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TOWN/VILLAGE OF HARRISON
COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

TO: Ron Belmont, Supervisor and Members of the Town Board

FROM: Maureen MacKenzie, Comptroller

RE: Town Board Meeting of June 19, 2014

DATE: June 12, 2014

Authorization is requested to enter into a contract with Lightpath for the purposes of a hosted telephone system for Town Hall and some outlying buildings.

Our current phone system switch was severely damaged in a flood at Town Hall in February of this year. We had purchased the system in 2002. We are still using the same hardware that was originally purchased, which has become outdated. The need to replace the "switch" led us to looking at alternatives to having to "host" our own telephone system.

This system will be "hosted" by Lightpath, meaning that the telephone switch that controls the phone system is not in this building but with Lightpath. If, in the future, we had another flood, we would not have to worry about the system being damaged. Also, we are not responsible for any maintenance on the system or the hardware. If a phone is damaged they will send us a replacement at no charge.

There is no upfront cost to the Town. We will be paying a monthly charge of \$1,259. There is a new County Contract in place for 2015 so this charge will actually be going down for 2015 and 2016, we are not yet sure of the final discount number.

Lightpath will be supplying us with all new state of the art telephone hardware, which will be included in the monthly price. The contract will run for 5 years and upon renewal our hardware will be replaced with updated equipment.

Kindly authorize us to enter into the agreement with Lightpath, and authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement after a review by the Law Department.