

January 7, 2021

TOWN BOARD AGENDA

MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HARRISON
IN HARRISON, NY, WESTCHESTER COUNTY
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021 AT 7:00 PM
EASTERN STANDARD TIME
TO BE HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE USING THE PLATFORM ZOOM
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**A. REPORT FROM SUPERVISOR BELMONT ON DECISIONS MADE
FOLLOWING TOWN BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2020**

1. Authorization to settle the tax certiorari in the matter of Frank Barchella/ZDM LLC, 19 Lincoln Lane.
2. Authorization to raise the cap on legal fees for Ira Levy, Esq. to \$90,000.00.
3. Authorization to raise the cap on legal fees in the matter of Futia & Schulz v. Westchester County Board of Legislators & Town of Harrison to \$30,000.
4. Authorization to raise the cap on legal fees in the matter of Bommarito v. Town of Harrison to \$25,000.
5. Authorization to appoint Louis Morano to the position of Deputy Receiver of Taxes, effective January 1, 2021, at an annual salary of \$51,480.00.
6. Conditional appointment to Rocco Merenda as a Road Maintainer in the Department of Public Works, at an annual salary of 65,590, which is 80% of the Teamster Contract for Road Maintainer, effective January 1, 2021.
7. Conditional appointment to Jared Altagracia as a Road Maintainer in the Department of Public Works, at an annual salary of 65,590, which is 80% of the Teamster Contract for Road Maintainer, effective January 1, 2021.
8. Conditional appointment to Joseph Vallero as a Sanitation Worker in the Department of Public Works, at an annual salary of 65,590, which is 80% of the Teamster Contract for Sanitation Worker, effective January 1, 2021.

FIRST OF THE YEAR RESOLUTIONS

1. Appointment of Richard Dionisio as Deputy Supervisor for 2021.
2. Re-Appointment of Kayla Garritano as Deputy Town Clerk pursuant to Town Law § 30-10(a).
3. Re-Appointment of Town Clerk Jacqueline Greer as a Marriage Officer for the Town of Harrison pursuant to Domestic Relations Law § 11-c.

4. Re-Appointment of Sean O'Connell as Deputy Court Clerk pursuant to Public Officers Law § 9
5. Re-Appointment of Ben DeFonce as Veterans' Officer.
6. Affirmation of the Powers and Duties of the Comptroller.
7. Re-Appointment of the Supervisor as Treasurer of the Public Library pursuant to Town Law § 29-1.
8. Re-statement that all employees are assigned to various departments for budget purposes only.
9. Affirmation that the regular meetings of the Town Board shall be held the first and third Thursday of the month, in the Municipal Building or other public buildings with access for the handicapped, in the downtown, West Harrison, or Purchase areas of the Town.
10. Rules for proper conduct at Town Board Meetings.
11. Re-affirming the rules for proper conduct at Public Hearings.
12. Re-affirmation of the procedures for transcription of the Town Board Meetings.
13. Re-affirmation of the procedure for authorized signatures.
14. Re-affirmation of the procedures for signatures of payroll checks by facsimile as produced by a "checksigner" machine.
15. Designation of certain banks as depositories of the Town of Harrison.
16. Designation of the Journal News and the Harrison Herald as the official newspapers of the Town of Harrison.
17. Re-affirmation of the depositories for the office of the Receiver of Taxes.
18. Re-affirmation of the duties of the Receiver of Taxes.

19. Re-affirming the regulation that the Receiver of Taxes must deposit any and all payments within twenty-four hours of receipt.
20. Re-Appointment of Police Fund Officers: Supervisor Belmont, Councilman Sciliano, and Councilman Dionisio.
21. Re-affirmation of the procedures for preparation of agendas for the Town Board Meetings.
22. Re-affirmation of the requirements for public liability insurance from all independent contractors.
23. Re-affirming the duties of Department Heads who receive monies.
24. Re-affirmation of the responsibility of the Commissioner of Public Works to remove snow from all public parking areas controlled by the Town.
25. Re-affirmation of the required procedures for funding of Public Works projects.
26. Re-affirming the required procedures for the purchase of commodities, equipment, or goods.

END OF FIRST OF THE YEAR RESOLUTIONS

B. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

C. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Continuation of the Public Hearing regarding the purpose of 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 131, Lot 52 and more commonly known as 226 Fremont Street, Harrison, NY 10528. The condemnation is necessary for the installation of a parking lot and related improvements of the subject property.
2. Continuation of the Public Hearing under the Eminent Domain Procedure Law for 123 North Street (Willow Ridge Country Club).

D. PERSONNEL

1. Request by Personnel Manager, Debra Scocchera, to approve a bi-weekly stipend to be paid to Recreation Assistant, Thomas Acampora, in the amount of \$984.38 bi-weekly through the 2021 calendar year.

E. ACTIONS AND RESOLUTION

1. Request by Town Attorney, Frank Allegretti, for approval of the following service Agreements for the year 2021:

Friends of the Opera	\$2,500.00
Harrison Children’s Center	\$20,000.00*
Harrison Council for the Arts	\$3,000.00
Harrison Youth Council	\$57,000.00*
Purchase Free Library	\$240,000.00
Water Dist. #1, Fire Protection #5	\$38,573.00
Water Dist #3, Fire Protection with the City of Rye	\$25,685.00*
Westchester Brassmen	\$2,000.00

2. A. Notification from Greg Sanchez, Secretary of Fire District #1, of the newly elected 2021 Officers:

<u>Firematic Officers</u>	<u>Administrative</u>
Chief: Pat Galluzzo	President: Peter Sciliano
Assistant Chief: Mike A. Pelligrino	Secretary: Greg Sanchez
Captain: Jerry Barbagallo	Treasurer: Joe Salerno
1 st Lieutenant: Steve Mancini	Board of Director: Tony Scavone
2 nd Lieutenant: Frank Forgione II	

3. Request from the President and Club Administration of the G. Caboto & C. Colombo Club, Jerry Guglielmo, to add another street name and sign honoring a famous, respected Italian-American to the already existing Purdy Street sign. If approved, the club would inform the Board of the Italian-American selected by the Club Membership for final approval.
4. Request by Supervisor Belmont, to adopt Executive Order 202.83 which states local governments can automatically renew STAR benefits for 2021 for all property owners who received the benefit in 2020 unless your government has reason to believe and individual changed their primary address, added a new owner to the deed, transferred ownership of the property, or passed away. This will allow low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities to avoid these benefits in-person, reducing the risk of COVID transmission.
5. Request by Director of Community Services, Nina Marraccini, to accept the following donations made to the Harrison Food Pantry:
 - \$2,000 from an anonymous donor
 - \$5,000 from the Henry L and Grace Doherty Foundation

- \$750.00 from the Harrison Men’s Soccer League
- \$100.00 from Stephen and Linda Purdy

Donations Made to the Harrison Food Pantry via PayPal

- \$291.00 from Richard Furia
- \$23.97 from Sewing Stories
- \$388.10 from Drew Phillips
- \$485.20 from Amy Harsch
- \$96.80 from Keslet Flores
- \$52.13 from Daniel Schultz
- \$485.20 from Michael Pearson

Total: \$1,822.40

6. Request by Building Inspector, Rocco Germani, to reimburse \$1172.38 to Suzanne Fuller, who has satisfactorily completed courses in conjunction with her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Public Administration.
7. Request by Chief of Police, John Vasta, to purchase one 2021 Admin Ford Interceptor Utility Hybrid from (TCD) The Cruisers Division located in Mamaroneck, at a total cost of \$48,080.04. This pricing is based on the Westchester County Contract #RFB-RC-2019-072. Funds are available in the 2019 Capital Budget Account #19PO14.
8. Request by Chief of Police, John Vasta, to accept a donation from Dr. and Mrs. Peter Liebert in the amount of \$500.00 made to the Harrison Police Department. This check should be deposited in the Police Donation Account Line #009-0000-786-0000 and should be utilized for spending at the discretion of the Chief of Police.
9. Request by Comptroller, Maureen MacKenzie, to restrict \$188,599.46 within Town Fund Balance for the purpose of reserving these funds for future costs related to Police Worker’s Compensation claims. This amount was received in a reimbursement check in 2020 from the excess worker’s compensation carrier. The check represents money that was owed to the Town for expenditures made in previous years for a police officer that was injured while on duty. By restricting these funds via Resolution and not letting them roll into Town Fund Balance, they can only be used to fund Police Department future Worker’s Compensation claims.
10. Request by Deputy Court Clerk, Sean O’Connell, for Court to accept grant monies totaling \$5,529.36 acquired through the Justice Court Assistance Program’s 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 award cycles. These monies will be used to reimburse the Town for personal protective equipment expenditures.
11. Request by Comptroller, Maureen MacKenzie, to accept the following donations for the Holiday Project 2020:

Harrison Association of Teachers	\$ 5,000.00
Henry Gilman & Catherine Johnson	\$ 150.00
Angelo L Giacomo & Gina M Giacomo	\$ 100.00
Vincent Griffo & Laurie S Griffo	\$ 100.00
Brianca Mollicone	\$ 50.00
William J Gougherty & Anita Rodriguez-Gougherty	\$ 20.00
Frank Napolitano	\$ 40.00
Louanna Joy Andralliski & Rolland C Andralliski	\$ 35.00
Charles C Beckett & Lori Ann Beckett	\$ 35.00
John J Masciola & Georgia Masciola	\$ 100.00
Philip Saccio & Siobhan Saccio	\$ 35.00
Rochelle Odonnell	\$ 35.00
Jessica Lynn Lane Pinto & Joey Daniel Pinto, Jr.	\$ 35.00
Victor Fontana & Lorraine Fontana	\$ 35.00
William J DeCarlo & Kathleen A DeCarlo	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$ 5,780.00

Donations made to the Holiday Project 2020 via PayPal:

- \$14.26 from Dorottya Casparius
 - \$145.35 from Avery Woods
 - \$96.80 from Sharon Pe
 - \$150.00 from Nancy Straface
 - \$194.90 from Sally Braid
 - \$145.35 from Tamara Gropper
 - \$150.00 from Yara Jewelry
 - \$145.35 from Justine C Gaeta
 - \$180.00 from Joseph Kaidanow
 - \$96.80 from Ahirley Meilak
 - \$145.35 from Kevin Noone
- Total: \$1,463.16**

Late items...

12. Request by Comptroller, Maureen MacKenzie, to approve the following Budget Modification:

To appropriate funds from the Fund Balance of Fire District #2 and transfer to the Capital Fund, to cover the cost of the contract with Sendlweski Architects for services they will be providing during the renovation to the fire house at 206 Harrison Avenue. The bond resolution has been passed, which included monies for this contract, but since we have not yet sold the bonds we will utilize these funds and put back into the district once the monies are bonded.

BUDGET MODIFICATION:

INCREASE:

011-0000-059-5999

FIRE DISTRICT#2 APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE \$489,000

INCREASE:

011-9501-100-0906

FIRE DISTRICT #2 TRANSFER OUT TO CAPITAL FUND \$489,000

13. Request by Chief of Fire District #2, Ralph Straface, to approve the contract with Sandlewski Architects in the amount of \$479,000, plus \$10,000 reimbursable expenses. Further request that the Law Department review the contract, and then the Supervisor, in his capacity of Fire Commissioner, be authorized to execute the contract.

14. Request by Chief of Fire District #2, Ralph Straface, for the Purchasing Department to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$489,000 to Sandlewski Architects for services associated with the building renovation of the Firehouse located at 206 Harrison Avenue.

F. OLD BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

G. MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION