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 Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7:30 PM. Eastern Standard Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:	
Ronald Belmont	Supervisor
Marlane Amelio)	
Joseph Cannella)	Councilpersons
.Stephen Malfitano) . '	^
Fred Sciliano)	•

ALSO ATTENDING:

Frank Allegretti Town Attorney
Jonathan Kraut Village Attorney
Maureen MacKenzie Comptroller
Anthony Marraccini Chief of Police

Anthony Robinson Commissioner of Public Works

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PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION BY SUPERVISOR RON BELMONT TO HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL 2013 GRADUATE JAKE LERNER

Supervisor Ron Belmont recognized Jake Lerner, who in October was one of ten Westchester high school seniors who received the Westchester County Youth Board's 2012 Milly Kibrick Youth Service Award. Supervisor Belmont continued stating that this award was given to Westchester students who have made an exceptional commitment to the communities. Milly Kibrick, a prominent county social worker, dedicated her life to helping disadvantaged children and the honorees for this year's award reflect Milly's charitable spirit.

Supervisor Belmont stated that Jake has been involved in many community service organizations. He participated in Harrison High School's "Reaching Out to Our Youth", a program involving high school students tutoring grade school children. As a peer leader for his congregation, Jake created and led discussions with students on a variety of current events and talking points. He also facilitated Harrison High School's involvement with a new initiative in Westchester County called Kids Kloset. Jake assembled over 20 students to help sort and redistribute gently used clothing, collected from local clothing drives, to underprivileged children. In addition, Jake organized and distributed formal wear to local high school teens and arranged for the collection of toys to benefit children with cancer. Jake has also been in the Harrison High School Marching Band, Concert Band and Wind Ensemble for all four years of high school. This year, he is the recipient of the Magna Cum Laud Graduation Honor, given to students whose GPA is 95% and above. Jake is also a current member of the National Honor Society and the Foreign Language Honor Society. Not only has Jake been recognized for his volunteerism, he has also achieved a high ranking in academic performance. He has received many accolades for his extra curricular pursuits and his success is remarkable. It is with great pleasure that, tonight, I am able to thank Jake for his many contributions to our community and to congratulate him for achieving such impressive accomplishments. I'm sure I speak for the entire Town Board when I wish him many years of success in all his future endeavors.

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2012 - - 399 PRESENTATION BY RESIDENT RUTH SINGER RE: THE HOLIDAY PROJECT

Harrison resident Ruth Singer spoke regarding the Harrison Holiday Project. She stated that the number of Harrison families that are in financial crisis has increased from 72 two years ago to 110 today. Those in need comprise over 356 individuals including 17 elderly and 136 children, ranging in age from infant to teen. But everyone likes to feel special during the holiday season, no matter their age. Two years ago, the Holiday Project was started to spread holiday cheer to needy family's right here in Harrison. This initiative has become the "feel-good" project of the year, bringing our very own community together to help neighbors in need. Through the generosity of local merchants and with monies collected, each sponsored family receives a "Holiday in a Basket" that includes a grocery certificate, clothing, a toy for each child, a small gift for the parents and a pizza gift certificate. In order to sponsor one or more families, please send a check payable to "The Town of Harrison Holiday Project" for \$150 per family, to coordinator Ruth Singer, 68 Sunnyridge Road, Harrison, NY 10528. Include an email address for an invitation to the wrapping-and basket-assembling –party slated to take place in December. This is the perfect time of year to remember just how much better it feels to give than receive, so please help us help our neighbors feel the joy of this year's holiday season. Let's generously demonstrate why it truly is Great to Live in Harrison through a coming together of community – neighbor touching neighbor. For more information, or if you would like to get further involved, please contact Ruth Singer at: 914-588-3463 or by email ruru958@aol.com. Ms. Singer thanked everyone in advance for their support.

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2012 - - 400 ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the following correspondence and reports:

- 1a. Monthly report by the Commissioner of Public Works for October 2012.
- 1b. Monthly report by the New Rochelle Humane Society for October 2012.
- 1c. Monthly report by the Chief of Police for October 2012.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

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None

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PUBLIC HEARING – RE: A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A COIN OPERATED WASH AND FOLD LAUNDROMAT AT 222 HALSTEAD AVENUE

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Cannella, with all members voting in favor, the Hearing was opened.

Harrison resident Michael Olsey spoke on behalf of himself stating that he was requesting a Special Exception Use Permit to construct a wash and fold Laundromat at 222 Harrison Avenue, which is an existing single story commercial store front that has been vacant for the past year. My proposed request will be a family owned and operated business in the downtown business district. With cost of construction and purchase of the building we will be investing about three quarters of a million dollars into our downtown area. I am a third generation Harrison resident, employee of the town and a homeowner in town as well. The Laundromat will use standard household detergent, bleach and fabric softeners used for washing clothes. There will be no hazardous chemicals used or stored on the site. The proposed store hours will be from 7 am to 10 pm daily and will have an attendant on site. The store will contain 16 washing machines and 10 double stack dryers. The machines are stainless steel and use the latest technology to ensure efficient operation and sensitivity to the environment. The interior will use the existing oak flooring along with the existing painted sheetrock walls which will require minimal renovation.

Councilman Cannella asked what is the general differential between this project and the Laundromat that is on Halstead Avenue.

Harrison resident Michael Olsey said that his would be brand new, state of the art machines, and will concentrate more on drop off service for the residents where attendants will wash and fold it and then it can be picked up in the evening. We will look into extending service by picking up in the homes and delivering back to them.

Supervisor Belmont asked if anyone spoke at the two Planning Board public hearings.

Harrison resident Michael Olsey said that no one spoke for or against the application. It was advertised in the paper and certified letters were mailed.

Harrison resident Ernie Fiore asked if the state of the art equipment would be more energy efficient then what is on Halstead Avenue.

Harrison Resident Michael Olsey said that it is all eco friendly and uses less gas and water.

With no one else speaking in against, on motion duly made and seconded, the Hearing

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APPROVAL FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT FOR RESIDENT MICHAEL OLSEY TO CONSTRUCT A COIN OPERATED WASH AND FOLD LAUNDROMAT AT 222 HARRISON AVENUE

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by resident Michael Olsey for a Special Exception Use Permit to construct a coin operated wash and fold Laundromat at 222 Harrison Avenue, Harrison, New York.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Building Department, the Commissioner of Public Works and Mr. Olsey.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

NAYS:

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2012 - - 402 <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> RE: THE 2013 TOWN PRELIMINARY BUDGET

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

Supervisor Belmont said that at our last Town Board Meeting the 2013 tentative budget was presented. I represent this budget and am proud of this budget. We are under the 2% tax cap and the tax increase rate is 2.7% where last year it was 4.8%. It is the lowest tax increase we've had since 1995. Services for 2013 will remain the same. Someone asked me today what this means to our property tax rate. If you have a home listed for approximately \$500,000 your tax increase would be about \$71. If your house is valued at \$1,000,000 then your increase would be about \$143.

Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie said that the appropriation budget for this year is \$55,966,000. There is an increase of 2.7% in expenditures. On the revenue side we have remained flat. The only increases are on the revenue side. It is up approximately \$114,000. That is \$100,000 in building department fees and then the Morgan Stanley pilot was increased due to the contract. Also within the budget, with the NYS Retirement Bill, we are electing to amortize almost \$1.5 million. That is how it sits in the budget right now. We were allowed to amortize up to \$1.8 million but from budget to budget we are only going up \$1.5 million. We can amortize over a ten year period at 3%. The assessment roll used for the 2013 budget is at \$136,242,948 which is down from the 2012 tax levy of \$136,275,821. If you have any questions you can direct them to me.

Harrison resident Rob Porto said he was wondering about bonding. It seems like you are bonding a lot.

Comptroller MacKenzie said that right now we are going out for bond issue in December. It is a little under \$10,000,000. Of that number, for this year, it is \$3,690,000, which is actually new money from this year. The rest of the serial bond is actually a band for expenditures that were done in previous years to the tune of \$6,278,820. So, the new money for this year on this serial bond is less than \$4,000,000.

Harrison resident Rob Porto said it is still a lot of money on a \$50,000,000 budget and you are bonding \$4,000,000, which is like 10%. Last year's budget was what I was concerned about. You bonded a lot and \$6,000,000 is crazy. I'm concerned about the bonding and I hope you stop it. The revenue is basically flat, or down. The tax roll went down and we are collecting less money on property taxes.

Harrison resident Lucille Held said that the statement made that our taxes are only going to go up 2.7% isn't all of it. Remember that there are two divisions of money spent: The capital money and the annual money. What really happens is when you go to the individual representatives who

speak for what they need for their budget and they are refused because we cannot afford to buy it, they wait for the capital budget, because that is after the budget is passed. Remember that everything that is bonded is 50% more and even with the decrease in the interest rate today you are still paying 50% more in the amount of interest that you are going to have to pay over the years. It is time for us to recognize what the real spending is. Since this new group has gotten into office there has never been an answer to what we want to know. We give questions, ask questions and look at the books and we have no questions answered.

Councilwoman Amelio said that when someone makes a statement, statements don't present themselves as questions to us. Ms. Held presents things, as she is entitled to, as her opinion. Do you really want us to negate your opinion? Then ask a question; that is the exchange that would appropriately be followed.

Harrison resident Lucille Held said when I get up and make a statement, and there is anything that is incorrect, it should be answered.

Councilman Malfitano said that if you are going to propose a statement, and you want an answer, ask the question. I think I know the question you are trying to get at. You come here and have made this statement: We pass on a budget and then when entities or departments don't get the things that they want they come back and ask us to put it into a capital budget. Number one, operating expenses, by law, cannot be borrowed. Any department that comes to us and asks us to budget appropriately to operate their department, if they don't get what they want, they can't come to us and then ask us to borrow money to give to them. Number two, with respect to capital items; it is entirely a separate budget. Every department has the opportunity to come before the board and present their capital requests. The board accepts some of it, rejects some of it, accepts all of it, or rejects all of it. The board decides which items submitted are reasonable capital requests. Capital expenditures must be approved by resolution, by vote, with a super majority, and they are subject to permissive referendum. So, if you disagree with an item that the board votes upon, to borrow money on, you have the opportunity to bring referendum. When the operating budget is adopted, the entire expenditures for the budget year we are voting on, are incorporated into that budget and reflected in the tax rate increase that every resident of this community pays. When a department comes to us and asks us to vote on a capital expenditure and we say yes and when we go to borrow the money the expense of that is then taken into the following year's budget and incorporated into the following budget year's debt service schedule.

Harrison resident Lucille Held asked what the amount of debt is.

Comptroller MacKenzie said that at the end of 2012 we had \$60,894,020 in bands and bonds and at the end of 2013 we are going to have about \$59,000,000. The new debt for this year is \$4,124,485.

Harrison resident Jimmi Pritchard asked does that include or exclude the cost of the bonding?

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Comptroller MacKenzie said that it does not include interest. It is principal and you pay interest on the money you borrow. The board has taken a step to do a bond refunding, which will help to reduce our interest rate that we are paying on our bonds currently and we are going to have a savings next year that is not reflective in this budget.

Harrison resident Jimmi Pritchard said that when she looks at the police department budget it looks like we lost a coordinator of computer services. I see that we picked up a coordinator of computer services somewhere else.

Comptroller MacKenzie said that position was moved from the police department to the IT department in this building.

Harrison resident Jimmi Pritchard asked Chief Marraccini if he didn't need a coordinator or if they still work for him.

Chief Marraccini said that he believed that the IT person was better suited to applications at the town house versus the police department.

Harrison resident Jimmi Pritchard said that last year we had civilian dispatchers in the budget. Did we fill those positions?

Supervisor Belmont replied no we have not filled those positions.

Councilman Cannella said those positions have been in the past few year's budgets but we have not and will not hire them until we have a new CSEA contract dealing with the health care benefits. Those positions are ready to be filled and will be filled, with the support of the police department, and the board. The civilian dispatchers will not be policemen.

Harrison resident Jimmi Pritchard said wouldn't it be more effective to fill those positions with civilians rather then adding three more policemen?

Councilman Cannella said the civilian dispatchers will not be policemen. The tentative budget has a suggestion as to the number of policemen that the budget contemplates being added. The board is discussing what that number ultimately will be. It has not been determined. I would be surprised if it stayed the way it is.

Harrison resident Jimmi Pritchard said she would like to see how we could do something about the library.

Councilman Cannella said that has nothing to do with the operating budget and we are considering trying to be helpful with that and my expectation is that we will be able to do something that will not affect the 2% cap.

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Chief Marraccini said he was concerned that the board might be reconsidering some of his staffing positions which concerned him a great deal. He would like the board to leave the number at where it is at 64. It is my understanding that those positions were created from spots that were lost. I would implore the board to please consider leaving it as it was in the Mayor's budget.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio, with all members voting in favor, the Hearing was continued until the December 20, 2012 Town Board Meeting.

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2012 - - 403 <u>CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING</u> RE: THE TOWN OF HARRISON MASTER PLAN

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

Harrison resident Ernest Fiore, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, said he would like to reiterate Paul Katz's comments at the previous town board meeting in regards to generators. He asked the board to look again at this in the context of the master plan and make it a little easier; look at the weather patterns that we have undergone here in the past several years.

Councilwoman Amelio said that the issues regarding the generators are in consideration.

Councilman Cannella said this is not part of the master plan. These are one of the items that we are trying to do on a quick basis.

Harrison resident Ernest Fiore said he was concerned about the possible rezoning in the Oakland Avenue area. A year ago, my neighbors and I made some very good points as to why this should be left alone. The area floods and I think it is unconscionable to recommend a GC rezoning knowing that you are inviting people to come in and expand in that area and there is no real flood program in place to remediate the flooding.

Councilman Cannella said the Board will be going over this to be sure that it conforms and said that we are not voting on this tonight. There is still major work needed here. Any rezoning of that area is going to deal with the things that are now there. There is no intent to expand the commercial use of that zone beyond what it is. The recommendation to reconsider that zone came from our own building department because there were historical technical violations of uses that had been there for many years. The concern was do we want to legalize what is there? Nobody had any idea whatsoever in expanding the commercial use to allow for commercial development. That was unanimous by this board and supported by the neighbors. Anything in this plan that suggests otherwise ought to be revised just to put this to bed.

Harrison resident Anthony Marella stated that he was here because he is against zoning changes in the B zone, particularly those regarding 50 X 100 lots. I am a life long Harrison resident and it is because of a two family home on a 50 x 100 lot that his parents were able to own a home here in Harrison. They bought our home in the year I was born. The master plan claims that most owners of two family homes in the B zone are absentee landlords, but it cites no data. We reside in our home and have a young couple in our rental apartment. They own one car. We know many of our neighbors, all of which are landlords currently living in their homes with tenants in their rental apartment. Just yesterday we had lunch with another lifelong B zone neighbor who had not even heard of the proposed changes yet. I agree with comments made by Emil Toso and Richard Dionisio that changes in the B zone would cause property values to drop by a figure in

the neighborhood of \$100,000 and would ultimately turn our neighborhoods into a "slum", as people would be unable to secure permits for work on non-conforming lots without bringing houses in line with new code (i.e. single-family status), experiencing expenses for the conversions and loss of income at the same time. Losing \$100,000 of value from your home, at a time when property values have already plummeted and the economy is in the tank, would cause undue hardship for anyone who owns one of these homes. We should not attempt to find solutions to any issues regarding the B zone by placing a burden on homeowners who are most likely not the cause of any of these issues in the first place. For example, if street parking is an issue in some neighborhoods, perhaps residential parking permits would resolve those issues, also this would give us information on where all the cars are coming from. We could also limit the number of permits per residence. It would also resolve the issue of people parking in our neighborhoods and walking to the train station. Please leave the zoning of our B zone alone. I thank the Board for the opportunity to speak.

Harrison resident Christine Rowland said she was against the adoption of the master plan particularly as it relates to the B zone, where she and her husband owned a home since 1965. She said that in chapter one (1.2.1) of the town wide concept for residential development is described as Harrison's residential controls preserve qualities important to residents and promote sufficient housing choice to meet market demand for the most part. Certain modifications are needed to improve housing choice in a targeted way. More specifically, for downtown Harrison (1.2.3) it goes on to say that Harrison recognizes the need to preserve and enhance the existing neighborhoods in downtown Harrison as the foundation of a strong community. We wholeheartedly agree with these objectives. I'd have to disagree, however, that the plans as they are currently laid out for the B zone would address these objectives. The implications, based on the proposed change to rezone existing two-family homes as single-family, are that the market is demanding more single-family homes and fewer two family homes. This is not suggested by either census or real estate data. Before coming to this meeting this evening, I took a look at real estate data by inputting the 10528 zip code for Harrison to determine the number of homes currently on the market, excluding foreclosures. There are 38 single-family dwellings currently available, 15 of which have been on the market for over 180 days. There are only four two family dwellings, none of which has been on the market for more than four months. This information would seem to suggest that there is a far stronger demand for affordable two family houses in Harrison than there is for single-family dwellings. Thus it is a stretch to argue that a change in zoning is based on market demand. My husband's family and many other Italian immigrants bought two family homes in the B zone in part as a hedge against hard times, so that they would always be able to support their families, even in the face of recessions, depressions, and in terminology of more recent time, fiscal cliffs. While you may argue that you are not planning to take this away, and that you are just making adjustments for future owners, the impact of the proposal on the table would, sooner or later, be felt directly by all B zone owners referenced by this master plan rezoning initiative. The effect of having a non-conforming lot would force homeowners to make very tough choices when they needed to make repairs, such as a new roof. A new roof requires a permit. A permit would not automatically be granted for a non-conforming lot. Many B zone homeowners can't afford to lose their income from their

rental apartment, but they do not wish to act outside of the town ordinances. The proposed change in zoning would leave them with a very difficult choice. To those who argue that making a house single family rather than two family will not result in loss of value, I'd point you to page 25 (2.7.2) of the master plan where single family units are given values upward of \$500,000 against two family residences that start at \$575,000. We do not need the planners to pit neighbor against neighbor within our community as we are told that right now you are targeting the 5000 square foot lots. The only problem with the current scenario I could find in the master plan is that some homes violate the existing zoning regulations by creating and renting out several apartments. Surely the remedy for this is to enforce existing zoning requirements rather than to create new more stringent ones. After all, if certain residents are currently in open violation of the requirements, will they follow the new ones anyway? Chances are that it will be those lawabiding residents who are not in violation who will lose the most here. Mrs. Rowland proposed an amendment to the draft of the master plan. On page four, Town Wide Recommendations, Residential Controls (1.3), where it reads alternatives include keeping new construction of the traditional up/down two-family homes as permitted use, she proposes that bullet four be changed to read, "All alternatives considered will include keeping new construction of the traditional up/down two-family homes." Please take the ambiguity out of the plan. The same applies to the identical language appearing on page 134 under residential provisions bullet point four. Please remove anything that would lead to the designation of our homes as "non-conforming" twofamily homes. Surely changing the zoning of the 50 x 100 lots in the B zone is not the "foundation of a strong community" that the master plan references. These plans pit neighbor against neighbor and would not improve housing choice, they would limit it. It seems to me that the only ones who will benefit from these proposed changes are the planners and the lawyers, who will in all probability be kept busy on various rounds of planning and litigation for years. So why not at this holiday season give the tax paying registered voters of the B zone and West Harrison something to give thanks for; leave our zoning as it is. I thank the board for their consideration.

Harrison resident Roy Aletti said that as his friend and neighbor, Ernie Fiore pointed out that three or four matters were changed in 1975 for a reason. It was changed back then so no expansion could be done. There are wetlands back there and that is something to consider. I don't see why that strip of Oakland Avenue can't be cut out of the master plan.

Harrison resident Vanessa Daher said she had a concern about a statement in the master plan regarding the quarry. It says in the master plan that the site is not a naturally attractive one for single family houses and more discussion on realistic options are required. I would like to say that it is this businesses fault why it is unattractive. We, the residents, did not create this situation. This business did, without permits, and made a profit at the expense of the residents. We should not be responsible or penalized for what is there today. We already lost a decade of our quality of life because of this business. In the master plan you say "possible development" what does this mean? Will apartment buildings or other commercial operations be built, will the R1 be changed, as well as all the zoning in the area be changed; our residential lifestyle will be gone. This is a concern and I would like to know what this means.

Councilman Malfitano said I think the real answer to this is that anything that would evolve there would not evolve without the input and approval of the neighbors. It would be unrealistic on anyone's part to think that what happens on that site going forward would happen without the input and approval of the residents. It is probably a good idea that it changes. I think everyone would probably agree with that. How and what it evolves to, I think the community decides that.

Harrison resident Sam Fanelli said he has a copy of the master plan and it is showing that the property is staying R1. As long as that is the way this plan is being drafted I don't have a problem with that. With developments, I understand that it could mean, two family homes, one family homes, sub divided down to half acres. As long as we are not pushing for redevelopment of new commercial property down there I'm fine. I just want to be on the record that it states that whole area will be R1 in the plan and if it is drafted and stays that way I'll be fine with that.

Harrison resident Ted Dimarjian had a few questions regarding the master plan. The first one, is in Purchase, where I live, there are a lot of trees and a lot of space that can be developed. On page 128 of the master plan it says there could potentially be 161 homes built. The question that I have on page four where it mentions the schools, and speaking in the line of school taxes, which is 50%, I don't see anything in the plan mentioning coordination of how the schools, in relation to the influx of students would be managed. There is a mention throughout the plan about underdeveloped land, that there is an encouragement, to build or develop these tracks of land, what does that mean? On page eight there is a mention of residential reduction tools to limit oversized dwellings; is this regarding apartment buildings or a large 10,000 square foot home for example. It doesn't specify.

Supervisor Belmont said he read "potential" in the master plan not "encouragement".

Harrison resident Ted Dimarjian said is there going to be any active encouragement on some of these large estates to be developed versus maintained.

Councilman Sciliano said that if you look into it where it talks about a possible recreation zone for all the country clubs in Harrison which are residential zoned. Could you image the development that could take place? It is addressing those items to us by creating a zone to help stop something like that from happening.

Harrison resident Ted Dimarjian said that throughout the master plan there is mention of modifying the intersection at Purchase Street and Anderson Hill Road. The master plan doesn't say specifically how that will be addressed it just mentions that there would be an attention to that. Does that mean that Anderson Hill Road would be widened to two lanes? If people could take a short cut off of 287 they will take Anderson Hill Road. My concern is if it is expanded to two lanes then we are looking at circumstances that would not be favorable.

Councilman Cannella said that the expansion of that road has come up for discussion multiple times and the community's negative reaction to it was overwhelming.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio, with all members voting in favor, the Hearing was continued until the December 20, 2012 Town Board Meeting.

