

November 18, 2015

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 Wednesday November 18, 2015 at 7:30 PM Eastern Standard Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Belmont .....Supervisor

Marlane Amelio .....)

Joseph Cannella ..... ).....Councilpersons

Fred Sciliano .....)

ALSO ATTENDING:

Frank Allegretti.....Town Attorney

Maureen MacKenzie.....Comptroller

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ACCEPTANCE OF CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the following correspondence and reports:

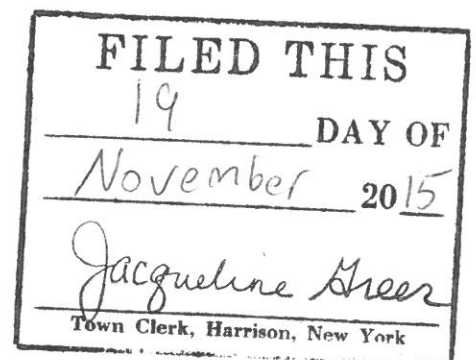
1. Monthly report by the Building Inspector for October 2015.
2. Monthly report by the Fire Marshal for October 2015.
3. Monthly report by the Receiver of Taxes for October 2015.
4. Monthly report by the Town Clerk for October 2015.
5. Monthly report by the Superintendent of Recreation for October 2015.
6. Monthly report by the Chief of Police for October 2015.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Malfitano



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PUBLIC HEARING RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT FOR THE  
PROPOSED LINEAR ACCELERATOR EXPANSION AT MEMORIAL SLOAN-  
KETTERING CANCER CENTER, 500 WESTCHESTER AVENUE

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio, the hearing was opened.

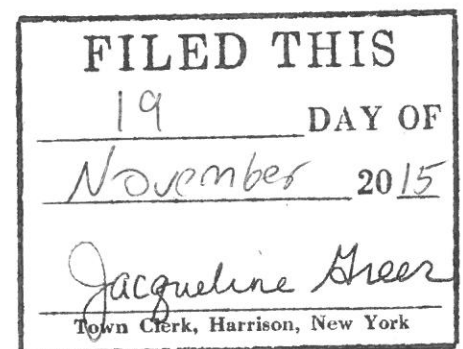
Joe Modafferi representing JMC Planning Engineering is the Civil Engineer and Landscape Architect for the project. He requested approval for the Special Exception Use Permit for the project.

Supervisor Belmont said Memorial Sloan-Kettering needs to expand the facility. It is a good thing that we can expand the facility but not a good thing that people are in need of this facility.

Joe Modafferi of JMC Planning Engineering explained that Memorial Sloan-Kettering has a facility in Sleepy Hollow that they need to vacate. They lost their lease so this is happening sooner then they anticipated.

Supervisor Belmont asked if anyone would like to speak on the Linear Accelerator Expansion at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio, the hearing was closed.



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SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT FOR THE PROPOSED LINEAR  
ACCELERATOR EXPANSION AT MEMORIAL SLOAN-KETTERING CANCER  
CENTER, 500 WESTCHESTER AVENUE

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Joseph Modafferi of JMC Planning Engineering Landscape Architecture & Land Surveying, PLLC on behalf of their client Memorial Sloan-Kettering for a Special Exception Use permit for the proposed Linear Accelerator Expansion at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 500 Westchester Ave.

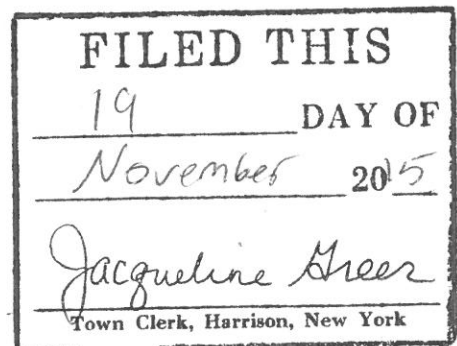
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Building Inspector and Mr. Modafferi.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Malfitano

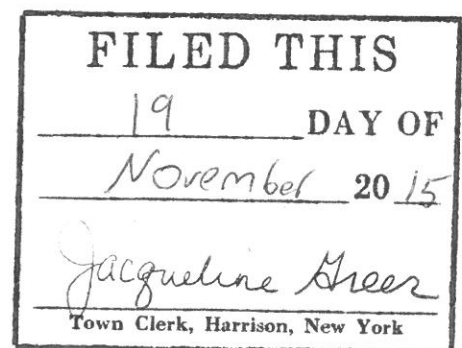


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PUBLIC HEARING RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT FOR  
WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS AND THE INSTALLATION  
OF STANDBY GENERATORS AT THE RYE LAKE PUMP STATION

Supervisor Belmont requested the Board reschedule the Public Hearing for a Special Exception Use Permit for Westchester Joint Water Works and the installation of standby generators at the Rye Lake Pump Station. The hearing would now be held on December 3, 2015.



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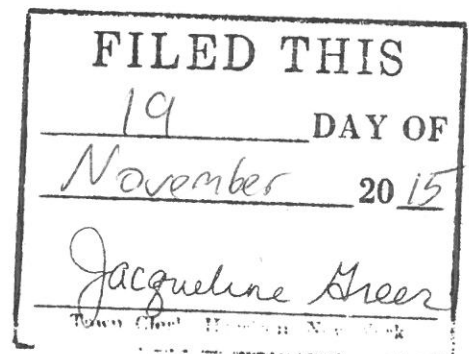
PUBLIC HEARING RE: SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT FOR  
WESTCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB TENNIS ENCLOSURE

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Cannella, the hearing was opened.

David Steinmetz from the law firm of Zarin and Steinmetz represented Westchester Country Club to enclose five tennis courts. The application was before the Planning Board and approved. The Planning Board analyzed the materials involved, the color, which is proposed to be green. We are here tonight for the mandatory Public Hearing on a minor addition and improvement to the Country Club.

Supervisor Belmont asked if anyone would like to speak on the Public Hearing for tennis court enclosures at Westchester Country Club.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio, the hearing was closed.



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SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT FOR  
WESTCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB TENNIS ENCLOSURE

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by David Steinmetz of Zarin & Steinmetz on behalf of their client Westchester Country Club for a Special Exception Use Permit for Tennis Court Enclosures.

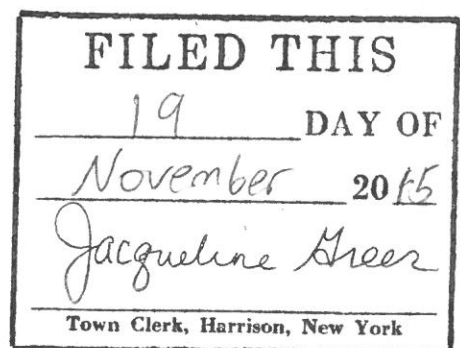
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Building Inspector and Mr. Steinmetz.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Malfitano



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CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING RE: MODIFICATION OF THE PB  
DISTRICT REGULATIONS FOR THE CALVERT STREET CORRIDOR

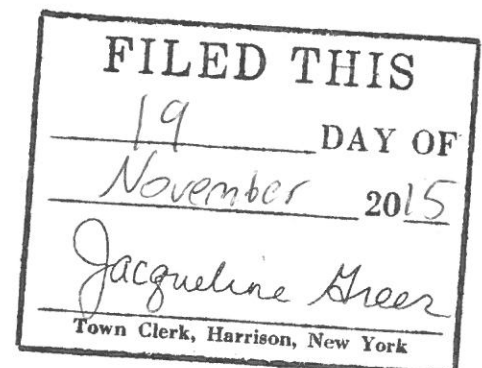
On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio, the hearing was opened.

Supervisor Belmont asked if anyone wanted to speak on behalf of this proposed modification.

Town Attorney Allegretti said he wasn't sure the petitioner had done a SEQRA analysis in connection with his requested petition, I haven't seen one. I don't know if this is something that was presented before the Planning Board, this is something we would have to look into.

