

June 7, 2012

A regular meeting of the Town 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, June 7, 2012 at 7:30 PM. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. All members having received due notice of said meeting:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ronald Belmont Supervisor

Marlane Amelio)

Joseph Cannella) Councilpersons

Stephen Malfitano)

Fred Sciliano)

ALSO ATTENDING:

Frank Allegretti Town Attorney

Jonathan Kraut Village Attorney

Fred Castiglia Deputy Town Attorney

Anthony Marraccini Chief of Police

Maureen MacKenzie Comptroller

Anthony Robinson Commissioner of Public Works

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Town Clerk, Harrison, New York

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PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE BY SUPERVISOR RON BELMONT
TO NICOLE SUOZZO FOR HER PROGRAM TO COLLECT PROM GOWNS
FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

Supervisor Belmont recognized Nicole Suozzo who organized a program to collect prom gowns for those less fortunate. She is a seventeen year old West Harrison resident. Nicole and her fellow classmates collected over 170 gowns to make a perfect prom for everyone. Nicole is a member of the National Honor Society.

Supervisor Belmont presented Nicole Suozzo with a certificate that recognized her efforts.

Harrison resident Ms. Suozzo thanked the Board for the recognition.

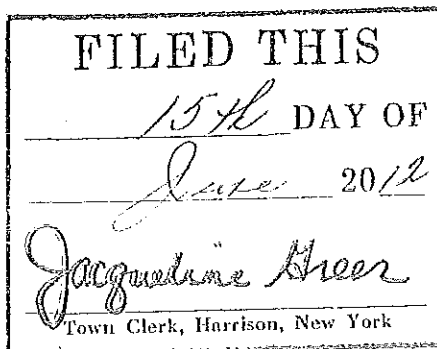
Councilwoman Amelio asked Nicole if someone wanted to donate a dress how would they go about it.

Harrison resident Nicole Suozzo said we will advertise the collection during the spring of next year. I would suggest anyone who wants to donate to reach out to Harrison High School. Some of the donations were from the school but we had a lot of donations from corporations and people in the community that own businesses. Lord & Taylor donated many as well as the Levkoffe family, who has children in the school system.

Supervisor Belmont and the entire Board thanked Nicole for all her hard work.

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REMARKS BY ROY ALETTI
RE: INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

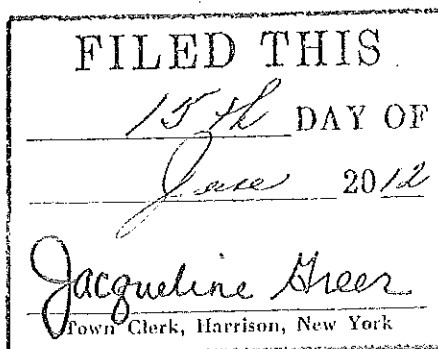
Harrison resident Roy Aletti announced to the Board that he has secured the funds to hold the annual firework display along with a band. It is going to be Wednesday, July 4th at 9:30 pm. The rain date would be July 7th. The location is Oakland Avenue field.

Anyone who would like to make a donation can contact Roy Aletti at Harrison Paint Supply. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Harrison.

Councilwomen Amelio thanked Mr. Aletti for all his hard work.

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REPORT BY CHIEF OF POLICE ANTHONY MARRACCINI

Chief of Police Anthony Marraccini stated that unfortunately our town has been experiencing some schemes and thefts with some people who have been approaching and targeting some of our residents of Italian decent. These people are pulling up to homes and speaking Italian to our residents. They are gaining the residents confidence by mentioning places and surnames in Italy. These criminals have done extensive research. We have found that Harrison, because of its areas of Italian population, has been specifically targeted. We had a number of these incidents in the past week. We are very fortunate to inform the Board and the community that these criminals have been apprehended as of yesterday. Lt. Lucas, in charge of our detective division, really took personal initiative on this. They made an apprehension very quickly. It appears to be an organized ring that focuses out of New Jersey.

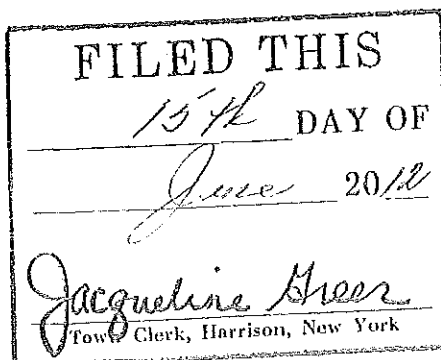
I am informing the community to be aware of these types of schemes and it is important if you have elderly parents, of Italian decent, that you tell them about these schemes.

Supervisor Belmont asked Chief Marraccini to explain what type of activity has been going on.

Chief Marraccini said that the activities that these scheme artists are engaging in is that they will approach a person on the street, speak to them in Italian, gain their confidence, make up a story about how they are familiar with some of their relatives, and that they are in need of money and ask them to purchase these leather coats, that are very inexpensive; they are getting people to either just give them money or purchase these coats. It could not only involve coats, it could involve other items also. They are approaching people that are outside their homes as they are driving through the neighborhoods.

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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:

- 1a. Monthly report by the New Rochelle Humane Society for April 2012.
- 1b. Monthly report by the Chief of Police for April 2012.
- 1c. Monthly report by the Acting Fire Marshal for May 2012.
- 1d. Monthly report by the Town Clerk for May 2012.

Adopted by the following vote:

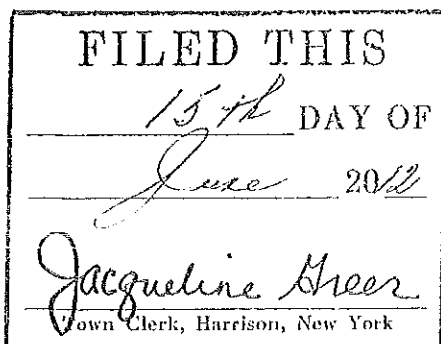
AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL FOR WEST HARRISON FIRE CHIEF STEVE MANCINI AND VARIOUS
OFFICERS TO ATTEND THE NYS FIRE CHIEFS CONVENTION IN VERONA, NY,
FROM JUNE 13 TO JUNE 16, 2012

On motion of Councilman Sciliano, seconded by Supervisor Belmont,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by West Harrison Fire Chief Steve Mancini for authorization for himself and various officers to attend the NYS Fire Chiefs Convention in Verona, NY, from June 13 to June 16, 2012 at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this is a budgeted item.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

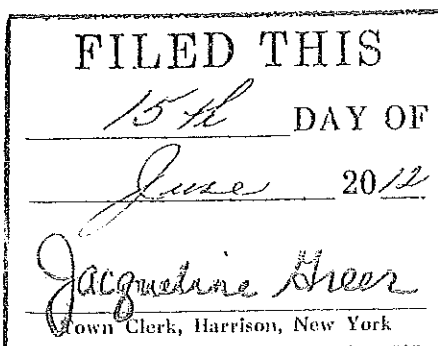
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Supervisor Belmont

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ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL FOR P.O. KEVIN KRAUS TO ATTEND A GRANT WRITING TRAINING
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM IN YONKERS, NEW YORK

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Chief of Police Anthony Marraccini for authorization for P.O. Kevin Kraus to attend a Grant Writing Training for Public Safety Program at the Yonkers Police Department First Precinct, Yonkers, NY on August 2nd and 3, 2012 at a cost of \$350.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this is a budgeted item.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

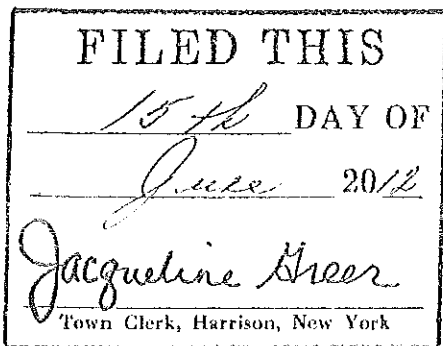
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Supervisor Belmont