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2012 - - 404 <u>APPROVAL FOR THE ADDITION</u> TO THE RECREATION PART TIME AVAILABILITY LIST

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Superintendent of Recreation Gerry Salvo for authorization for the following addition to the Recreation Part Time Availability List:

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HOURLY RATE

Scott Adler

\$6.75

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

NAYS:

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APPROVAL FOR TOWN ENGINEER MICHAEL AMODEO AND ASSISTANT ENGINEER FRANK BALBI TO ATTEND A CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR TITLED "RECOGNIZING UNSTABLE SLOPES-BASICS OF SOIL MECHANICS" COST: \$259 PER PERSON

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was :

RESOLVED to approve the request by Town Engineer Michael Amodeo for himself and Assistant Engineer Frank Balbi to attend a continuing education seminar titled "Recognizing Unstable Slopes-Basics of Soil Mechanics" on December 20, 2012 in White Plains, NY, at a cost of \$269 per person.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is available in the Engineering Operating Account #001-1440-100-0406.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, and the Town Engineer.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

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AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011 PERFORMED BY O'CONNOR, DAVIES, MUNNS & DOBBINS, LLP

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Court Clerk Jacqueline Ricciardi for authorization to accept the Independent Auditor's Report for year ending December 31, 2012 performed by O'Connor, Davies, Munns & Dobbins, LLP.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

NAYS:

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2012 - - 407 - - a APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATIONS

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the following Budget Modifications:

Increase:

011-0000-030-3018

8,030

Fire District#2-State Aid-Miscellaneous State Aid

Increase:

011-0000-040-4091

24,090

Fire District#2-Federal Aid-Miscellaneous Federal Aid

Total:

32,120

Increase:

011-3411-100-0120

21,775

Fire District #2-Over Time

Increase:

011-3411-100-0402

3,008

Fire District #2-Equipment Maintenance and Repairs

Increase:

011-3411-100-0410

6,137

Fire District #2-Materials and Supplies

Increase:

011-3411-100-0416

1,200

Fire District #2-Rentals

Total:

32,120

FEMA monies received for Hurricane Irene and its effects occurring in August 2011

Increase:

010-0000-040-4091

36,614

Fire District #1 -Federal Aid-Miscellaneous Federal Aid

Increase:

010-0000-030-3018

12,205

Fire District#1-State Aid-Miscellaneous State Aid

Total:

48,819

Increase:

010-9501-100-0906

48,819

Fire District#1-Transfer to Capital

FEMA monies received for Hurricane Irene and its effects occurring in August 2011. Transfer from Fire District#1 back to capital account. \$33,000 will be for their Building Capital account and \$15,819 will be for their Apparatus Capital account

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

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2012 - - 407 - - b APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the following Budget Modifications:

Increase:

001-1620-100-0401

19,500

General Town Buildings-Building Mtc. & Supplies

Total:

19,500

Decrease:

001-1620-100-0407

4,000

General Town Buildings-Special Service

001-1620-100-0510

5,000

General Town Buildings-Gas-Mintzer Center

001-1620-100-0511

1,000

General Town Buildings-Gas-Sollazzo

001-1620-100-0512

2,500

General Town Buildings-Gas-

Legion

001-1620-100-0513

3,000

General Town Buildings-Gas-

Police

001-1620-100-0516

2,000

General Town Buildings-DOT Transfer Facility

001-1620-100-0517

2,000

General Town Buildings-Mintzer Center Annex

Total:

19,500

To cover over expenditure line

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

None

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AUTHORIZATION FOR COMPTROLLER MAUREEN MACKENZIE TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR THE HOLIDAY PROJECT

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie for authorization to accept the following donations for the Holiday Project:

Bruce & Coco Lefkowitz	\$150.
Estelle G. & Neil D. Fradin	\$100.
Kevin J. & Susan L. Faxon	\$300.
Paul A. Bronzo	\$150.
Sharon F. Amelio Bucchignano	\$150.
Jodi E. Fried & Richard J. Rosenstein	\$150.
Jeffrey Michael & Andrea H. Schimmel Baevshy	\$150.
Christopher M. & Kathleen F. Manning	\$150.
E. DiSimone & R. DiSimone	\$150.
Philippe Ifrah	\$300.
Leon & Kerry T O'Dwyer-Marrano	\$150.
Heather Seal & John Breslin, Jr.	\$150.
Paul S. & Julie P. Brandes	\$300.
William J. & Sharon L. Stein	\$450.