Councilman Cannella said that given the nature and significance of the issue I suggest we continue the Public Hearing until December 17, 2015.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilman Sciliano, the hearing will be continued to the Town Board meeting of December 17, 2015.





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PUBLIC HEARING RE: THE 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie said that before the Board opens the Public Hearing she wanted to formally read in some changes that were made to the Tentative Budget and then it will become the Preliminary Budget and the Board could open up the Public Hearing.

Changes to the 2016 Tentative Budget read at the Town Board Meeting of November 18, 2015 will now be incorporated into the Preliminary 2016 Budget.

Page D 2 Westchester Joint Water Appears from Zero to \$194,325.

Page D2 Garbage Arrears from Zero to \$32,000

Page D2 Garbage Arrears Penalty \$9,250

These arrears were approved by the Board after the submission of the Tentative Budget on October 30, 2015

Page K13 Employee Total Count from 270 to 271

Clerical typo in budget found after submission of the 2016 Tentative Budget on October 30, 2015.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio, the hearing was opened.

Comptroller Maureen MacKenzie explained that the 2016 Preliminary Budget proposes a 1.766% tax rate increase. The dollar increase is \$5.88 per thousand dollar assessment. For example, if a house has a value of \$750,000 the monthly dollar increase would be \$5.88. The annual dollar increase on a house assessed at \$750,000 would be around \$70.56. Once again, the Board has come under the State imposed tax cap which this year came to .73%. The town also partnered with Westchester County and other Westchester municipalities and we submitted an Efficiency Plan to New York State. This was done in order to comply with the property tax freeze legislation. This is something in addition to the tax cap. We were just notified that the plan was approved by the State so therefore all tax payers within Harrison, who are STAR eligible, will receive a check from the State for any increase in taxes that they receive for tax years 2015 and 2016. So if your increase was \$70.56 for the Town you will get a check back from the State for that amount.

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Supervisor Belmont asked if you are STAR eligible it means a zero percent tax increase for the years, 2015 and 2016.

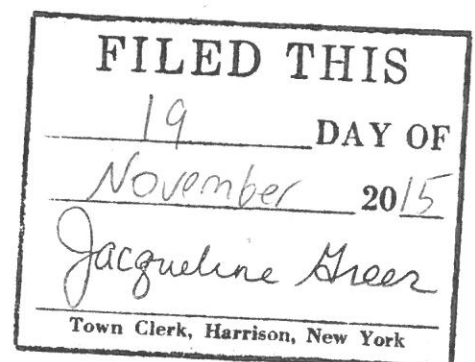
Comptroller MacKenzie said we are under the tax cap in the Town and the Village. In the Town we are under the cap by approximately \$8,000 and the Village we are under the cap by approximately \$5,000.

Supervisor Belmont asked if anyone had any comments on this 2016 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing.

Harrison resident Elizabeth Pritchard requested clarification. During election debates someone stated that the Town was down 22 positions. I'm having trouble finding that in the budget. It doesn't look like we reduced positions.

Supervisor Belmont said actually if you look at the budget there are two additional positions this year. The 22 positions did not come over night, it was over a period of time, I believe it has been seven years. It was 22 positions in the Department of Public Works but we are down 58 positions total.

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio, the hearing was closed.



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AUTHORIZATION TO ADD MARK MELLEA AND LEONARD VECCHIOLLA TO  
THE PART-TIME AVAILABILITY LIST FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Personnel Manager Debra Scocchera to add the following people to the Part-Time Availability list for the Recreation Department, effective immediately:

Mark Mellea	\$9.25 hourly
Leonard Vecchiolla	\$9.00 hourly

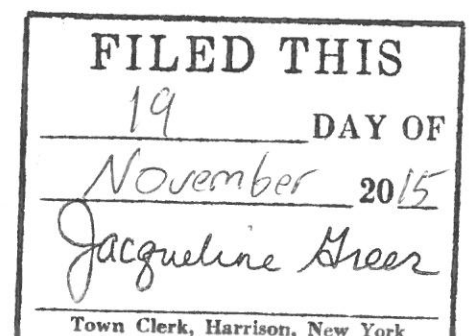
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Personnel Manager and the Superintendent of Recreation.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Malfitano



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AUTHORIZATION FOR A BUDGET MODIFICATION

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

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

Increase:

001-0000-030-3018	\$39,193
Town-Miscellaneous State Aid	

Increase:

001-1620-100-0102	\$2,073
General Town Buildings-Salaries	

001-1620-100-0402	\$1,620
General Town Buildings-Equipment Maintenance and Repairs	

001-1620-100-0401	\$2,758
General Town Buildings-Building Maintenance and Supplies	

001-3120-100-0120	\$24,447
Police-Overtime Salaries	

001-3120-100-0402	\$6,944
Police-Equipment Maintenance and Repairs	

001-3120-100-0410	\$1,351
Police-Materials and Supplies	

Total	\$39,193
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Increase:

011-0000-030-3018	\$8,144
Fire #2-Miscellaneous State Aid	

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AUTHORIZATION FOR A BUDGET MODIFICATION

Increase:

011-3411-100-0120	\$7,921
Fire #2-Overtime Salaries	

011-3411-100-0402	\$223
First #2-Equipment Maintenance and Repairs	

Total	\$8,144
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Increase:

003-0000-030-3018	\$87,789
Highway-Miscellaneous State Aid	

Increase:

003-5110-100-0102	\$16,244
Highway-Salaries	

003-5110-100-0120	\$30,304
Highway-Overtime Salaries	

003-5110-100-0410	\$8,195
Highway-Materials and Supplies	

003-5130-100-0402	\$33,046
Highway Machinery-Equipment	

Total	\$87,789
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Increase:

013-0000-030-3018	\$2,406
Sewer Maintenance-Miscellaneous State Aid	

Increase:

013-8120-100-0410	\$2,406
Sewer Maintenance-Materials and Supplies	

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AUTHORIZATION FOR A BUDGET MODIFICATION

Monies received from NYS for additional 10% of Hurricane Sandy 2012.

Increase:

001-0000-020-2680	\$3,360
Town-Insurance of Recoveries	

Increase:

001-3310-100-0479	\$3,360
Traffic-Auto Body	

Monies received for the damages for Police Vehicle Plate: 103 on July 25, 2015.

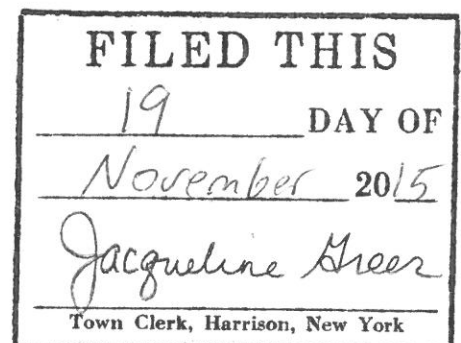
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Malfitano



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AUTHORIZATION TO UPGRADE DAWN FORCELLI FROM PERMANENT PART-  
TIME CLERK TO A FULL TIME CLERK POSITION

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Library Director Galina Chernykh to upgrade Dawn Forcelli from a permanent part-time clerk to a full time clerk position, with a 35 hour work week and annual salary of \$51,580, effective January 1, 2016.

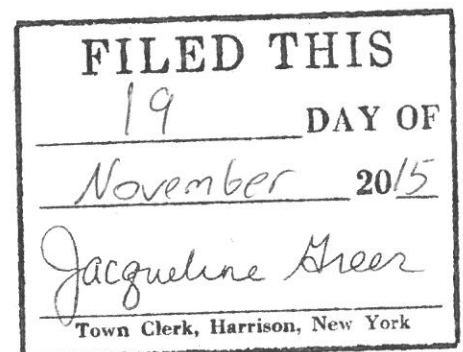
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Personnel Manager and the Library Director.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Malfitano



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AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS FOR  
THE HARRISON FOOD PANTRY

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Director of Community Services Nina Marraccini to accept the following donations for the Harrison Food Pantry:

Anonymous Donor	\$2,000
Joseph Acocella Jr. Memorial Fund	\$1,000
Albert Mignone	\$185
Arnold and Bonnie Nurick	\$40
Domenick and Cristina Schillace	\$38
Kevin and Mary McElroy	\$15

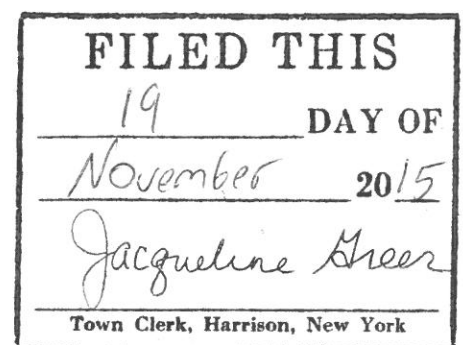
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Director of Community Services.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Malfitano





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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FOLLOWING BUDGET MODIFICATION

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,  
it was

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

Increase:

010-0000-059-5999

Fire District #1 Appropriated Fund Balance \$246,000

010-9501-100-0906

Fire District #1 Transfer to Capital \$246,000

To appropriate Fire District #1 Fund Balance and transfer to Capital Account  
01F117 Fire District #1 Apparatus Fund. The funds will be used toward the  
purchase of a new Custom Pumper.

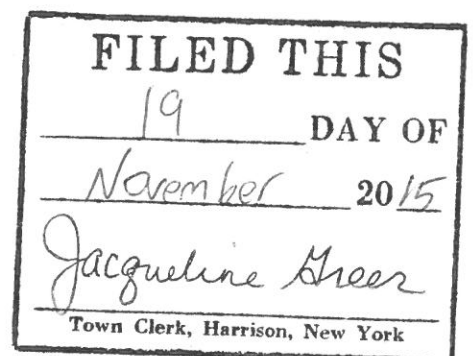
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Malfitano



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AUTHORIZATION TO SEND SIX POLICE OFFICERS TO THE PHASE 2016  
DESERT SNOW TRAINING CONFERENCE

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to accept the request by Chief of Police Anthony Marraccini to send six Police Officers to the Phase 2016 Desert Snow Training Conference from May 24, 2016 to May 26, 2016. This training is being held at the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy in Mahwah, New Jersey. The cost of the training for this course is \$590.00 per person, total of \$3,540.00. Funds are available in the 2015 Schooling Budget Account #001-3120-100.04-15.

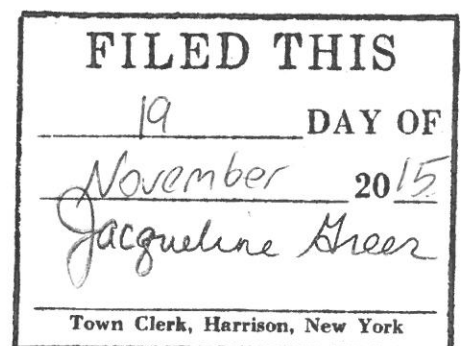
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller and the Chief of Police.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilman Malfitano



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OLD BUSINESS

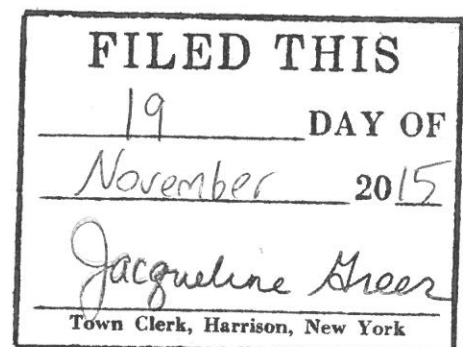
Harrison resident Karen Moro addressed the Board. Her concerns dealt with the new buildings being proposed in Harrison and the stress it will have on the school system, concerns about parking in the downtown area and the overall crowding in the community. In light of all the projects that are going to happen has anyone thought of the big picture here? She asked the members of the Board where she could find out about the projects and give her input and express her concerns.

Supervisor Belmont explained to MS. Moro that the buildings go before the Planning and Zoning Board if they needed. As far as the projects being designed they should not have a negative impact on the schools because it has been vetted very carefully with those Boards.

Councilman Cannella added that if an applicant goes through the Planning Board, public hearings are held and there are discussions there. If variances are necessary the proposal then goes to the Zoning Board for a determination on the variances. In most cases the proposal would likely go back to the Planning Board. Ultimately, after it gets through that process it comes back here to the Town Board. The right way to look at it is there is nothing wrong with development. It needs to be development that is productive and good for the town. The typical issue we wind up with is the tug-of-war between density and a viable project.

Councilman Sciliano said all the meetings are publically noticed.

Councilman Cannella said that the volunteer boards are people that are contributing time and effort and they typically listen to what they hear. He urged her to participate. The Boards meet once a month and the schedules are on the town's website.



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MATTERS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Litigation: 1

Personnel: 2

Tax Certiorari: 2

On motion duly made and seconded,  
with all members voting in favor,  
the Meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 8:17 PM.

On motion duly made and seconded,  
with all members voting in favor,  
the Meeting was reconvened at 10:45 PM.

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AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE THE TAX CERTIORARI IN  
THE MATTER OF 550 MAMARONECK AVE

On motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to settle the Tax Certiorari in the matter of 550 Mamaroneck Avenue.

Assessment Year	Assessed Value	Reduction	Reduced Assessed Value
2010	\$305,000	\$103,950	\$201,050
2011	\$305,000	\$66,100	\$238,900
2012	\$305,000	\$67,950	\$237,050
2013	\$305,000	\$66,600	\$238,400
2014	\$305,000	\$59,500	\$245,500
2015	\$305,000	\$77,950	\$227,050

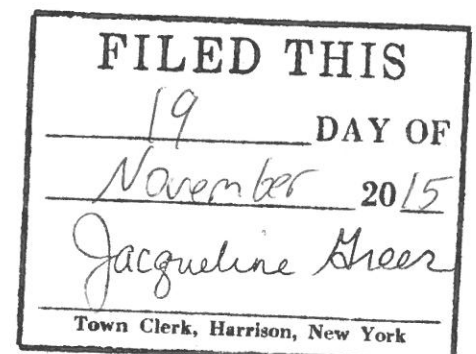
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Assessor and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO SETTLE THE TAX CERTIORARI IN  
THE MATTER OF 600 MAMARONECK AVE

On motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to settle the Tax Certiorari in the matter of 600 Mamaroneck Avenue.

Assessment Year	Assessed Value	Reduction	Reduced Assessed Value
2010	\$300,000	\$51,450	\$248,550
2011	\$300,000	\$17,500	\$282,500
2012	\$300,000	\$21,050	\$278,950
2013	\$300,000	\$19,450	\$280,550
2014	\$300,000	\$10,000	\$290,000
2015	\$300,000	\$30,000	\$270,000

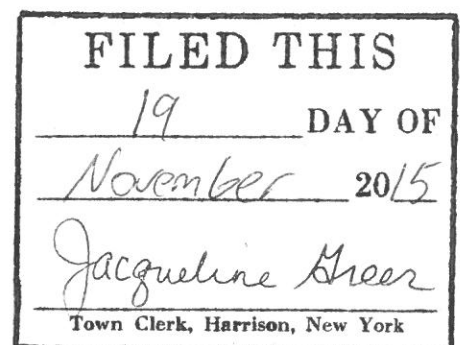
FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Comptroller, the Assessor and the Law Department.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano  
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None



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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT  
TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE  
POLICE ASSOCIATION OF THE TOWN OF HARRISON UNION IN  
CONNECTION WITH RETIREE BENEFITS FOR CSEA DENTAL AND VISION

On motion of Councilman Malfitano, seconded by Councilman Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to enter into an amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Association of the Town of Harrison Union in connection with retiree benefits for CSEA Dental and Vision, which agreement shall now provide that all employees shall be entitled to purchase such coverage by paying the town all costs associated with obtaining said coverage on a monthly basis. Coverage is to be effective immediately.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, 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 10:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Greer  
Town Clerk

