

A regular meeting of the Town Board of Harrison, Westchester County New York was held at the Municipal Building, 1 Heineman Place, Harrison, NY, Westchester County, on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Dionisio . . . . . Supervisor

Elizabeth Brown.....)

Angela Vaccaro .....). .....Councilpersons

Gina Evangelista .....)

Mike DiCostanzo .....)

ABSENT:

None

ALSO ATTENDING:

Jonathan Kraut.....Village Attorney

Andrea Rendo.....Town Attorney

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ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Vaccaro,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the following correspondence and reports:

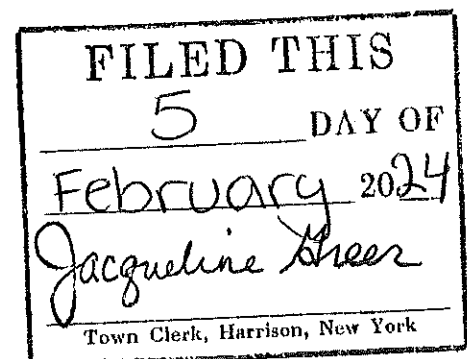
1. Monthly report from Community Services for the months of December, 2023 and January, 2024.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista, Vaccaro and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION FOR REBECCA FITZGERALD TO ATTEND  
PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

On motion of Councilwoman Evangelista, seconded by Councilman DiCostanzo,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Library Director, Galina Chernykh, for Rebecca Fitzgerald to attend Public Library Association Conference in Columbus, Ohio from April 2, 2025 to April 5, 2024. The total cost of registration, lodging and travel will not exceed \$1,500. The funds are budgeted and available in the Library's operating budget. All receipts will be supplied to the Comptroller's Office upon return.

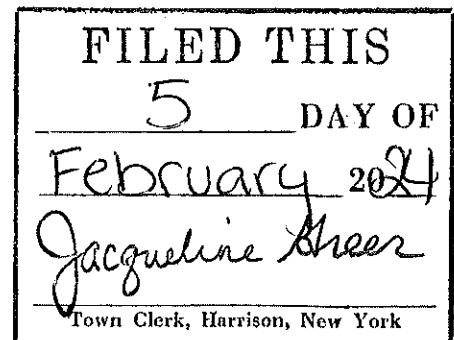
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Library Director.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista, Vaccaro and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER AVAILABLE FUNDS

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Evangelista,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Maureen MacKenzie, to transfer available funds from budget line 001-1420-100-0102, Law Department Salaries, to budget line 001-1420-100-0210, Law Department Furniture and Furnishings, to cover the cost of a new desk and desk chair for the Law Office.

DECREASE:

001-1420-100-0102

LAW DEPARTMENT SALARIES

\$3,384

INCREASE:

001-1420-100-0210

LAW DEPARTMENT FURNITURE & FURNISHINGS

\$3,384

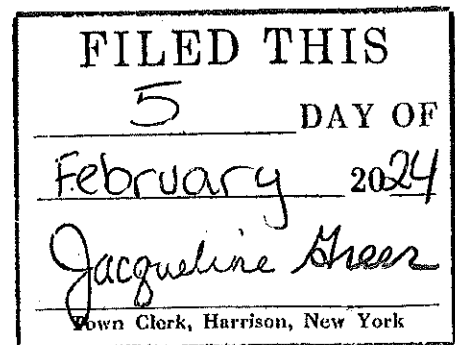
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista, Vaccaro and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE OUT MUNICIPAL CAPITAL PROJECT  
AND TRANSFER REMAINING FUNDS

On motion of Councilman DiCostanzo, seconded by Councilwoman Vaccaro,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Library Director, Galina Chernykh, for the Comptroller to close out Municipal Capital Project Number 18LB17 and transfer the remaining funds in the amount of \$328,146.28 to a new Library Project entitled Downtown Library Improvements 2024.

FURTHER RESOLVED that once the additional 10% of funds are received from New York State, that such amount be credited to the new project.

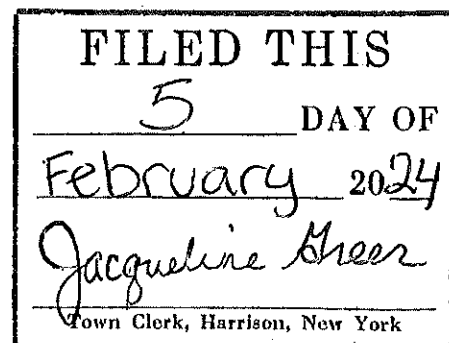
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Library Director.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista, Vaccaro and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE DONATIONS FOR  
THE HARRISON FOOD PANTRY

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Evangelista,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Director of Community Services, Catherine Tammaro, to accept the following donations for the Harrison Food Pantry:

- \$2,000.00 from an Anonymous Donor – January check
- \$138.00 from Stop and Shop Blooming Buds – check

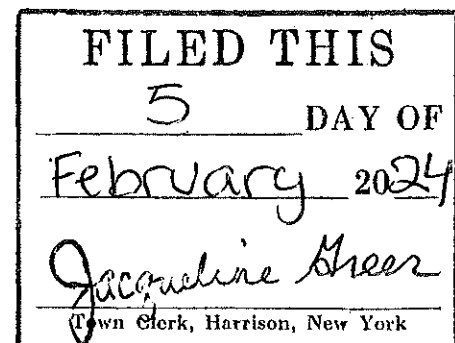
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Director of Community Services.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista, Vaccaro and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



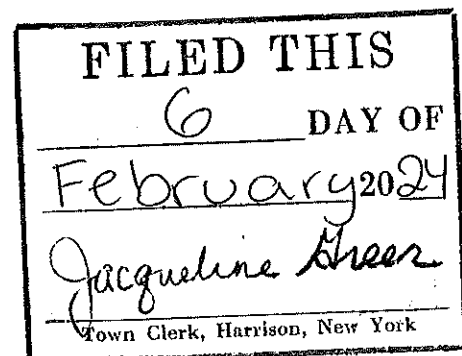
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OLD BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Harrison Resident, Andy Robson, spoke about the illegal use of dumpsters in Brentwood Park and the effects this situation is having on the neighborhood. Mr. Robson submitted pictures for the record.

Harrison Resident, Joan Arachic, questioned the Board on prior resolutions regarding legal fees. Ms. Arachic also thought the price for a new desk and chair for the law department was quite high.



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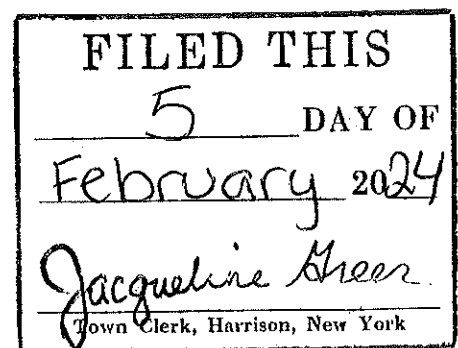
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OLD BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Litigation: 3

Personnel: 2

Advice of Council: 1





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AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT CHRISTOPHER PINTO  
TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME CHAUFFER

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Evangelista,

it was

RESOLVED to appoint, Christopher Pinto, to the position of Part-Time Chauffer in the Community Services Department, effective February 5, 2024 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour.

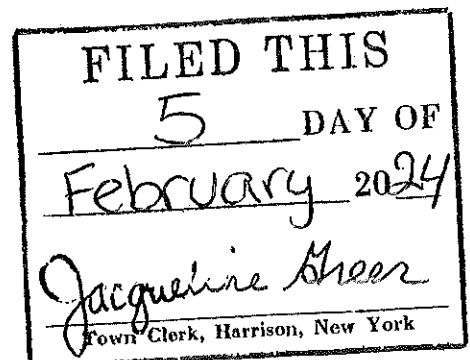
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Personnel Manager and the Director of Community Services.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista, Vaccaro and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT OF DETECTIVE DERKA ABBATE

On motion of Councilwoman Evangelista, seconded by Councilwoman Brown,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the retirement of Harrison Police Department Detective Derka Abbate, effective February 27, 2024.

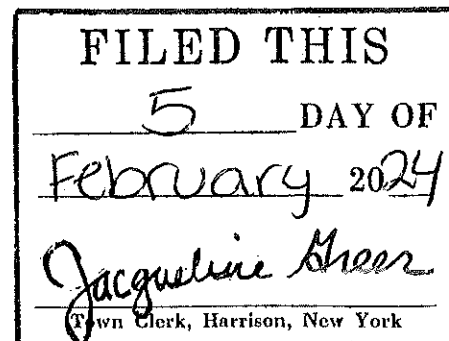
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police, the Comptroller and the Personnel Manager.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista, Vaccaro and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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LEPINO V. TOWN OF HARRISON

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilman DiCostanzo,

it was

RESOLVED to pay all future invoices and submit a reimbursement to request to the excess carrier at the conclusion of the litigation.

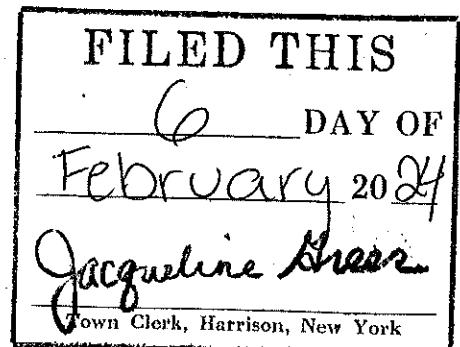
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista, Vaccaro and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO RAISE CAP ON LEGAL FEES AND RELATED EXPENSES

On motion of Councilwoman Evangelista, seconded by Councilwoman Brown,

it was

RESOLVED to raise cap on legal fees and related expenses to \$175,000 in the matter of Willow Ridge Country Club Condemnation.

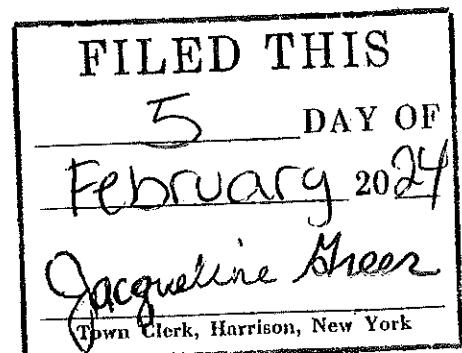
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista, Vaccaro and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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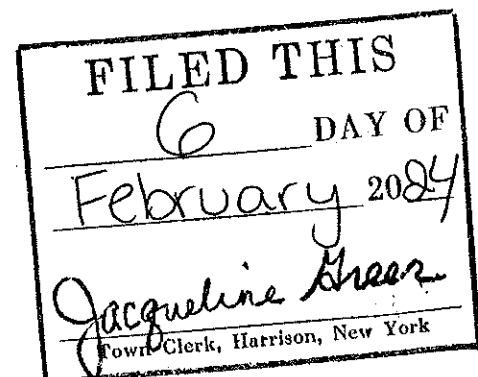
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista, Vaccaro and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ZONING BOARD MEMBER  
THOMAS J. HAYNES

On motion of Councilwoman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Evangelista,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Zoning Board Member, Thomas J. Haynes effective January 25, 2024.

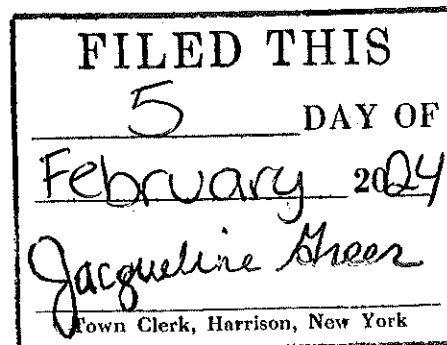
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista, Vaccaro and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT ELIZABETH BROWN LIAISON BETWEEN THE TOWN  
AND FIRE DISTRICT #2.

On motion of Councilwoman Evangelista, seconded by Councilman DiCostanzo,

it was

RESOLVED to appoint Elizabeth Brown Liaison between the Town of Harrison and Fire District #2.

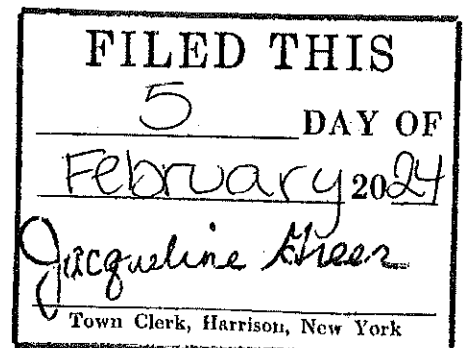
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Personnel Manager and the Chief of Fire District #2.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Brown, Evangelista and DiCostanzo  
Supervisor Dionisio

NAYS: Councilwoman Vaccaro

ABSENT: None



There being no further matters to come before the Board,  
the Meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded,  
declared closed 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Greer  
Town Clerk

