

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, March 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Brown.....)
Angela Vaccaro)......Councilpersons
Gina Evangelista)
Mike DiCostanzo)

ABSENT:

Richard Dionisio.....Supervisor

ALSO ATTENDING:

Jonathan Kraut.....Village Attorney

March 7, 2024

2024 - - 072

AUTHORIZATION TO WAIVE THE SPECIAL EVENTS FEE

On motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Building Inspector, Rocco Germani, to waive the special events fee on behalf of St. Joseph's Hospital for their Annual 5K Spring Sprint Run/Walk to be held on May 11, 2024 at St. Vincent's Hospital.

FURTHER RESOLVED for the Police Department to approve the route.

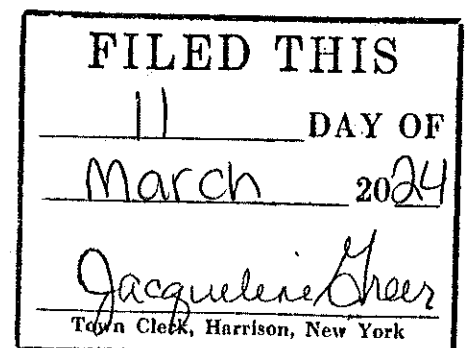
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police and the Building Inspector.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 073

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE SOUTH EAST CONSORTIUM AND THE TOWN OF HARRISON

On motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Superintendent of Recreation, Gerry Salvo, to approve the Inter-agency Agreement between the South East Consortium and the Town of Harrison in the amount of \$22,422.75.

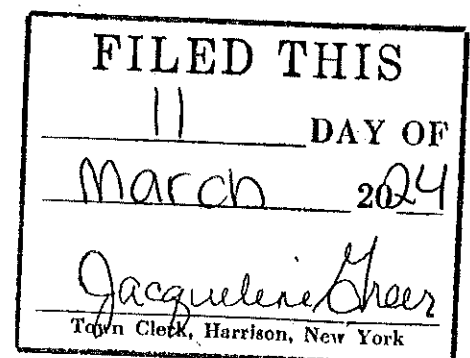
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department and the Superintendent of Recreation.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 074

AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD THE TASTE OF HARRISON COMMUNITY EVENT

On motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson DiCostanzo,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Library Director, Galina Chernykh, to hold the Taste of Harrison community event, sponsored by the Harrison Public Library Foundation on Sunday May 19, 2024 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The Taste of Harrison will feature dozens of participating restaurants offering food samples and chef's specialties.

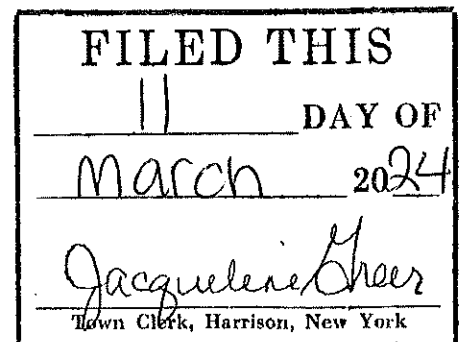
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Library Director, Chief of Police, Superintendent of Recreation and General Foreman of Public Works.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 75

AUTHORIZATION TO FUND THE CONTRACT BALANCE FOR THE
PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY AT 226 FREMONT STREET

On motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson DiCostanzo,
it was

RESOLVED to fund the balance of the previously authorized Contract of Sale for the property located at 226 Fremont Street, Harrison, New York in the amount of \$998,122.98, which is the Contract balance due plus net closing adjustments and title insurance expenses.

FURTHER RESOLVED to appropriate the amount from Town Fund Balance, Budget Line 001-0000-059-5999, and transfer to 001-1900-100-4476 Purchase of Property, where the amount will be charged.

FURTHER RESOLVED to authorize the Comptroller to issue a check made payable to The Felix & Catherine Cristiano Family Limited Partnership in the amount of \$993,233.98 and a second check made payable to First American Title in the amount of \$4,889.00.

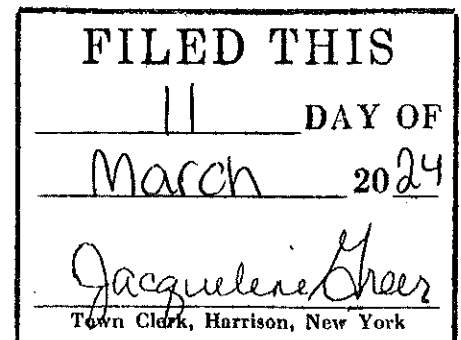
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 076

AUTHORIZATION OF THE REIMBURSEMENT TO SUZANNE FULLER

On motion of Councilperson Vaccaro, seconded by Councilperson DiCostanzo,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Building Inspector, Rocco Germani, for reimbursement to Suzanne Fuller for the enrollment in a course at Southern New Hampshire University totaling \$1,944.86.

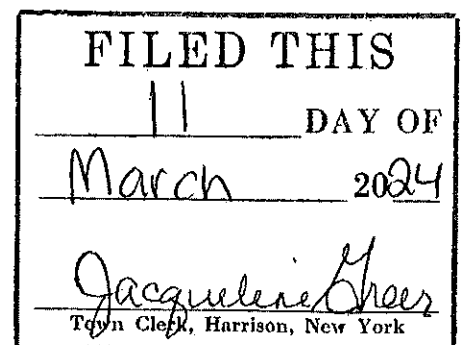
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Building Inspector and the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 077

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE DONATIONS
FOR THE HARRISON FOOD PANTRY

On motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,
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 for February 2024
- \$28.64 from Thomas DeBoucry via Paypal

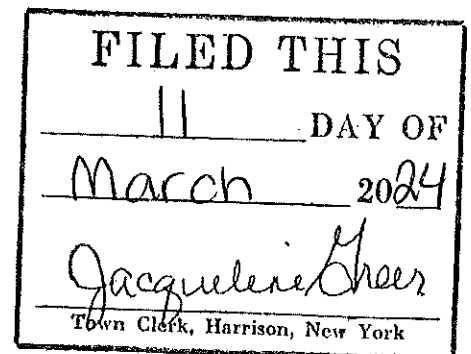
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Director of Community Services and the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 078

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE PROPOSALS
FOR THE OPERATION OF FOOD AND REFRESHMENT SERVICES
AT THE RON BELMONT COMPLEX

On motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Superintendent of Recreation, Gerry Salvo, for the Purchasing Department to receive proposals for the Operation of Food and Refreshment Services at the Ron Belmont Complex in West Harrison and the Brentwood Pool in Harrison.

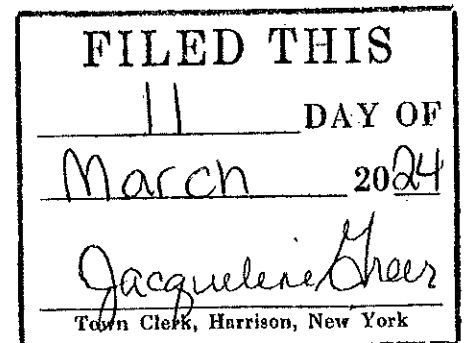
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Superintendent of Recreation and the Purchasing Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 079

AUTHORIZATION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 20, 2024

On motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Assessor, Joseph Calandrella, to schedule a Public Hearing in regards to Proposed Local Law Amending Town Code Chapter 207, Article II, "Senior Citizens Exemption" on March 20, 2024.

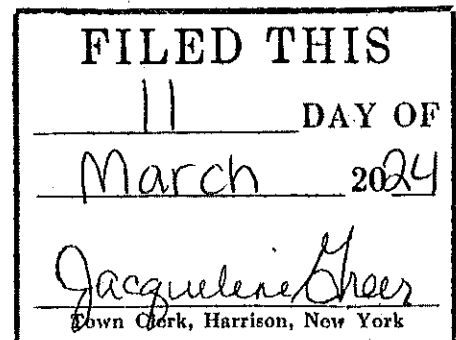
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Assessor and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 080

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHARITY BIKE RIDE FOR
AUTISM RESEARCH TO RIDE THROUGH HARRISON

On motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson DiCostanzo,
it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Emilie Enciso, Director of Operations of Wall Street Rides FAR, a charity bike ride for Autism Research, for authorization to ride through Harrison's Jurisdiction on October 5, 2024 from approximately 7:00 AM to 2:30 PM with a per-event meeting with the Harrison Police Department. Insurance will be submitted.

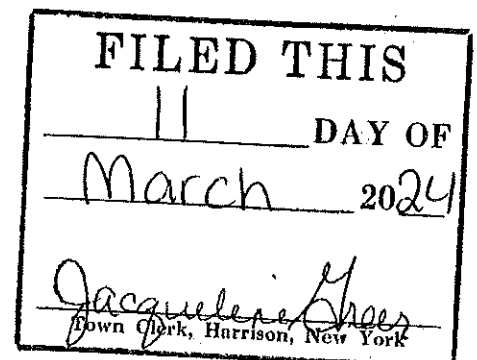
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police and the Emilie Enciso.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 081

NOTIFICATION OF A BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR
WEBB AVENUE PARCEL LOCATED WITHIN FEMA DESIGNATED FLOOD PLAINS

On motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson DiCostanzo,

it was

RESOLVED to approve a building permit application for Webb Avenue Parcel, Block 0603, Lot 1, located within FEMA designated Flood Plains as follows:

The above referenced sites are located within FEMA designated Flood Plains. Harrison Town Code Section 235-32-B states:

"All plans for buildings built in flood areas as defined above shall be transmitted to the Town Engineer for a recommendation as to the minimum floor level of the building and the final grading of the property. Such recommendation must be confirmed by a resolution of the Town Board prior to the issuance of a building permit conforming to the recommendations".

Pursuant to Town Code, our remarks and recommendations for the development of this property are as follows:

1. The existing FEMA Flood Plain Elevation at this property ranges from 65.65 to **69.06** feet (NGVD 1988), as shown on the FEMA Flood Insurance Study dated September 28, 2007
2. The proposed First Floor/ Lobby Elevation shall be **74.0** feet as shown on site plans dated February 17, 2023, prepared by JMC.
3. The proposed Basement Garage Floor Elevation shall be **70.14** feet as shown on site plans dated February 17, 2023, prepared by JMC.
4. An as-built survey from a New York State Licensed Surveyor will be required. The as-built shall include the flood plain elevation, and all floor elevations. As-built must also show compliance with Town building height regulations, as well as surface information verifying no grade change. This survey must be submitted to and approved by this department prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
5. In order to verify the structure and all utilities have been built safely above the Base Flood Elevation, an Elevation Certificate must be submitted and approved by the Engineering Department prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
6. Flood resistant materials must be used within all areas permitted below the Base Flood Elevation. All building materials below this level must be certified by the design professional upon completion of construction.
7. All building utilities (electrical, mechanical, sewer vents, etc.) must be at least 2 feet above the Base Flood Elevation and must be certified by the design professional upon completion of construction.

8. An Emergency Access and Evacuation Plan shall be repaired, reviewed and approved by the Town, establishing procedures for residents and first responders regarding evacuation notifications, procedures and designated safe routes.
9. Flood warning signs shall be installed at key roadway intersections and/or bridges adjacent to the Project Site.
10. Flood hazard education signage shall be prepared and installed at specified locations within the site.

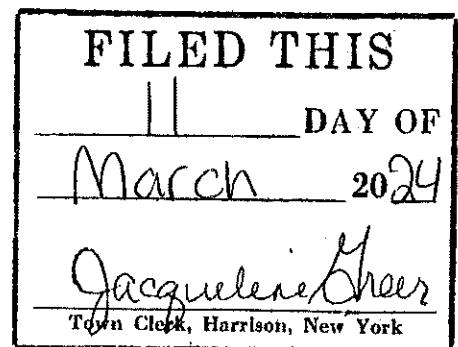
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Town Engineer, Law Department and the Building Inspector.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 082

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH MILLENNIUM STRATEGIES
FOR GRANT WRITING AND GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
FOR AN ADDITIONAL 12 MONTHS

On motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson DiCostanzo,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by, Town Engineer, Michael J. Amodeo, to renew the contract with Millennium Strategies for Grant Writing, and Grant Administrative Services for additional 12 Months. Millennium Strategies has provided Grant Consulting Services to the Town of Harrison since 2015. They have assisted the town in obtaining grant funding from various State, County and Federal organizations. Through the efforts of Millennium Strategies, the Town has been awarded grants totaling \$12,246,294.00.

FURTHER RESOLVED for the Purchasing Department to issue a Purchase Order payable to Millennium Strategies at an amount not to exceed \$57,000.00. Funding for this contract is available in Engineering Department Operating Budget, Special Services Line 001-1440-100-0407.

