A regular meeting of the Village Board of the Town of Harrison, Westchester County, New York was held at the Municipal Building, 1 Heineman Place, Harrison, NY, Westchester County, on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at 7:30 PM. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Belmont Mayor

Marlane Amelio)

Joseph Cannella) Trustees

Fred Sciliano)

Stephen Malfitano)

ALSO ATTENDING:

Christopher Cipolla Deputy Village Attorney

Maureen MacKenzie Treasurer

Anthony Marraccini Chief of Police

Anthony Robinson Commissioner of Public Works

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The following items were taken out of order.

The following Resolution was adopted in the Town and moved to the Village.

April 18, 2013

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APPROVAL FOR THE DISABILITY RETIREMENT OF NICHOLAS CASTELLANO, SANITATION WORKER IN DPW EFFECTIVE MARCH 29, 2013

Department of Public Works Commissioner Tony Robinson said he would like to thank Nicky for his many years of service with the town. He was a valued employee and a personal friend of mine and I wish him nothing but the very best in the future.

On motion of Trustee Malfitano, seconded by Trustee Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to accept and approve the formal notification from New York State Retirement, that the Disability retirement of Sanitation worker in DPW Nicholas Castellano has been approved effective March 29, 2013.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Trustees Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Mayor Belmont

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None

ABSENT:

None:

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APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE ORDER #331183 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE HIGHWAY CREW CAB DUMP TRUCK, ONE PARKS CREW CAB TRUCK AND ONE SANITATION RACK BODY TRUCK FOR DPW

On motion of Trustee Amelio, seconded by Trustee Cannella,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Purchasing Clerk Opal Mclean for authorization for Purchase Order #331183, payable to Van Bortel Ford, Inc., 7325 Route 96, Victor, New York 14565, under Public Bid No. E-10-12PFTH awarded by Chautauqua County for the purchase of the following at a total purchase price of \$144,787.37:

•	One (1) Highway Crew Cab Dump Truck	\$50,009.19
æ	One (1) Parks Crew Cab Dump Truck	\$49,404.95
*	One (1) Sanitation Rack Body Truck	\$45,373.23

FURTHER RESOLVED that funding is available in the approved 2012 Public Works Capital Budget, under project nos. 12HW17, 12RP18 and 12SA20.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Treasurer and the Commissioner of Public Works.

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

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Mayor Belmont

NAYS:

None

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None

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PRESENTATION BY COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS ANTHONY ROBINSON RE: 2013 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET

Anthony Robinson, Commissioner of Public Works presented his proposed 2013 DPW Capital Budget. He addressed the Board by saying we took a look at this budget after we received requests from the general foreman of each department for various pieces of equipment that they need, for various building repairs and infrastructure improvements along with conversations with the Engineering Department. Initially the Mayor asked me to draft a budget that included almost everything that I needed just to get a snapshot of where we stood. Obviously to approve something like that would be cost prohibited due to the economic climate that we are now faced with. So after that draft budget was generated I sat down with the Mayor and Trustee Malfitano to try to butcher it down to get it to more reasonable expectations that we could still do needed projects and get needed pieces of equipment for stuff that basically are on borrowed time. All of the equipment in the proposed budget varies in age from 1996 to 2002 so we are talking about extended service life. If anybody has seen our trucks that are on the road now you could see that the bodies are rusted out and they are falling apart. Those are the items that we are replacing. We are continuing with our fleet replacement. We went line by line through the budget. The draft budget was \$6 million with \$2 million in equipment. We started whittling down stuff that we could live without for this year, defer it, or maybe take it out entirely. We need to increase our efficiencies with respect to asphalt and blacktop repairs. As everyone knows, our roads are in poor condition. With asphalt and resurfacing money at a premium we are doing more work in house. In order to facilitate that function we need some new and improved equipment.

We did add another automated side loader. We expect to get the first one some time in August. By the time we train our man we would look to roll out the program in October. The vendor that provided that equipment said they will keep the price firm if we place another order. The program is going to move forward. Other surrounding municipalities have had nothing but success. This is a home run for us considering I lost two men this year and one last year in Sanitation and I don't see those positions being refilled. This is a way to still pick up the garbage with our fleet. With regard to our infrastructure projects, again we put in for building improvements, everyone knows we have problems with many of our buildings; these are just to facilitate major repairs. The resurfacing number came down substantially from the initial request. We also have money available from last year's capital project that we did not use and a \$100 thousand grant that the Engineering Department secured for performing work on Pleasant Ridge Road. We have some in house drainage work to do. I think this was a very thoughtful process that we went through. We understand that people are very concerned about these expenditures. I also understand that we need to do our work and we need to keep our buildings maintained and we need to get our roads resurfaced. We put that all into account when we formulated this budget. I hope you will consider it. I will take any questions. The total now is \$3.4 million versus about \$2.8 million last year.

Harrison resident Lucille Held said that \$2.8 million compared to \$4 million is a lot of money. I find this presentation very disturbing. Have we designated the streets that are going to be serviced with the garbage truck? I would say taking another town that might be different than ours comments and recommendations on how the system works is not as important as finding out how it will work here. I would suggest strongly that we try this machine. I have heard in Florida that this machine is using more men then they say and isn't as good. We should try this machine before we buy another one. The machine will always be available. It is not that we have to buy one and get 50% off the second one. I suggest that the \$4 million be shaved back to something else. It is not the machinery it's the care of the machinery. Why is it not important to make housing for these machines? We should take care of what we have this way we won't have to keep replacing them.

Mayor Belmont responded to Ms. Held's comments. He said we are not at \$4 million; we are at \$3 million and change and we are going to address that as well. The Commissioner has told me that because of the fifteen or twenty years of negligence of the vehicle fleet our new trucks will be placed indoors. The alternative is to build an \$8 to \$12 million garage to house these vehicles indoors. I really don't see that happening in the near future. Our new vehicles will be housed indoors. Hopefully in years to come we can address the situation that you claim that our vehicles need to be better taken care of. To have a heated garage to place our trucks would be wonderful. Right now we are not in a position to do that.

Public Works Commissioner Robinson said that he would agree that we would love to have a facility to house our vehicles. That would go a long way towards extending the life of them. I would submit to you that there is no negligence here seeing that these trucks have been on the road since 1996. That is an astonishing feat to keep them on the road that long. Do they look worn? Absolutely. We keep them in such a condition that we were able to still use them fifteen years. That is unheard of for a heavy duty vehicle.

Trustee Ameilo asked the Commissioner what was the life span of such vehicles.

Public Works Commissioner Robinson said typically seven to ten years and from 1996 to 2002 are the vehicles that we are replacing. If we could house them indoors we would. We have the canopy up in West Harrison.

Trustee Malfitano said for the record let's talk about some of the things that were done with the same purpose and intent. How many vehicles are we able to store in the West Harrison Canopy that is not heated but under cover? As a result of this canopy we are able to keep more vehicles inside at the Gleason garage.

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Public Works Commissioner Robinson said we also house some of our vehicles for the winter up at the DOT building. We take our sweeper off the road for the winter. So any vehicle that we don't use during the winter is housed up there.

Trustee Amelio asked Commissioner Robinson to explain the cost savings of having this automated sanitation truck as opposed to hiring additional people.

Public Works Commissioner Robinson said that ultimately when you go to the one man route, you are going to save two men per truck. I don't have to hire those individuals. We estimate the cost of a body at \$100 thousand. So four routes, times two men per each route. We are not laying people off. The guys that come off the truck will go to supplement the workforce whether he is in sanitation, parks or highway. So those departments that are currently short will be supplemented by the people that we already have on staff. It is a home run all the way around.

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On motion duly made and seconded, with all members voting in favor, the Meeting was recessed to Executive Session at 8:15 PM.

On motion duly made and seconded, with all members voting in favor, the Meeting was reconvened at 9:42 PM.

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AUTHORIZATION OF THE PROMOTION OF ALFRED VOLPE TO THE POSITION OF HMEO IN THE DIVISION OF THE DPW, EFFECTIVE APRIL 22, 2013

On motion of Trustee Sciliano, seconded by Trustee Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to authorize the promotion of Alfred Volpe to the position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator (HMEO) in the division of the Department of Public Works, effective April 22, 2013, at the annual salary of \$72,345.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Trustees Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Mayor Belmont

NAYS:

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ABSENT:

None

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AUTHORIZATION OF THE PROMOTION OF ANTHONY SACCO TO THE POSITION OF SANITATION WORKER/DRIVER IN THE DIVISION OF THE DPW. EFFECTIVE APRIL 22, 2013

On motion of Trustee Sciliano, seconded by Trustee Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to authorize the promotion of Anthony Sacco to the position of Sanitation Worker/Driver in the division of the Department of Public Works, effective April 22, 2013, at the annual salary of \$65,345.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

Trustees Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano

Mayor Belmont

NAYS:

None

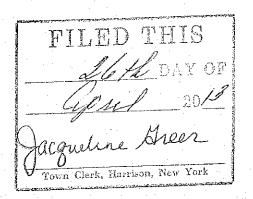
ABSENT:

None

There being no further matters to come before the Board, the Meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded, declared closed at 9:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Greer Village Clerk



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