Total: \$2,800.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

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APPROVAL OF BID AWARD TO TRI-TECH FORENSICS FOR UNIVERSAL FORENSIC EXTRACTION DEVICE FOR THE HARRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT COST: \$12,241.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was.

RESOLVED to approve the request by Purchasing Clerk Opal Mclean for a Bid Award to Tri-Tech Forensics, 4019 Executive Park Blvd., South Port, NC, 28461, for Universal Forensic Extraction Device for the Harrison Police Department for the bid price of \$12,241. The bid was reviewed and agreed upon by PO Kevin Kraus and Lt. Edward Lucas.

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is available in the following:

\$11,593 Grant from Division of Criminal Justice \$ 648 Capital Budget 12PO28

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Law Department to prepare the contract, and the Supervisor to execute.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Comptroller, upon receipt of claims to audit and upon audit the Supervisor to pay same.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Law Department, PO Kevin Kraus and Lt. Edward Lucas.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERVISOR/MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE TRANSFER DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO EFFECTUATE THE FILING OF 16 PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD DEED WITH THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Deputy Village Attorney Christopher Cipolla for authorization for the Supervisor/Mayor to execute the transfer documents needed to effectuate the filing of 16 Pleasant Ridge Road Deed (property sold by the Town of Harrison to Stanley Tannenbaum in January 1951) with the Westchester County Clerk's office.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department, the Assessor and the Receiver of Taxes.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

NAYS:

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES NINA MARRACCINI TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR THE HARRISON FOOD PANTRY

On motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Director of Community Services Nina Marraccini for authorization to accept the following donations for the Harrison Food Pantry:

Richard DiBuono	\$ 50.
Millie Ferraro	\$100.
George & Ellan Batavick	\$500.
Lucille Oppenheim	\$500.
Nancy & Spencer Hart	\$1,000.
The Joseph Acocella, Jr. Memorial Fund	\$1,000.
Anonymous donor	\$1,000.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

NAYS:

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HARRISON AND THE VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

On motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED THAT;

WHEREAS, the Town of Harrison desires to participate in a consortium of 15 communities in Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, this consortium has filed and received a grant of \$210,000 for the purpose of locating and mapping with GPS coordinates stormwater catch basins and manholes; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Sleepy Hollow has taken a lead role in administrating this grant in accordance with an approved Work Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 25% municipal share of the cost of the mapping is provided by in-kind services; and

WHEREAS, Dolph Rotfeld Engineering is the Project Manager;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Harrison hereby authorized the Supervisor to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Village of Sleepy Hollow for the purpose of participating in this consortium.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

NAYS:

None

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APPROVAL FOR THE INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER AND THE TOWN OF HARRISON FOR ACCESS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROVIDED BY CABLEVISION LIGHTPATH, INC. FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM

On motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

. it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Deputy Town Attorney Fred Castiglia for authorization for the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the County of Westchester and the Town of Harrison for access to telecommunication services provided by Cablevision Lightpath, Inc., for a five (5) year term commencing on January 1, 2011.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to execute same.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

NAYS:

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APPROVAL FOR THE INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HARRISON AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY FOR POLICE INSTRUCTORS FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM

On motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Deputy Town Attorney Fred Castiglia for authorization for the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Harrison and Westchester County for Police Instructors. The term of this Agreement shall be for five (5) years commencing on March 21, 2012 and expiring on March 20, 2017.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Supervisor to execute same.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Supervisor Belmont

NAYS:

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2012 - - 414 MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On motion duly made and seconded, with all members voting in favor, the Meeting was recessed at 9:16 PM...

On motion duly made and seconded, with all members voting in favor, the Meeting was reconvened at 11:30 PM.

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 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Greer Town Clerk

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