

# **CONSTITUTION of the HARRISON VILLAGE LIBRARY**

## **Article One**

The Corporation shall be known as the Harrison Village Library Association.

## **Article Two**

It is the mission of the Harrison Village Library to provide a welcoming place for our community to access information, education, technology and entertainment.

## **Article Three**

*Sec. 1* Any person who has an interest in the library and is eligible for borrowing privileges may become a member of the Corporation by paying the current annual membership dues.

*Sec. 2* Honorary membership may be bestowed on individuals by a two-thirds vote of those present at any Corporation Meeting and shall continue for life of the recipient unless resigned or revoked for cause by a vote of two-thirds of all the Board of Trustees. Honorary membership shall not require payment of dues and shall have full voting and office holding privileges as other Corporate members.

*Sec. 3* Only members of the Corporation may vote, hold office or serve on the Board of Trustees.

## **Article Four**

*Sec. 1* A Board of Trustees of not fewer than seven nor more than fifteen members shall be elected each year at the annual Corporate meeting by the members of the Corporation. Four of the members of the board shall serve as the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Corporation.

*Sec. 2* In the event of failure to elect Trustees at the annual meeting, they may be elected at any special meeting of the Corporation called for that purpose.

*Sec. 3* Resignations by members of the Board of Trustees must be submitted in writing to the President of the Board.

*Sec. 4* In the event that a Trustee shall become unable to serve, such vacancy may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees present at any duly constituted Board meeting.

## **Article Five**

This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting or special meeting of the Corporation called for that purpose, at which a quorum of Corporate members are present, by a two-thirds vote, provided that previous notice of the proposed alterations or amendments are given by including the proposed changes in the notice of the meeting.

## **Article Six**

The Headquarters of the Corporation shall be the Harrison Village Library Building, so long as occupancy is practicable, but in no case shall Headquarters be removed beyond the limits of the Town of Harrison except when removal is made necessary by major disaster.

## **Article Seven**

*Sec. 1* No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the Corporation shall pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions for the purposes as set forth in Article 2.

*Sec. 2* No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation unrelated to the purpose of the Corporation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

*Sec. 3* Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

## **Article Eight**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of Cumberland County, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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