

October 3, 2019

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, October 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM Eastern Standard Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Belmont ..... Supervisor

Richard Dionisio.....)

Frank Gordon.....) .....Councilpersons

Stephen Malfitano ..... )

Fred Sciliano ..... )

ALSO ATTENDING:

Frank Allegretti ..... Town Attorney

Nelson Canter.....Deputy Town Attorney

Joseph Yasinski.....Chief of Police

Michael Amodeo.....Town Engineer

Maureen MacKenzie.....Comptroller

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUPERVISOR BELMONT

Supervisor Belmont thanked the committee that put up the pink ribbons that are seen through-out the community. They painted the town pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

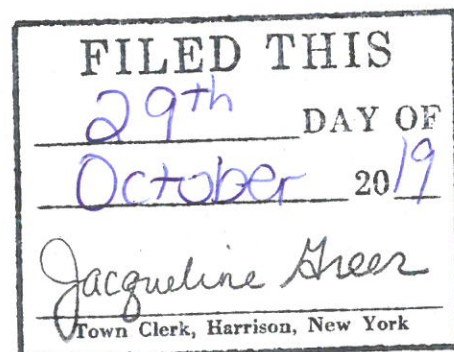
Supervisor Belmont displayed the silver shovel he used during the ceremonial ground- breaking at 104 Corporate Park off of Westchester Avenue. The Supervisor reminded everyone that Montifiore Hospital System is going to build a 120,000 square foot Pediatric Out-Patient Surgery Center. This will become a great asset to the Town. Many good things are happening and continuing to happen on Westchester Avenue with the hard work of our Planning Department, Building Department and the Board.

Supervisor Belmont announced that the Town's commuter lot will be repaved. The repaving will start the weekend of October 18<sup>th</sup> and continue for about a month; work will be done on Saturday and Sundays.

Councilman Malfitano said paving the commuter lot is an indication of what this administration has been doing to take funding that has been coming into us from all these wonderful things that are happening on Westchester Avenue. Those dollars are plugged back into the community; the commuter lot sorely needed to be resurfaced.

Supervisor Belmont announced the schedule for the Great to Live In Harrison Day Festivities. The Police Department Open House will be on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The weekend kicks off with the Harrison vs Rye Game on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and that night fireworks and block party in West Harrison. On Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> is the terrific car show in West Harrison municipal parking lot and Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Parade beginning at 10:00 am followed by the Festival in Ma Riis Park.

Supervisor Belmont read a letter from Rabbi Goldsmith thanking Mayor Belmont for ensuring that he could begin their roof repair in time for the high holy days. "Your support and the support of the whole Town of Harrison is a wonderful example of the blessings that come from Governmental Leaders being partners with religious and civic groups for the benefit of the whole community. I look forward to growing and deepening our partnership in the years ahead. I look forward to a non-leaking roof."

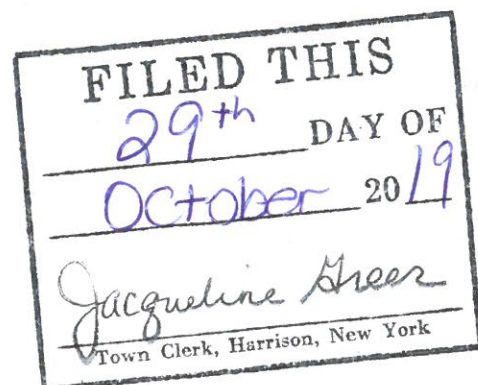


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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2019 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Supervisor Belmont announced that the 2019 Citizen of the Year will be Mr. Bruno Strati. Supervisor Belmont explained that Mr. Strati is a former Councilman and also served on the Planning Board and Zoning Board. He will be serving as the Master of Ceremony and Grand Marshall in our parade. Congratulations to Bruno and your family; this is an honor well deserved.



