATE WITHIN THE TRUST & AGENCY FUND

Councilman Cannella said that the Harrison Library Foundation will be doing their own fundraiser and collecting funds. They will be writing out a check for this as we go down the road. There may be incidental checks that come in. I think we should set up a Town of Harrison Library Fund or something like that because we will be receiving money from the Library Foundation and the Halperin Foundation and there may be miscellaneous funds that come in independently directly into the town account. The more significant contribution funds will be in the later part of this year as the fund raising efforts come to an end and everything gets combined.

Councilman Malfitano said that the direction should be to have the checks made out to the Library Foundation or the Halperin Foundation. This account is being set up for the purpose of allowing for the transfer of funds that are raised to the town for the town to expend. I don't want to get people confused.

Comptroller MacKenzie said she wants to clarify this. She doesn't want people to think that they should be sending checks to her to put in the account.

Councilman Cannella said he thinks that most of the fund raising effort will be through the Library Foundation. I think they will be sponsoring most of the events. We need to have a reciprocal fund where everything comes into.

Councilman Malfitano said that to take a burden that might be placed on the Town of Harrison he would suggest that donations be directed in either direction, however people feel comfortable doing, but not to the Town of Harrison as the primary source.

Councilman Cannella asked Comptroller MacKenzie if it would be a problem to set up a segregated account.

Comptroller MacKenzie said no not at all.

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Councilman Cannella said then let's do it that way so it is totally isolated. I actually have a check in the amount of \$1,000 of behalf of the Cabot Club. The Cabot Club is an Italian American Club here in Harrison that quietly has contributed too many town functions over the years and they wanted to be the first deposit in that account so I am giving you the check on their behalf.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,
it was

RESOLVED to approve the Supervisor to accept donations for the "Halperin Building Renovation Fund".

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Comptroller to establish an account in the name of the "Halperin Building Renovation Fund" for this purpose and to segregate within the Trust & Agency Fund.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

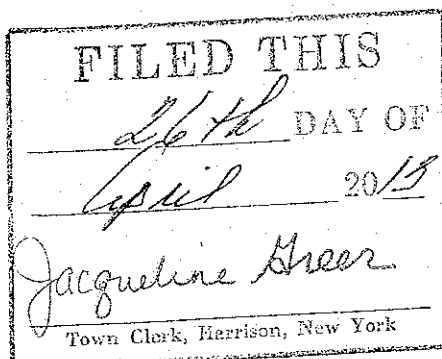
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Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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OLD BUSINESS:

Harrison resident Sam Fanelli said he would like to make a suggestion. He knows this is an election year and understands that the Council positions are four year terms and the Supervisor is a two year term. He asked the Board if they could change the Clerk's position to four years. I think that position should be four years along with the Council positions. By the time you get acclimated to the job its only sixteen months and then you have to start running again.

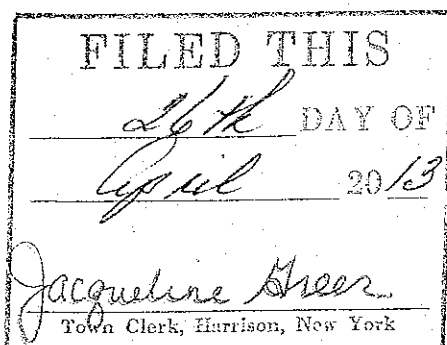
Councilwoman Amelio said she is not disagreeing with it but I think the same could be said for the Mayor position. If you stop to think about the amount of money these campaigns cost everyone to run I think that both of these positions would be a good idea to revisit the terms.

Harrison resident Sam Fanelli said I know it takes time to do and I don't know if you could do it before this election but I think you should research the idea of making the Clerk a four year position. This is just a thought.

Supervisor Belmont said that he appreciates this comment and we will start investigating this in January.

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MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

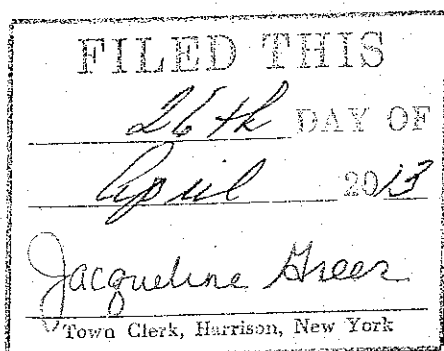
Personnel 5
Collective Bargaining 1

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 7:56 PM.

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was reconvened at 9:42 PM.

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AUTHORIZATION TO PROMOTE
KENNY DEMARCO TO HMEO IN THE DIVISION OF THE DPW
EFFECTIVE APRIL 22, 2013

On motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Supervisor Belmont

it was

RESOLVED to authorize the promotion of Kenny DeMarco to the position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator (HMEO) in the Department of Public Works, effective April 22, 2013 at an annual salary of \$72,345.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

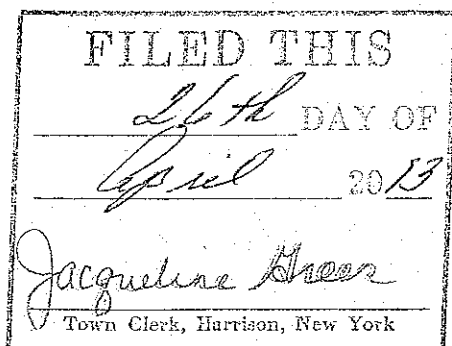
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Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE THE HOURLY RATE OF PAY OF LOUIS DIBUONO
IN THE COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE, EFFECTIVE APRIL 22, 2013

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to authorize the increase in the hourly rate of pay of Louis DiBuono, in the Community Services office, to \$15 per hour, effective April 22, 2013.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Personnel Manager and the Director of Community Services.

Adopted by the following vote:

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

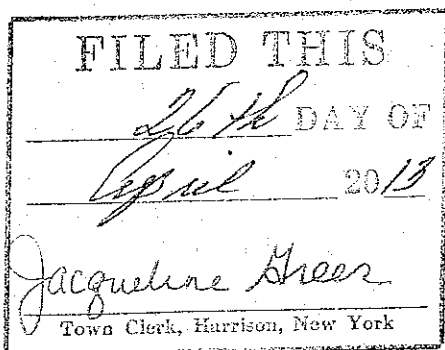
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

There being no further matters to come before the Board,
the Meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded,
declared closed at 9:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Greer
Town Clerk



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