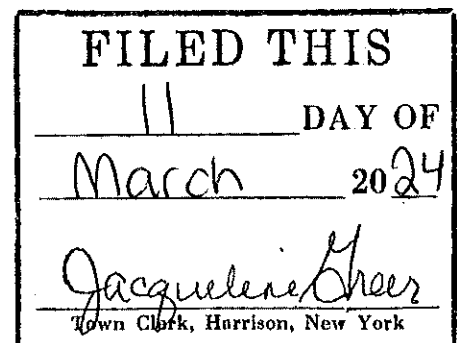
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Town Engineer, the Comptroller and the Purchasing Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 083

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE
ORDER PAYABLE TO WESTCHESTER HILLS LANDSCAPING

On motion of Councilperson Vaccaro, seconded by Councilperson Brown,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by DPW General Foreman, Christopher Park, for the Purchasing Department to issue a Purchase Order payable to Westchester Hills Landscaping, at an amount not to exceed \$127,858.00. Further request to include the milling and paving of 13,126 sq. ft. of golf cart pathways and the resurfacing of the existing basketball court. Funding is available in Harrison Meadows Country Club account 019-7030-100-0407.

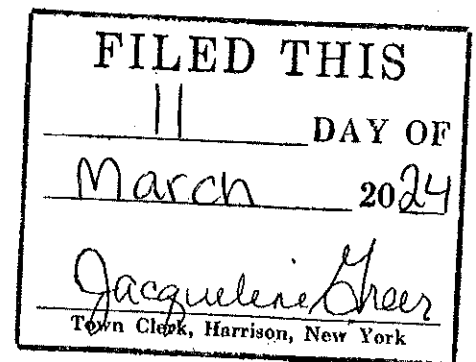
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the DPW General Foreman, the Comptroller and the Purchasing Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 084

AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREFIGHTER TO ATTEND ENGINE COMPANY OPS: HOSE
LINE ADVANCEMENT AND WATER APPLICATION HANDS ON TRAINING

On motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson DiCostanzo,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Chief of Fire District #2, Vito Faga, Jr. for approval for firefighter Michael Gentile to attend Engine Company Ops: Hose Line Advancement and Water Application Hands on Training on March 9 & 10, 2024 at the NYS Academy of Fire Science in Montour Falls, NY. The cost of training will not exceed \$500.00 and funding is available in account 011-3411-100-0406.

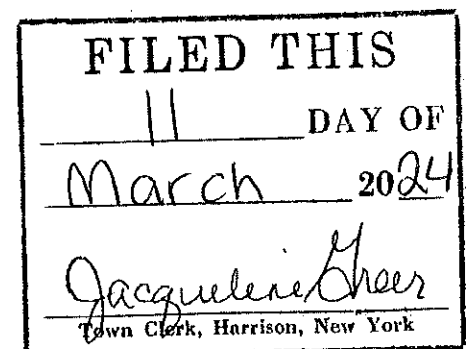
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to Chief of Fire District #2, and the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 085

MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

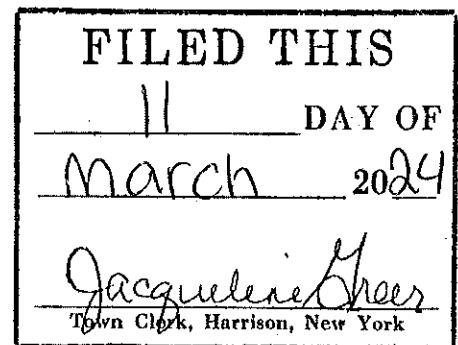
Personnel: Numerous Personnel

Litigation: 2

Settlements: 3

Advice of Counsel: 1

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 7:13 PM.



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 086

AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AN ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT

On the motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,
it was,

RESOLVED, to negotiate an Assessment Agreement with NRP RPW Webb Avenue, LLC,
pursuant to the terms discussed in Executive Session.

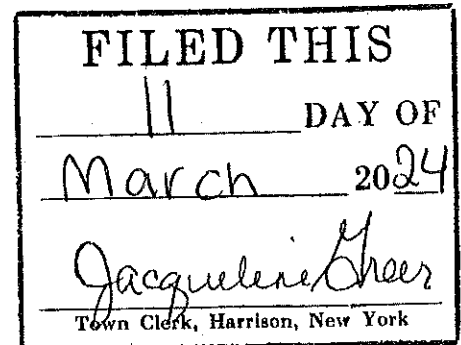
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department, the
Assessor, the Comptroller and the Receiver of Taxes.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 087

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE PROBATIONAL
PROMOTION OF POLICE OFFICER RICHARD LIGHT

On the motion of Councilperson Brown seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,
it was,

RESOLVED, to approve the probational promotion of Police Officer Richard Light to the rank of Police Officer/Detective, at an annual budgeted salary of \$140,527.00, effective March 11, 2024.

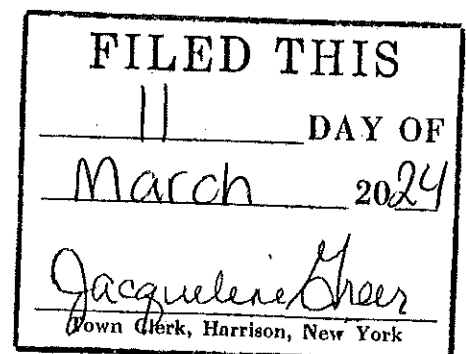
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police, the Comptroller and the Personnel Manager.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 088

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE PROBATIONAL
PROMOTION OF SERGEANT RICHARD ABBATE

On the motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,
it was,

RESOLVED, to approve the probational promotion of Sergeant Richard Abbate, to the rank of Lieutenant, at an annual budgeted salary of \$167,354.00, effective March 11, 2024

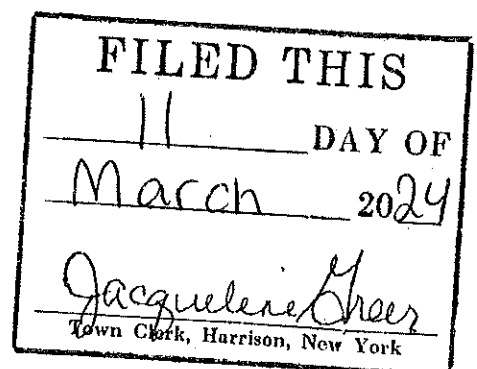
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police, the Comptroller and the Personnel Manager.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 089

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE PROBATIONAL
PROMOTION OF SERGEANT KEVIN WONG

On the motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,

it was,

RESOLVED, to approve the probational promotion of Sergeant Kevin Wong, to the rank of Detective/Lieutenant, at an annual budgeted salary of \$169,909.00, effective March 11, 2024.

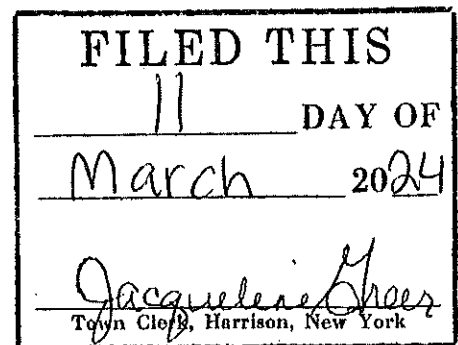
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police, the Comptroller and the Personnel Manager.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 090

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE THE PROBATIONAL
APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS A. MORANO

On the motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,
it was,

RESOLVED, to approve the probational appointment of Louis A. Morano to the budgeted title of Office Assistant/Financial Support, at an annual salary of \$55,239.00, effective March 11, 2024.

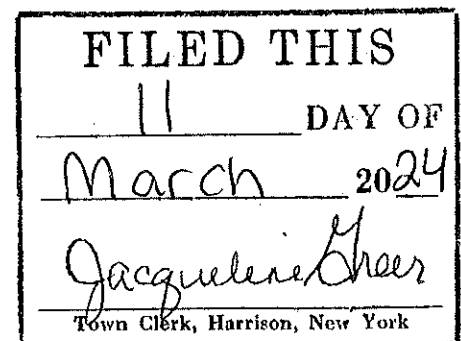
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Receiver of Taxes, the Comptroller and the Personnel Manager.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 091

AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT DIANE MCMANUS
TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On the motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,

it was,

RESOLVED, to appoint Diane McManus as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, replacing Thomas Haynes, for the unexpired term ending May 21, 2025.

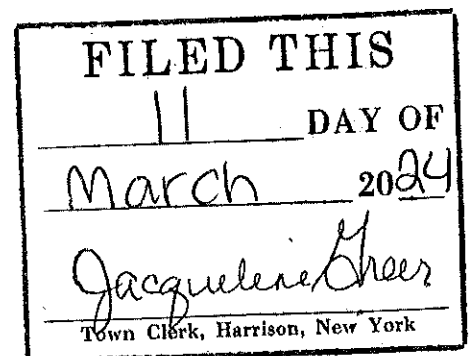
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Zoning Board and the Personnel Manager.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 092

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT
OF CROSSING GUARD GENEVIEVE PRUNIER

On the motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,
it was,

RESOLVED, accept the retirement of Crossing Guard Genevieve Prunier, effective March 1, 2024.

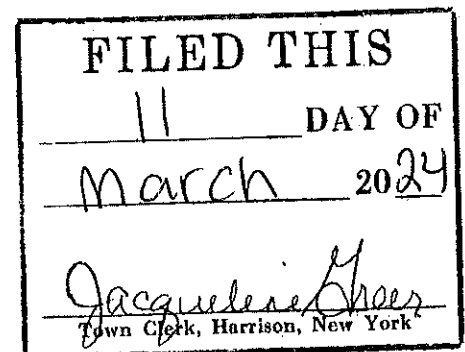
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief of Police, the Comptroller and the Personnel Manager.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 093

AUTHORIZATION TO RAISE CAP ON LEGAL FEES

On the motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,
it was,

RESOLVED, to raise cap on legal fees to Egan & Golden, LLP in the matter of Smithline Easement Condemnation to \$35,000.

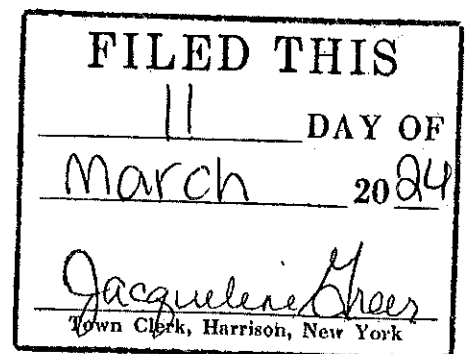
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department and the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 094

AUTHORIZATION TO RAISE CAP ON LEGAL FEES

On the motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,
it was,

RESOLVED, to raise cap on legal fees to Ira Levey, Esq. to \$25,000.

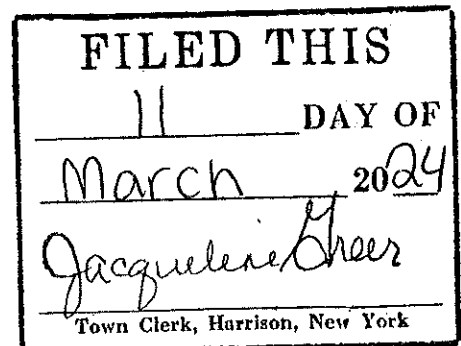
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department and the
Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 095

AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE THE TAX CERTIORARI
IN THE MATTER OF 40 LINCOLN AVENUE

On the motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,

it was,

RESOLVED, to settle the tax certiorari in the matter of 40 Lincoln Avenue Block 611, Lot 22.

Year	Current	AV reduction	New AV
2018	41,600	15,400	26,200
2019	41,600	15,400	26,200

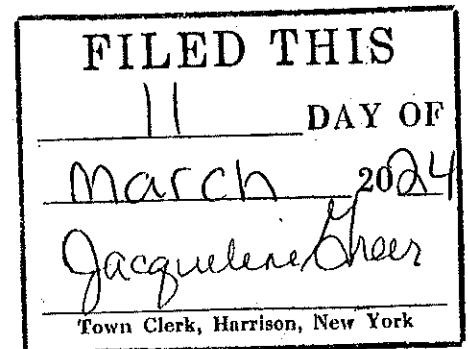
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department and the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



March 7, 2024

2024 - - 096

AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE THE TAX CERTIORARI
IN THE MATTER OF 74 WESTERLEIGH RD AND 70 WESTERLEIGH RD

On the motion of Councilperson Brown, seconded by Councilperson Vaccaro,

it was,

RESOLVED, to settle the tax certiorari in the matter of 74 Westerleigh Rd, Block 611, Lot 48 and 70 Westerleigh Rd, Block 611, Lot 47.

Address	Year	Current	AV reduction	New AV
74 Westerleigh Rd	2023	4,040	1,700	2,340
70 Westerleigh Rd	2023	45,300	9,030	36,270

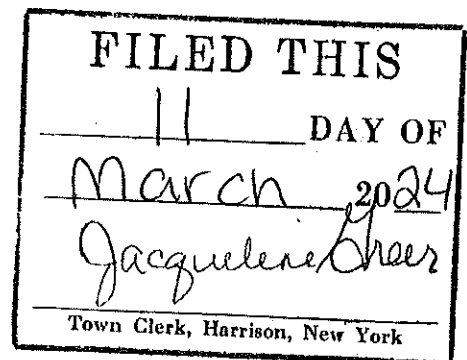
FURTHER RESOLVED, to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department and the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Vaccaro, Evangelista, Brown and DiCostanzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Dionisio



On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in: favor,
the Meeting was closed at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Greer
Town Clerk