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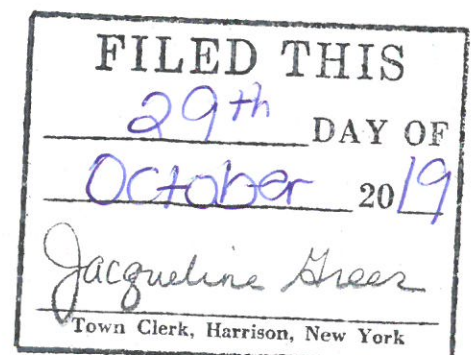
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CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING RE: DETERMINING THE AMOUNT AND  
EXTENT OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN OF HARRISON  
BY CONDEMNATION ON REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 253, LOT 37 AND  
MORE COMMONLY KNOW AS 14 CALVERT STREET

On motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilman Sciliano, the hearing was opened.

Town Attorney Allegretti, for the record, reminded the Board that at the last meeting during the Public Hearing the hope was we would get a signed contract of sale back from the owner of the property. Mr. Allegretti was pleased that he now had a signed contract back on this. It has been many months in the works so at this point there is no need to continue the condemnation. Town Attorney Allegretti explained the following is required under the eminent domain law.

On motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilman Gordon, the hearing was closed and the condemnation of 14 Calvert Street is discontinued.



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AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A DONATION

On the motion of Councilman Dionisio, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Superintendent of Recreation, Gerry Salvo, to accept a donation of \$2,500.00 from EYE Productions, Inc, for the Harrison Recreation Department.

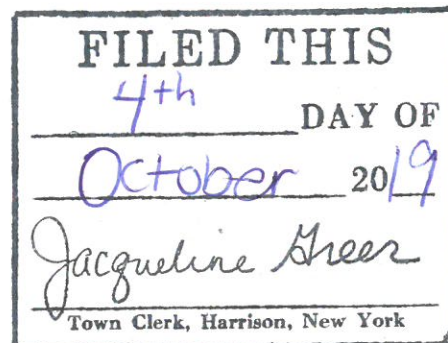
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and Superintendent of Recreation.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE UP TO EIGHTEEN SEASONAL EMPLOYEES  
IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

On the motion of Councilman Dionisio, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Commissioner of Public Works, Anthony Robinson, to hire up to 18 seasonal employees in the Highway Department at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, effective Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Funding for these positions is available in the Highway Department Operating Budget, account # 003-5142-100-0172.

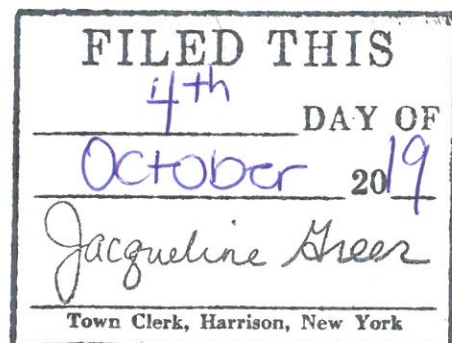
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, Personnel Manager, and Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND SCHEDULE A OF THE MASTER SERVICES  
AGREEMENT WITH PAYMENTUS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PAYMENT TYPES FOR  
CREDIT CARD SERVICES IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

On the motion of Councilman Gordon, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Town Clerk, Jacqueline Greer, to amend Schedule A of the Master Services Agreement with Paymentus to include additional Payment types for credit card services in the Town Clerk's Office at an interest rate of 2.65% which is charged to the customer. This amendment will allow the Town Clerk's Office to accept credit cards for all transaction amounts.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor be authorized to sign the Agreement after Law Department review.

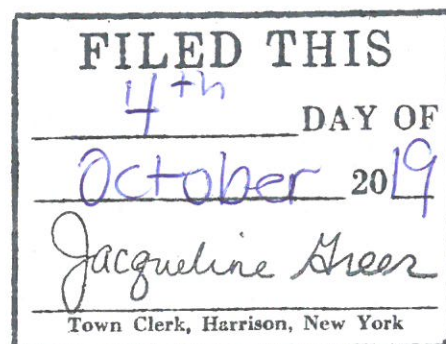
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, Town Clerk, and Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION FOR A POLICE OFFICER ATTEND THE  
INTRODUCTION TO HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS IN MOTOR VEHICLES  
TRAINING COURSE

On the motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilman Gordon,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Chief of Police, Joseph Yasinski, that one department member attend the Introduction to Hidden Compartments in Motor Vehicles Training Course on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Westchester County Police Academy in Valhalla at a cost of \$150.00. This is a budgeted item and funds are available in the Schooling Budget Line #001-3120-100-0415.

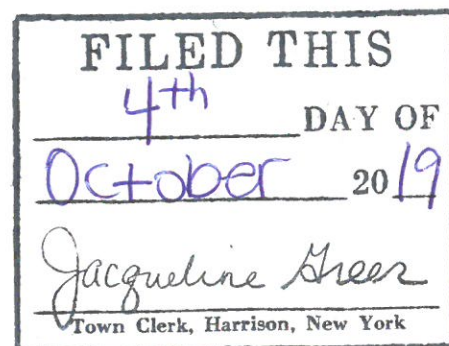
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and Chief of Police.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE A PURCHASE ORDER ISSUED FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR  
8 CALVERT STREET PRE-DEMOLITION ASBESTOS INSPECTION SERVICES

On the motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilman Dionisio,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Town Engineer, Michael Amodeo, to increase Purchase Order #391510 issued for Environmental Maintenance Contractors, Inc. for 8 Calvert Street Pre-Demolition Asbestos Inspection Services from \$5,110.00 to \$15,000.00. Funding for this contract is available in Capital Account #17RE15- New Recreation Facility.

FURTHER RESOLVED for the Purchasing Department to increase PO #391510 payable to Environmental Maintenance Contractors, Inc. from \$5,110.00 to \$15,000.00.

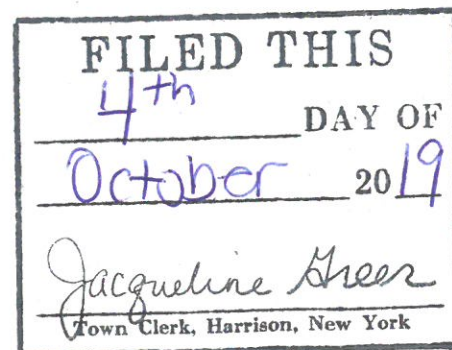
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, Town Engineer, and Purchasing Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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APPROVAL OF A BUDGET MODIFICATION

On the motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilman Dionisio,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Comptroller, Maureen MacKenzie, to approve the following Budget Modification:

To appropriate Town Fund Balance and transfer to budget line Engineering Special Services. The funds will be used to pay for the demolition of 8 Sterling Road and all costs associated with the demolition.

INCREASE:

001-0000-059-5999

TOWN/APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE \$125,000

INCREASE:

001-1440-100-407

TOWN/SPECIAL ITEMS/SPECIAL SERVICES \$125,000

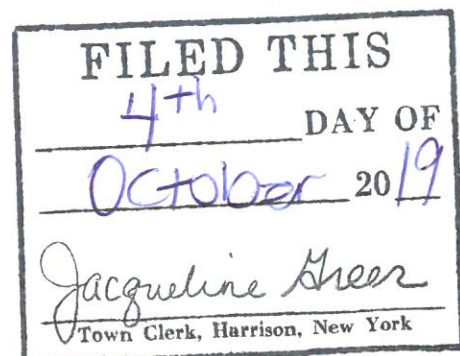
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE ENVIRONMENTAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS, INC.  
FOR 8 STERLING ROAD PRE-DEMOLITION ASBESTOS INSPECTION SERVICES

On the motion of Councilman Dionisio, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Town Engineer, Michael Amodeo, to hire Environmental Maintenance Contractors, Inc. for 8 Sterling Road Pre-Demolition Asbestos Inspection Services at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. Funding for this contract is available in Engineering Special Services Account #001-1440-100-0407 and will be assessed against the property in the event that the property owner fails to pay the cost of the demolition.

FURTHER RESOLVED for the Purchasing Department to issue a Purchase Order payable to Environmental Maintenance Contractors, Inc. at an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

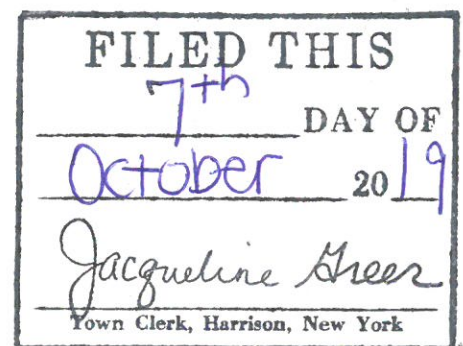
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, Law Department, Town Engineer, and Purchasing Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN ENGINEER TO ATTEND THE NEW JERSEY  
ASSOCIATION OF FLOOD PLAIN MANAGERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On the motion of Councilman Gordon, seconded by Councilman Dionisio,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Town Engineer, Michael Amodeo, to attend the New Jersey Association of Flood Plain Managers Annual Conference in Atlantic City from October 15-17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00. This is a budgeted item.

FURTHER RESOLVED to use the Town vehicle for transportation to and from the conference.

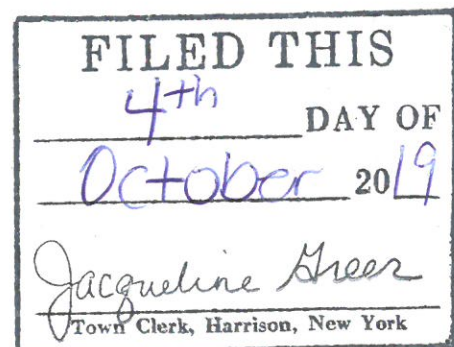
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and Town Engineer.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION THAT EQUITABLE SHARING FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED FOR THE  
PURCHASE OF 11 LENOVO THINKSTATIONS AND 16 LENOVO THINKVISION  
MONITORS FOR THE HARRISON POLICE DEPARTMENT

On the motion of Councilman Dionisio, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Chief of Police, Joseph Yasinski, for equitable sharing funds that are being held for the Police Department be utilized for the purchase of 11 Lenovo ThinkStations and 16 Lenovo ThinkVision LED Monitors for the Harrison Police Department at an amount of \$21,626.32.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purchasing Department be authorized to issue a Purchase Order to SHI International Corp in the amount of \$21,626.32.

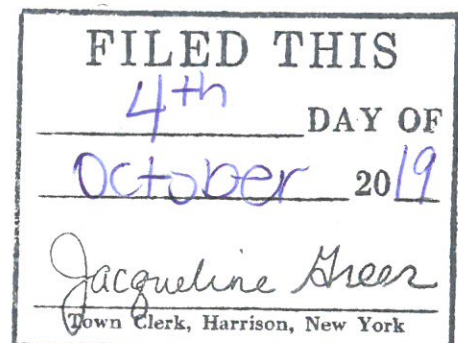
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, Chief of Police, and Purchasing Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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APPROVAL OF A BUDGET MODIFICATION

On the motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilman Gordon,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Comptroller, Maureen MacKenzie, to approve the following Budget Modification:

To Appropriate Town Fund Balance, particularly from 001-0000-899, Reserve for Police Department (Equitable Sharing Funds) and move to the Police Computer Expense budget line. The funds will be used to purchase computers and monitors for the Police Department.

Increase:

001-0000-059-5999

Town Appropriated Fund Balance \$21,627

Increase:

001-3120-100-0409

Police Department Computer Expense \$21,627

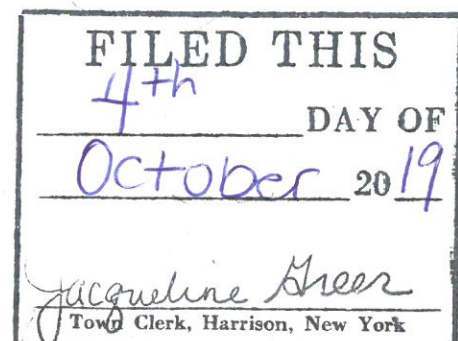
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CONSIGLIERE FAMILY TO HOLD  
THEIR ANNUAL HAUNTED HOUSE

On the motion of Councilman Dionisio, seconded by Councilman Gordon,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by the Consigliere Family to close Webster Avenue, between Ellsworth Avenue and Post Place in order to hold their annual haunted house on Thursday, October 31, 2019 between the times of 6PM-10PM. All proceeds/donations will go to wounded USMC Veteran Joshua Hotaling. Insurance will be submitted.

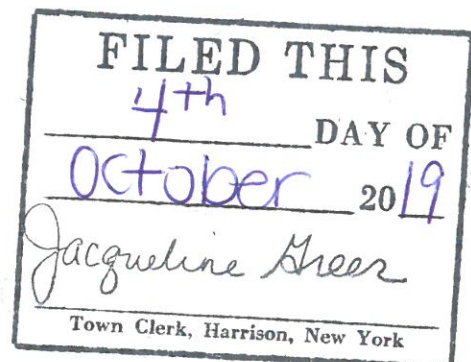
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of Public Works, Chief of Police, and the Consigliere family.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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DETERMINATION OF FINDINGS FOR THE AMOUNT AND EXTENT OF REAL  
PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN BY CONDEMNATION ON REAL  
PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 131, LOT 21, AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS  
249 HALSTEAD AVENUE

Town Attorney Allegetti said the Board closed the public hearing on the property at 249 Halstead back in July. The Board had numerous hearing dates spread out over a period of time. The law requires adoption of findings within 90 days of the close of hearing. I circulated a draft of the findings to the Board and didn't get any suggested comments or revisions, it is put before the Board in final form and he asked that you adopt the determination of findings as presented.

Councilman Malfitano explained this has been an ongoing process for almost a year and as part of the findings, which is of particular importance, the owner of the property corresponded with us back in February of this year clearly indicating that they did not object to the Town of Harrison taking ownership.

On the motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to adopt the Determination and Findings for the amount and extent of real property to be acquired by the Town by condemnation on real property known as Block 131, Lot 21 and more commonly known as 249 Halstead Avenue.

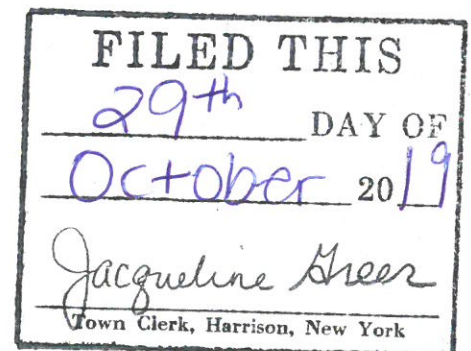
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



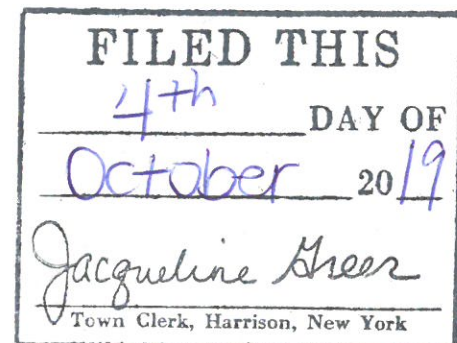
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MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 2 Litigation
- 1 Personnel
- 3 Tax Certs
- 1 Real Property

On motion duly made and seconded,  
with all members voting in favor,  
the Meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 7:22 PM.



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AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE THE CLAIM IN THE MATTER OF  
TRAVELERS INSURANCE A.S.O GRIPPO

On the motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Councilman Dionisio,

it was

RESOLVED to settle the claim in the matter of Travelers Insurance a.s.o Grippo in the amount of \$2,377.51 subject to a representative of Travelers Insurance Company signing a General Release.

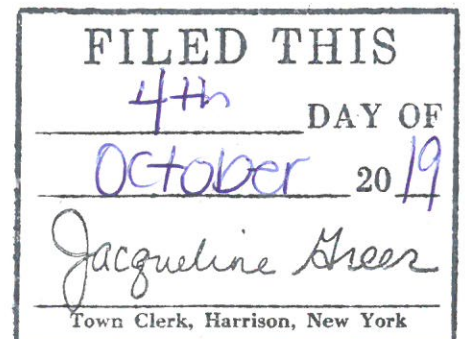
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO RAISE CAP ON LEGAL FEES  
IN THE MATTER OF KLAS V. TOWN OF HARRISON

On the motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,  
it was

RESOLVED to raise cap on legal fees in the matter of Klass v. Town of Harrison to \$25,000.

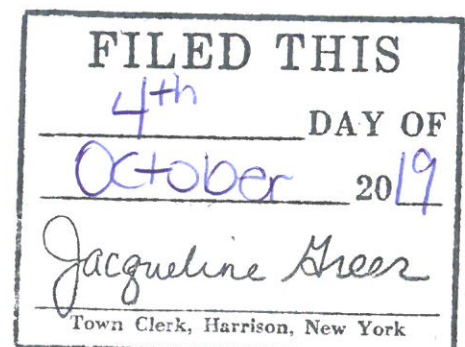
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and Law  
Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE A TAX CERTIORARI

On the motion of Councilman Gordon, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to settle the tax certiorari in the matter of JMP Calvert, LLC 44 Calvert Street, Block 253, Lot 50.

Year	Current AV	Settlement AV	AV Reduction
2015	26,400	20,000	6,400
2016	26,400	20,800	5,600
2017	26,400	20,400	6,000
2018	26,400	26,400	0

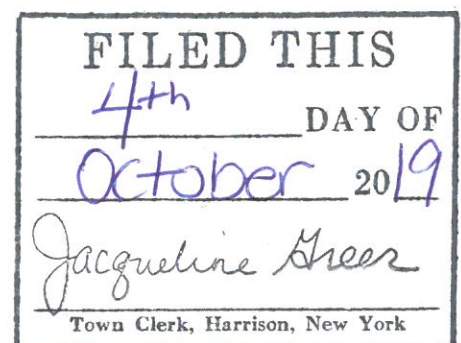
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, Law Department, and Assessor.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE A TAX CERTIORARI

On the motion of Councilman Dionisio, seconded by Councilman Gordon,

it was

RESOLVED to settle the tax certiorari in the matter of JP Morgan Chase, 275 Halstead Avenue, Block 133, Lot 1.

Year	Current AV	Settlement AV	AV Reduction
2014	31,200	31,140	60
2015	31,200	28,800	2,400
2016	31,200	28,800	2,400
2017	31,200	28,260	2,940
2018	31,200	27,720	3,480

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

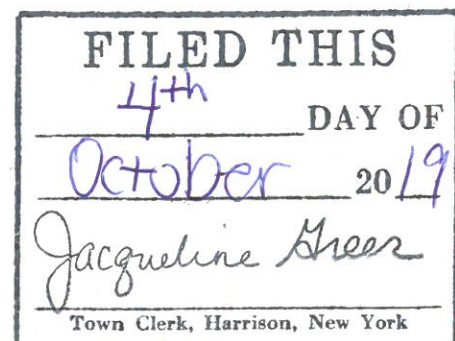
Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio and Gordon  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: Councilpersons Malfitano and Sciliano



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AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE A TAX CERTIORARI

On the motion of Councilman Dionisio, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to settle the tax certiorari in the matter of Felix Scherzer, 10 Star Farm Road, Block 611, Lot 93.

Year	Current AV	Settlement AV	AV Reduction
2019	62,600	39,875	22,725

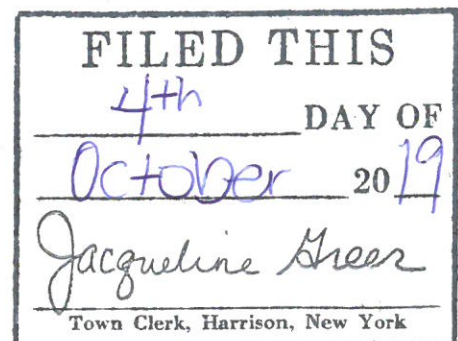
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, Law Department, and Assessor.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, Malfitano, and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO RAISE THE HOURLY RATE OF PAY  
FOR EILEEN MAURO

On the motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Councilman Gordon,

it was

RESOLVED to raise the hourly rate of pay for Eileen Mauro to \$18, effective October 7, 2019.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Dionisio, Gordon, 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 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Greer  
Town Clerk