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AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE ONE (1) PART TIME EMPLOYEE
IN THE HIGHWAY DIVISION OF THE DPW

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Commissioner of Public Works Anthony Robinson for authorization to hire one (1) part time employee in the Highway Division of the DPW, effective June 11, 2012 at a rate of \$11 per hour.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

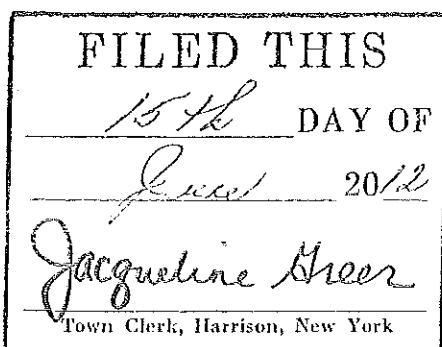
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Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE ONE (1) PART TIME EMPLOYEE
IN THE GENERAL TOWN BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT OF THE DPW

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Supervisor Belmont,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Commissioner of Public Works Anthony Robinson for authorization to hire one (1) part time employee in the General Town Buildings Department of the DPW, effective June 11, 2012 at a rate of \$11 per hour.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL FOR THE ADDITIONS TO THE RECREATION
SUMMER PART TIME AVAILABILITY LIST

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Superintendent Gerry Salvo for authorization for the following additions to the Recreation Summer Part Time Availability List:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Paola Agudelo	\$7.50 LG
Tim Broderick	\$6.75
Jillian Cacchione	\$9.00 LG
Sara Caputi	\$7.25 LG
Michael Castiglia	\$10.00
Michael Colangelo	\$8.00
Kendra DeChamps	\$6.50
Nicole DeSousa	\$9.00 LG
Gregoire Ducasse	\$8.50
Gianluca Ferrito	\$8.25
Sal Ficarrotta	\$7.00
Wajidah Heyward	\$6.50
Cloe Jensen	\$8.50
Tyler LaBarbera	\$7.00/\$8.50 LG
Terri Lamar	\$10.00
James McKinsey	\$9.50 LG
Laura McKinsey	\$6.75/8.00 LG
Sophie Major	\$6.50
Mark Mellea	\$8.75
Ali Menniti	\$6.75
Nicolette Mitil	\$7.00 LG
Michele Noviello	\$9.50
Thomas Park	\$8.75 LG
Brianna Pavesi	\$6.50/\$7.00 LG
Brian Pon	\$8.25 LG
Tatum Rogers	\$7.00
Micheal Scappaticci	\$8.50/11.00 LG
Dominic Schepis	\$6.50/\$7.00 LG
Rose Stokoe	\$7.00 LG

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
James Tobin	\$7.50
David Tolve	\$6.50/ \$7.00 LG
Lance Troiano	\$9.25
Jordan Valentzas	\$6.75
Emmily Van Dorn	\$9.50 LG
Brittany Wolfe	\$6.50
Jenna Webb	\$7.00

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

Adopted by the following vote:

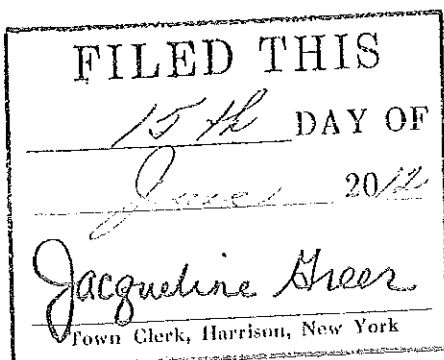
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Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL FOR FIREFIGHTER JOHN VARMON TO ATTEND THE NYS FIRE CHIEFS
CONVENTION FROM JUNE 13 TO JUNE 16, 2012 IN VERONA, NY

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request by Fire Chief Dino DelSignore for authorization for John Varmon to attend the NYS Fire Chiefs Convention in Verona, NY, from June 13 to June 16, 2012 at a cost of \$500.

FURTHER RESOLVED that this is a budgeted item.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

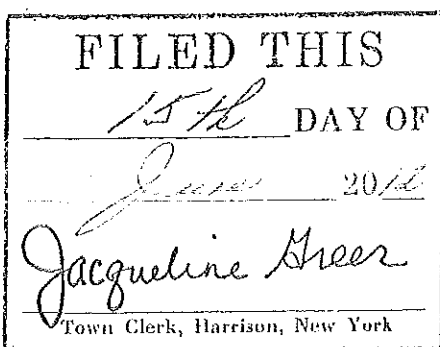
AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COMPTROLLER TO ISSUE A REFUND CHECK
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$968 TO ANNE PICCIANO FOR A REFUND
AND CREDIT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR YEAR 2011 (RP-556)

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Councilwoman Amelio,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Assessor Mark Heinbockel for authorization for the Comptroller to issue a refund check in the amount of \$968 to Anne Picciano, 171 Columbus Avenue, West Harrison, NY, for a Refund and Credit of Real Property Taxes for Year 2011 (RP-556).

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

Adopted by the following vote:

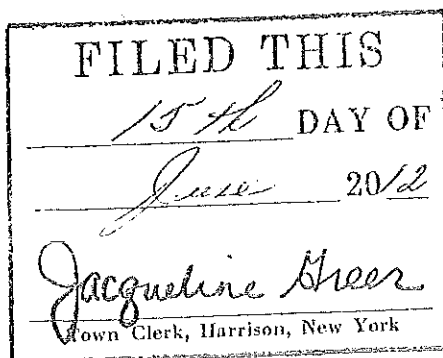
AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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APPROVAL FOR THE BMI-MUSIC LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR 2012

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

RESOLVED to approve the request by Deputy Town Attorney Fred Castiglia for authorization for the BMI-Music License Agreement for 2012 at a cost of \$320.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to execute the Agreement.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

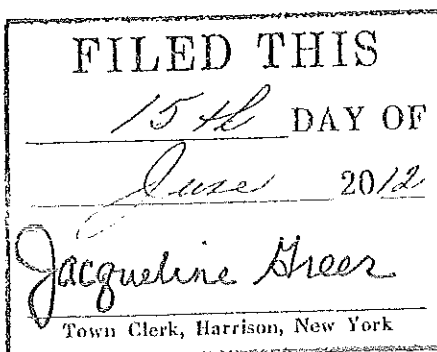
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Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE APAWAMIS CLUB TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL
FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON CLUB GROUNDS ON JULY 4, 2012
WITH A RAIN DATE OF JULY 6, 2012

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Sciliano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Rob Schlingmann, General Manager of the Apawamis Club for authorization to hold a fireworks display on club grounds, July 4th with a rain date of July 6, 2012, subject to approval by the Town Clerk, the Acting Fire Marshal and the Chief of Police.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Town Clerk, the Acting Fire Marshal, the Chief of Police, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Chief of the Harrison Fire Department and Mr. Schlingmann.

Adopted by the following vote:

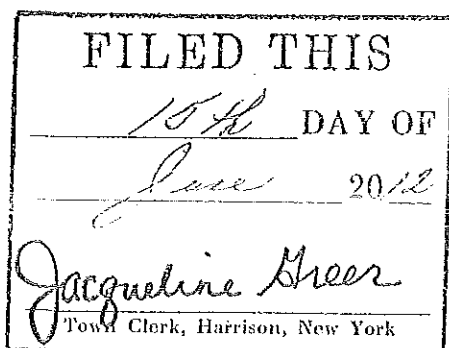
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Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE OLD OAKS COUNTRY CLUB TO HOLD THEIR
ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON CLUB GROUNDS ON JULY 4, 2012
WITH A RAINDATE OF JULY 8, 2012

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Supervisor Belmont,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Craig Henne, General Manager of the Old Oaks Country Club for authorization to hold a fireworks display on club grounds, July 4th with a rain date of July 8, 2012, subject to approval by the Town Clerk, the Acting Fire Marshal and the Chief of Police.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Town Clerk, the Acting Fire Marshal, the Chief of Police, the Purchase Fire Department, the Harrison EMS and Mr. Henne.

Adopted by the following vote:

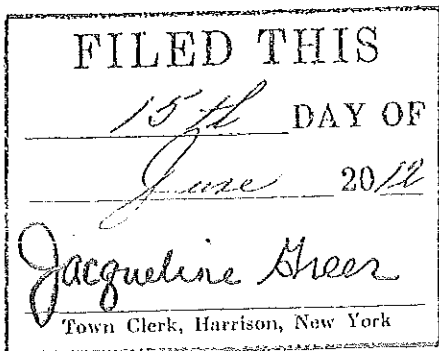
AYES: Councilpersons Amelio, Cannella, Malfitano and Sciliano
Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION FOR CENTURY COUNTRY CLUB TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL
FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON CLUB GROUNDS ON JULY 4, 2012
WITH A RAINDATE OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Burt Ward, General Manager of Century Country Club for authorization to hold a fireworks display on club grounds, July 4th with a rain date of September 2, 2012, subject to approval by the Town Clerk, the Acting Fire Marshal and the Chief of Police.

FURTHER RESOLVED to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Town Clerk, the Acting Fire Marshal, the Chief of Police, the Purchase Fire Department and the Harrison EMS.

Adopted by the following vote:

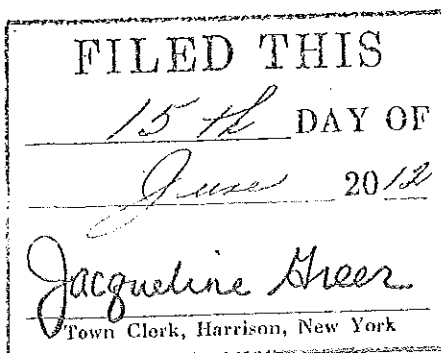
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Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM
WILLOW RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB TO BE ALLOCATED TOWARD ANY FUTURE
PURCHASE OF A POLICE CANINE

Harrison resident Lucille Held said she sat through the budget meetings for each department and she was opposed to purchasing any canine dogs. I presented at the time that we are already paying the county for having twelve dogs; which are at our disposal, anytime we wanted. This donation, actually earmarked for a dog, also appears in the Village Agenda. I would like to know why the Board, after going through the budget of the police department, decided not to vote to buy more dogs. Why would we get involved in this donation? It only represents a small amount of money that it is going to cost us. If we buy two dogs, we have two policemen who get stipends of \$5,000 each. I presented a complete and total cost of what the dogs' costs, of what the dog who had cancer cost, of the fact that we keep the dogs forever, not as in the county where we sell the dogs for \$1 when they are not used anymore. This \$1,500 is just the tip of the iceberg. So I don't understand the earmarking this way. You are talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars and I presented that when I brought to you the maintenance, food, injections, and training. I don't know how we come to a budget of 4.7% if we discount things that we don't want to happen and then suddenly they are happening again. I don't know how you can approve something that was disapproved during the budget meetings.

Chief Marraccini said that what Ms. Held just presented to the Board and the community was not accurate. We don't have four dogs and access to 12 dogs. I don't even believe the county has 12 dogs. One of the things that Ms. Held goes into is these false figures. One of the things she is actually right on is the dog doesn't cost \$1,500. One of these dogs cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 for a trained police dog. She doesn't talk about the benefits that we receive from these police dogs. She doesn't talk about the narcotics that we've retrieved off the streets of Harrison. She doesn't talk about the criminals that we have apprehended with the dogs off the streets of Harrison, as well as other communities. Police dogs are deterrents when it comes to burglaries. Once the burglar learns that jurisdictions have police dogs they will generally go to another jurisdiction. Just recently Eastchester purchased a police dog. So we don't have the luxury of calling Westchester County that services 40 some odd police departments, and have them here instantly. For us, time is of the essence when it comes to criminal apprehension and solving crimes. Without question these police dogs are a valuable service to this entire community. Our police dogs are well trained, our canine handlers are dedicated without question and it is a big commitment. For us to have a dog that maybe stays in service for eight or nine years, and not take care of that dog or kick him to the side or sell it for \$1.00, that is NOT my thing. I do think we should take care of these animals. They serve this community very well as do the police officers. One other thing I would like to note is that we don't have four dogs in service we have two currently and one will be retired within a few months. It is important that we plan ahead.

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Councilman Cannella asked Chief Marraccini to explain what happens to the dogs when they retire.

Chief Marraccini said the dogs remain with their handlers when they retire and we pay for their medical expenses as they get older.

On motion of Councilwoman Amelio, seconded by Councilman Malfitano,

it was

RESOLVED to approve the request of Chief of Police Anthony Marraccini for authorization to accept a donation from Willow Ridge Country Club in the amount of \$1,565.48 to be allocated toward any future purchase of a Police Canine.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

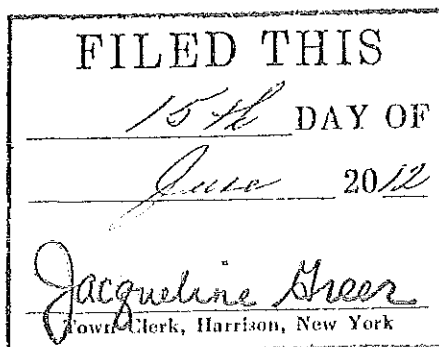
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Supervisor Belmont

NAYS: None

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DISCUSSION RE: LIFETIME FITNESS

Harrison resident Lucille Held said she's never seen this before where we discuss with a prospective group. What do you discuss with them?

Supervisor Belmont replied that a pilot is a term used when payment is used in lieu of taxes when corporations first move into a community. Many times they have a pilot program that is in lieu of taxes for them to get up and started, primarily during construction phases.

Harrison resident Lucille Held said we reduce their taxes so that they can come in? Please explain it to me. Have we done this with anyone else?

Supervisor Belmont stated that it has been done in the past in this community as well as many other communities in Westchester County and the United States. The pilot is a payment in lieu of taxes when corporations first come to town to offset their expenses as well as ours. It is a new payment that will be coming to the town. We are not going to take this to a vote tonight. I am going to table this.

Harrison Resident Lucille Held asked are we going to be aware of the fact at how much reduction in taxes they will get to come into the Town of Harrison. That is my question.

Supervisor Belmont replied they have not gotten any reduction in taxes yet.

Councilman Cannella stated that the pilots don't result in the reduction of taxes what it actually does is allow certainty for what the taxes are going to be as far as the developer/owner is concerned and allows them to budget for it and creates certainty on the part of the Town and deals with issues of potential certioraris and preventing certioraris and a guarantee of what the taxes are going to be. This is why people sometimes ask for discussions which may or may not lead to an agreement. It requires a Town Board Resolution.

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REMARKS RE: LAKE STREET QUARRY

West Harrison resident Sam Fanelli wanted this on the record. He addressed the Board and said he knows that they cannot speak about the Quarry so I just want the Board to listen to what I have to say. I know we are in litigation. Back in September the Judge ruled on a lawsuit in the Town's favor. On November 4th he filed the right to appeal and he had until May 4th to perfect the appeal. In the six months that went on between that he should have gone to court on the 17 open summonses he had. But he didn't because the Town Attorney tried to negotiate a "back room deal" to try and come up with a solution on how to end this. I said all along that you were going to get strung along and played like a fiddle. On May 4th when he didn't get what he wanted he perfected his appeal so now we are in the appellate division with this case. There are a couple of things that bother me. If we win in the appellate division, which I believe we will, I believe the neighbors should be included in your negotiations with what you previously tried to do with the quarry. One of the things that disturbed me the most is in the negotiations with our Town Attorneys. They entertained the thought of the possibility of allowing him to process down these piles. If that was even in the thought train you should have stopped him 14 months ago when they shut down the operation on taking in new materials. In his permit that was issued back on August 23, 1996, on site he is allowed 50,000 cubic yards period! He is allowed 1,500 cubic yards daily. So if you want simple math I'm going to explain something to you. If you took a pile that was 150' long by 150' wide by 60' feet tall, that would give you 1,350,000 cubic feet if you divide that by 27 cubic feet per yard that is 50,000 yards he would be allowed. He has two piles that have to exceed that by far. In the last two days I do know that his attorney has agreed to stop taking material in, that's a fact. I don't know if everyone on this Board knows that. The only reason basically why he is stopping is he is passed the threshold of 50,000 cubic yards that is in his permit, which I have right here. When he was granted the permit on October 22, 1996 that is the permit that states he must adhere to all Town Ordinances. I want the town to know that when we do win this, I would hope that the next round of negotiations would include all the neighbors. Thank you.

West Harrison resident Glenn Daher just wanted to follow up with what Mr. Fanelli said. What he didn't mention the last time he spoke was that what is being brought into the quarry now is silica which leads to silicosis which comes out 20 to 30 years later. The noise was so loud that it was above levels that could cause permanent hearing loss measured at the property lines by the DEC. Diesel fumes came into our homes to the point that we had to get out of our house. People of the DEC told us to leave. Diesel fumes lead to cancer amongst other things. I hope the town is out there to protect us and this never goes on again. Thank you.

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REMARKS RE: HARRISON HUMANE SOCIETY

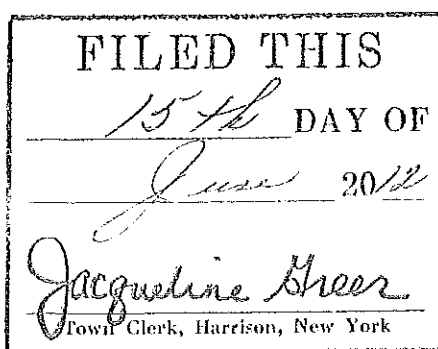
Harrison resident Christine Hughes asked the Board what is going on with our Harrison Humane Society.

Councilwoman Amelio said the animal control center that is in Harrison is not part of the Humane Society. It is independent and we haven't dealt with them in years.

Councilman Cannella said it has been about six years since we dealt with them. At the time we pulled away from them there were only two jurisdictions that were still using them. I believe it may have been Port Chester and Rye.

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DISCUSSION RE: OVERTIME FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Harrison resident Lucille Held said that she thought we had a rule in the Town of Harrison that no department head would receive overtime. There was a statement made at the last meeting, from Executive Session that the Chief of Police would be in control of the security group at the golf tournament. I would like to understand this whole situation. Isn't the Chief of Police the head of his department and is he entitled to getting any money that the club gives you? Why would the club give the money to the Town of Harrison subjecting the Town into giving health benefits and retirement funds once the money goes through and the data goes on the policeman's records that they worked at this place? The second question is how does it work when there is a claim that we don't have enough police yet we have enough for them to service at the club? In the past the chief of police has never been the head of security at the club, it has been someone like a lieutenant or captain, someone under him. You made a statement that in Executive Session you passed this situation and I would like to understand how you did that and also how much money do they give us per hour? I was very influential in finding out that we were losing money on any of the private police activity that was going on so we raised that amount. How do they get their money? Do we make money on this since we have our police cars, etc. there? Explain it to me.

Chief Marraccini said this is a shame that this type of propaganda floats out there. It is one thing that Ms. Held is so quick to speak about freedom of speech and the flag and whatever else it may be, when she can't even stand up for the Pledge of Allegiance. It hurts me to see that when someone is so quick to hop up to this podium but can't stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. She is so quick to criticize the police department and their actions when these police officers, when everyone is running away from a critical situation, are running in. Ms. Held is a self proclaimed expert, not only on police, but probably on many other things in this town. It is unfortunate that we have to be continually under attack for things that she brings to this podium that is not accurately reflected or talked about and the public hears this. This is not right. One of the other things I can tell you is that the club paid the town \$125 per hour per man being up there. It is a money maker for the town. Most likely even at my salary. So anything that I was paid to be up at that club, that I had taken time off to be there, was reimbursed to the town. Additionally where she brings up the funding going into pensions, this special detail money is not pensionable. So it doesn't apply: more misinformation. We are working short staffed, there is no question about it, but there are details that we need to fill and those details are filled with overtime positions of police officers working on their off hours and that money is reimbursed to the town. We have to recall that we have had a tremendous amount of personnel leave our department. We went from 79 men and are down to 56 on the roster, we are actually working with, after sick and injury, 51. I don't recall it ever being so low. Unfortunately we have a very limited bank of supervisors to choose from. So sometimes it is necessary to draw from the top, that being myself,

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down to 56 on the roster, we are actually working with, after sick and injury, 51. I don't recall it ever being so low. Unfortunately we have a very limited bank of supervisors to choose from. So sometimes it is necessary to draw from the top, that being myself, because I was the only one available with prior experience for running that detail. I will be very frank with you, when I have to leave my house, because I'm not just the chief of police that stays home, I'm not the 9 to 5 chief of police, I strap on a bullet proof vest and a gun and go shoulder to shoulder with these men and women. I leave my family in the middle of the night, I leave my children at dinner, and I don't get paid for it. I take as many risks with these men and women that do an outstanding job. For me to hear them targeted I get a little passionate about it and I apologize for it. The job is dangerous and can get real at anytime and they are working very hard for us.

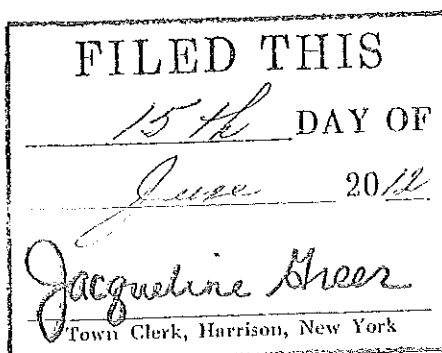
Harrison resident Lucille Held said you answered some of my questions but you once made a remark when you took office that this wasn't going to become a personal thing. I spend my whole life doing nothing but finding out what is going on in this town and repeating it. I have gotten nothing out of it.

Harrison resident John Katsogridakis said why does this women attack the police and you all allow her. We live in a very safe town, with nice people, I pray to God everyday that I was lucky to come to this country and to this town. This lady to attack all the time is unfair. We are lucky to live in this town.

Harrison resident Robert Porto said he just heard what Ms. Held said as a question. It was a simple question not to attack anybody but to get information.

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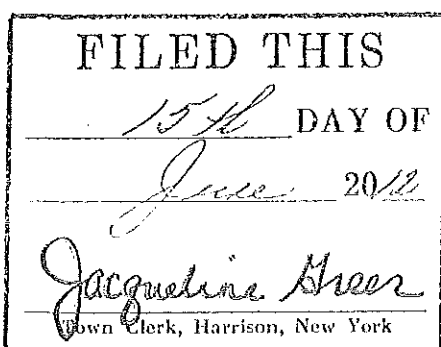
Litigation	2
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On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was recessed at 8:15 PM.

On motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor,
the Meeting was reconvened at 10:06 PM.

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AUTHORIZATION TO RAISE THE CAP ON LEGAL FEES
IN THE MATTER OF COWARD v TOWN OF HARRISON

On motion of Councilman Cannella, seconded by Supervisor Belmont,

it was

RESOLVED to raise the cap on legal fees in the matter of Coward v Town of Harrison, in an amount up to \$140,000.

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

Adopted by the following vote:

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

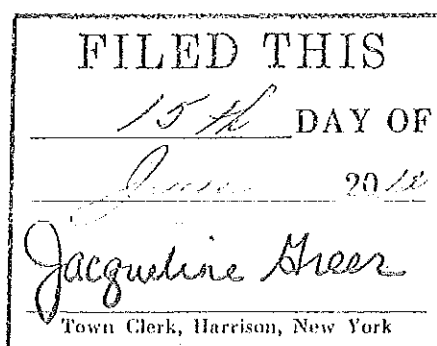
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

There being no further matters to come before the Board,
the Meeting was, on motion duly made and seconded,
with all members voting in favor declared closed at 10:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Greer
Town Clerk



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