

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, January 18, 2022
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 18, 2022.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett (arrived at 7:37)
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Anthony Addeo
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Attorney Claudio DeBellis

P.W. GROSSER RATE SCHEDULE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Addeo and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-01-16), to approve the 2022 Rate Schedule from P.W. Grosser Consulting, Inc., as attached.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	absent
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Anthony Addeo	aye

The following topics were discussed:

- Cultural Arts Committee’s request to hold a contest for a large-scale mural to be painted at a location in the Village:
 - The Board wants the Cultural Arts Committee to remain as an ad hoc committee of the Board, with proposals submitted to the Board for approval.
 - In the matter of establishing murals in the Village, the Board declined.
- Fire Department:
 - Mayor Ekstrand reported that the grant for the Power Load Stretchers is in progress from Senator Thomas and the grant for the gators is on track.
 - Chief Walter Buser said that the new ambulance will be delivered by August 2022.
 - North Amityville mutual aid calls are now being handled by Suffolk County fire departments because the North Amityville Fire Department has been disbanded. Mutual aid calls have and will decline significantly with this development.

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- Scott Packs have a 10 year life, bailout harnesses cost approximately \$1000 each.
- The Fire Department upgraded a certain hydraulic tool.
- The Fire Department will review the proposed 71 unit apartment project on Route 109 for fire safety.
- Building Department:
 - 20 Merritts Road report received from Savik and Murray regarding the Toretta Road dedication:
 - 4 issues need to be remedied before acceptance
 - Mr. Vilardi has been notified
 - Road acceptance should be delayed until all homes are built
 - Needs estate fencing
 - 60 SE Maple St. – shed needs to be moved to three feet from the property line. Homeowner will have shed removed.
 - 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane has submitted building permit:
 - A denial letter was issued, enabling application for a Special Use Permit to be filed to operate a repair shop and provide adequate parking.
 - Property maintenance summons issued/ongoing
 - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) will restart construction within 2 weeks.
 - Assisted living on Route 109 is negotiating for final tenant
 - 7-11 and Sunoco are waiting for Southland approval
 - Burgerology has filed seating for 80 people which will require 3 parking spots if the Board waives 90%. Public hearing was held and request was approved.
 - Route 109 towing has responded with an application. They received a denial letter and submitted an application to the Board for a Special Use Permit for a wall exceeding 6 feet on January 3, 2022, which was approved at that meeting.
 - Peter Florey/D&F Development have received approval from New York State and have submitted plans and an application for a building permit. Review has commenced at H2M, update on review process is needed.

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- 505 Conklin Street, formerly a taco store, will be coming in for a Special Use Permit as they have a permit for 12 seats.
- A ladies boutique is a possibility for 223 Main Street.
- Need to change the fine schedule, Superintendent Fellman to review at a work session.
- Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed on Cobb Place.
- Grocer on Route 109 and Kick'n Chicken have been advised that window lighting surrounds are not allowed.
- Sign for proposed zone change to be posted at 1 Conklin Street.
- The Board requested that the Highway Department clear out sidewalks at the Jefferson Road, Tulane Street and Puritan Lane sumps after snow events.
- Highway Department:
 - Leaf program completed
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Magniflood lighting testing in DPW garage is completed. New lighting was purchased and installed by DPW and powered up by Gina Electric.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - Ongoing storm prep/planning and debris removal
 - Savik & Murray working on 5 Corners Park, construction underway. The gazebo was delivered and installed and walkways were completed.
 - Street light needs to be replaced at Whiskey Down Diner and Conklin Street. (Magniflood pole delivery in mid-January.)
 - Capitol truck repair of item discovered during inspection prep for snow season will be sent to Syosset Truck. The truck is out of service until the repair is completed, waiting for parts.
 - Received \$230,000 from National Grid for street repaving where National Grid installed new gas mains.
 - Richard St. & Rose St. – street lighting and landscaping being installed, to be paid for using CDBG funds. (Poles from Magniflood expected in mid-January.)

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- Tree in front of Jaylors is not lighting, need electrician. Gina Electric has been notified.
- Gina Electric gave an estimate on Fire Department improvements, the improvements were completed.
- Cold patching on Tulane Street and Thomas Powell Blvd. has been completed.
- Five trees identified that DPW has removed.
- The final estimate for the DPW Garage is due, based on mechanical drawings being provided to Racanelli by Carlos Calla.
- Parking Lot 3 – damaged tree and stump were removed, will be replaced in the spring. An orange barrel has been placed there for safety.
- Cherry Street and others around Howitt Middle School were swept due to construction dirt.
- Snow removal/treatment:
 - Pre-salting was done on January 3 due to weather reports
 - Salt was ordered
 - Snow removal for the January 7 storm was coordinated with Laurel Group
 - Residual snow mounds removed from parking lots
 - Used Steam Jenny to clean trucks of salt
- Removed some Christmas/Holiday decorations
- Replaced rope and flag in Village Green (Town of Oyster Bay)
- Village Hall was sanitized January 13 following court night
- “Park Closed” sign will be placed at 5 Corners Park along with caution tape and roping
- Water Department
 - Water tower construction continues.
 - Discussion about wireless services, move from existing tank to temporary pole and then on to new tank including NCPD microwave continues.

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- Water testing with PWGC continues and WIIA Grant submitted with follow up.
- D&B is forwarding a rendering of the new water tank for publication in the newsletter.
- Leaking blow off pipe repaired at well 2-2 by Merrick Utilities on December 27, due to the proximity to electric, drainage and telemetry.
- Location for new generator for emergency support of new tank has been determined
- New gas line arranged with National Grid
- Code Department:
 - Nick Frigerio has been approved by Civil Service and will start on January 24.
- Other:
 - Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel will assist Mayor Ekstrand with robo calls.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-01-17), to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-01-18), to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer