

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

Absent: Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-01-01), to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-01-02), to reconvene the meeting.

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled
- Fire Department
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development will be bringing final plans for a building permit for development at 1 Conklin Street in the near future, approved for 12 units. Waiting for state DOT sign off.
 - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) told Mayor Ekstrand that they have finally closed financing and are getting on track. Steel has been delivered and construction is underway.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – the ZBA has approved the plans and the Board approved the Special Use Permit, awaiting construction drawings in order to issue building permit.
 - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):

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- Building permit has been issued
- Demo is completed
- Site work is underway, pilings completed
- Arrow Exterminating has been engaged to solve the rodent problem, abatement is underway.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body – work is proceeding on this project, continues. Brick façade is nearing completion and drainage installed, final site paving underway.
- Application for one home on the south side of the Black Course development has approved by the Planning Board. Awaiting working drawings to issue permit.
- Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction continues.
- New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue.
- Zuzu is under construction, demo is complete.
- Proposed fine arts center for the Village with plans done by Superintendent Fellman has now reached the second round for funding with New York State.
- Eastern Parkway houses are being cleaned up, with one home in court for a derelict garage.
- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized in front of 4 family houses. Awaiting plans from Fairfield, expected after the 1st of the year.
- 37 Potter Street was shut down by the Nassau County Fire Marshal due to lack of filing plans for a sprinkler system. Illegal occupant of second floor will be removed. This has been reopened and the second floor apartment will be legalized once the sprinkler system is installed.
- The Board asked that someone look into trash being put out on Main Street rather than behind building as required.
- Awaiting application for 250 Conklin St. office building.
- Stratford Green needs to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car.
- Check clothing and safety gear expenditures.

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- Check with contractor building the DPW garage and make sure rebar in appropriate sizes are available as there is speculation of a shortage.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - Ongoing storm prep/planning and debris removal
 - The new DPW garage foundation plans are completed and foundation excavation is underway. Anticipate pouring the foundation in the first week of January.
 - Window and door project at Village Hall is progressing with trim agreed to and lumber ordered. The rear door is nearing completion.
 - Stumps are located at 90 Conklin St., 250 Conklin St. (Citibank), Clinton Ave.
 - New fence along the property line on south exposure to be installed by highway personnel.
 - A tree stump was noticed in front of 140 Prospect Street for removal.
 - The start date for removing poles from Main Street is on hold due to engineering changes and changes in pricing. PSEG will be supplying a phasing of the project in the near term once all contractor issues are resolved. Met with Altice, awaiting final pricing.
 - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations.
 - From Ken Tortoso – Hoping all had a great Christmas! Here’s just a few things DPW has been doing:
 - Called in a small crew to salt the hill area after last week’s storm and flash freeze.
 - Working with Town of Oyster Bay lighting, had to order a transformer for the north railroad lot lighting.
 - The crews are still doing their day to day jobs, cleaning garbage around the downtown area, cleaning all lots.
 - The shop crews have been busy going over plows and sanders.
 - The new DPW building is in progress.

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- Wishing a happy and safe new year to all!
- The Board requested a status report on electrification for decorations on poles in the parking lots.
- Need the ceiling lights above the dais in the courtroom to be repaired.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues – electrical work, controls, modem cable for new base station, for billing system and phone line to warehouse and generator installation remain. The tank has been filled and awaiting health department sampling sign off. The foundation will be installed and gas service to be installed by National Grid in the near term.
 - Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave.
 - \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul’s budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be used to install new pollution control equipment. Documents have been signed and submitted to the state to receive funding.
 - New doors and hatch approved for all well locations and are in the process of being installed. Wells 2-2 and 2-3 are completed, waiting for delivery and installation of doors for well 1-3 and waiting for the double doors on the well house from Westar. All locks need to be changed on the new door installation as well.
 - Coordinating with Bob Holzmacher to install piping and new valves to enable filling of ground tank at Ridge Road from both wells.
 - Philip Ross is proceeding with engineering and necessary Health Department submittals. Philip Ross has also started site work with foundation poured and tanks installed. New site plan and location of equipment has been agreed. PWGC to handle NYS submittals for reimbursement of WIIA grant and legal consulting services only.
 - The Board requested an update on status with Bethpage Water District meter pit and rates - ongoing.
 - A meeting with Philip Ross took place last Monday to be updated on the schedule for pollution control equipment. Work is ongoing with estimated completion date of May 15, 2023.

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- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Noise issues were discussed regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels.
 - New signage ordered for LIRR North parking lot and Howitt “Municipal Parking” signs have been installed.
 - The Board requested a review of nighttime personnel as outdoor dining and open windows have changed with the season.

- NCPD POP Officer report:
 - Crime is very low in the Village. Ongoing efforts are being made to provide incremental police protection to handle crowds on Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings.
 - Catalytic converter thefts are down significantly county-wide as a result of a major arrest of a ring responsible for many of these thefts.
 - The Board agreed to discourage SantaCon in 2023 as many public appearance tickets were issued on that day.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer