

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, January 23, 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 Monday, January 23, 2023.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett (arrived 7:18)
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley (arrived 7:08)
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

USE OF FACILITIES, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was (by a vote of 3/0),

RESOLVED (#2023-01-15), to approve a request from the Cultural Arts Committee for the use of the Court Room for two Open Mic Nights, on Friday, March 10, 2023 and Friday, April 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

GLIRC WINTER FUN RUN, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was (by a vote of 3/0),

RESOLVED (#2023-01-16), to approve a request by the Greater Long Island Running Club to hold the 2023 Runners Edge Winter Fun Run on Sunday, February 26, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The route in the Village begins on Main Street, left on Bethpage Road and a right on Round Swamp Road.

FD FITNESS PROVIDER, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was (by a vote of 3/0),

RESOLVED (#2023-01-17), to approve Blink Fitness as the designated fitness provider in 2023 for the Farmingdale Fire Department at a cost of \$170 for 50 members for a total of \$8,500, which is the same as last year.

RAVE MOBILE SAFETY CONTRACT, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was (by a vote of 3/0),

RESOLVED (#2023-01-18), to approve a contract with Rave Mobile Safety to provide SMS/Text and Voice Messages at a cost of \$3,600 for one year, from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

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The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
 - Reviewing calls by day of the week, time of day and frequency.
 - Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel is reviewing IT and communication matters.

- 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) - 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):
 - 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.

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- 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. Waiting for decision from the 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.
- 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.
- Application for 250 Conklin St. office building is expected the week of January 16th.
- Stratford Green needs to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car.
- Need to resolve site debris and illegal structure issues at 10 Eastern Parkway.
- New parking areas for Fairfield on Eastern Parkway, and a real garage at 8 Eastern Parkway.
- Notice needs to be given to tenants above Allstate, the Runners Edge and other tenants on Main Street who are using public trash receptacles for household trash. They need to place the trash in the rear of the buildings for pickup by the Town of Oyster Bay.
- Address Kicking Chicken outdoor music.
- Need to contact the “Tap Room” regarding late night club activities.
- The Board indicated not to grant exterior demo permits until plans for redevelopment have been approved.
- Check court date for shed on Eastern Parkway.
- Need to clean up Stratford Green damage on Conklin Street and Fulton Street.

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- Letter for landlords and tenants above stores on Main Street for trash pickup.
- Noise code review
- Contact Tap Room regarding late night activity.
- 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 construction is underway. New fence along property line on south exposure to be installed by highway personnel.
 - Window and door project at Village Hall is complete to date, 6 windows are expected to be delivered in two weeks and then installed. The rear door is installed.
 - 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. Verizon meeting is scheduled to finalize construction plans.
 - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments from the week of January 17-20:
 - DPW has been busy with housekeeping chores in the shop.
 - Stapleton was in to do tree removals and stump grindings. Will be back again for more stump grinding next week due to his large grinder being out of service.
 - Crews are just about wrapping up removing the Christmas decorations, all that's left is the old water fountain on the Green.
 - Crews have also been removing the old "Welcome to Farmingdale Village" signs on all the poles in the downtown areas and parking lots.
 - Potholes have been filled when seen! Crews will be in the north railroad lot next week to do pothole repair, that lot is in bad shape!

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- Still waiting on the electrical transformer for the lighting at the north railroad lot.
- Sweeping is still in progress when the weather is favorable.
- Had Gina electric come to replace 3 lights on the rear of fire headquarters. The old lights were burned out.
- Still spraying Village Hall.
- Jim Bacon is back to work from having Covid.
- Need to remove “metered parking” sign on Secatogue Avenue and Eastern Parkway until new meters are installed.
- 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 is now in operation. The generator 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. Verizon is the first provider and they will be doing the changeovers in sequence.
 - AOP installation by Philip Ross is underway with foundation and installation of tanks along with health department submittals.
 - \$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 nearing completion. All locks need to be changed on the new door installation as well, Abetta Lock has been contacted.
 - Coordinating with Bob Holzmacher and the Health Department to install piping and new valves to enable filling of ground tank at Ridge Road from both wells.
 - 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.

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- A meeting was held with Bethpage Water District to discuss meter pit and water purchase agreement.
- A meeting was held with South Farmingdale Water District to explore ways of working together.
- From John Falbo – Water Department for the week of 1/16:
 - Two days’ work with National Grid providing Well 1-3 with a 4 inch gas service completed.
 - Diesel tank at Well 1-3 was removed from ground.
 - Water main break at Washington Street was repaired.
 - Concrete pad poured around water valves at back end of new water tower.
 - Met with Electronix Alarm Company for work to be done for Water Tower alarms, waiting for their proposal.
 - On the horizon, all interior pipes of new water tower to be painted and generator cement pad to be poured at Eastern Parkway. Also, maintenance and painting of pipes in all wells.
 - Daily monitoring, sampling and assisting with office on meter billing.
 - Review PWGC proposal (JM) for grant applications and follow up.
 - Pilot study and draft of pilot study.
- 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.
 - Contact FBS for rollout and administration of parking meter policy.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.
- Other:

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- Village Attorney DeBellis to expedite a gas line easement for Staller Properties.
- Mayor Ekstrand will speak with the judge regarding expediting housing/building department cases.
- Need accident/fatality report for Route 109 between Route 24 and Staples Street.
- Contact the LIRR regarding the North LIRR parking lot and the triangle at Route 24 and Merritts Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer