

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, February 27, 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, February 27, 2023.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett (arrived at 7:20)
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

PWGC CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was (4/0 vote),

RESOLVED (#2023-02-18), to approve PWGC contract for Pilot Study Testing services & Basis of Design Engineering report in the amount of \$182,100. This is in addition to the February 6, 2023 approval of \$45,000 for grant submissions and management.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT RENEWAL – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was (4/0 vote),

RESOLVED (#2023-02-19), to approve the renewal of a Special Use Permit for 994 Fulton Street (Star Transmissions/Cap-A-Radiator) for a fee of \$750.

The following topics were discussed:

- Valet parking – Harley’s: Further investigation is needed with valet parking professionals on how it might work on busy evenings in the Village.
- ProClaim discussion: ProClaim is an insurance billing service provider. The proposal for billing of ambulance services is that residents would pay through their insurance only with no copays. This is a potential significant revenue provider for the Village. Further discussion to take place at a future meeting, research NYCOM annual meeting class on Billing for Ambulance Services.
- Rose St. trees (from Wesche Dr. to Grant Ave.) discussion: The Board will take a look and render judgment about possible removal at a future meeting.
- Fire Department

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- 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) - 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, ongoing construction
 - Arrow Exterminating has been engaged to solve the rodent problem, abatement is underway. Progress has been made but work continues, although Stratford Green continues to have issues in dumpsters. The Board has requested billings from the rodent abatement vendor.
 - Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body – work is proceeding on this project, continues. Brick façade is nearing completion and drainage installed, final site paving completed.
 - Application for one home on the south side of the Black Course development has been approved by the Planning Board. Permit has been issued.
 - Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction continues. Natural gas easement completed.
 - New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue.
 - Zuzu is under construction, demo is complete, construction underway.
 - Eastern Parkway houses are being cleaned up, with one home in court for a derelict garage. Permit has been issued for roof repair. In addition, 10 Eastern Parkway lot cleaned up, smoker and trampoline removed, fence installed.
 - New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized in front of 4 family houses. Awaiting plans from Fairfield.

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- 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. Sprinkler plans removed and construction underway. Tenant has been removed and there will be no apartment above.
- Application for 250 Conklin St. office building has been received and will be ready for a public hearing on March 6.
- Stratford Green needs to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car.
- Noise code review
- 2 & 4 Franklin Street rear yards have been cleaned.
- Bid documents being prepared for the renovation of the Village Hall entrance and bathrooms.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - The new DPW garage foundation construction is underway for the steel building. New fence along property line on south exposure to be installed by highway personnel.
 - Window and door project at Village Hall is complete.
 - Main St. pole removal start date is March 6 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 as first proposal was unacceptable, we are awaiting final pricing. Verizon meeting held to finalize construction plans, pricing was received and approved. Coordinating with Asplundh.
 - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations.
 - The walkway north of the tracks near My Grandmother's Kitchen needs cleaning – completed
 - Administrator Harty asked the Board to look at a tree in front of 73 Sullivan Road that the resident requested for removal as it is leaning into the roadway.

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- Mayor Ekstrand directed Village Attorney DeBellis to review a proposed lease from “Real Lease” in the amount of \$117,000 for the lease purchase of a new Caterpillar Backhoe for approval at the March 6 meeting.

NEW HIRES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-02-20), to hire Robert Perdue and Timothy Smith as Part Time Laborers in the Highway Department at a rate of \$16.00 per hour.

- A count of dog stations was requested.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for the week of February 20:
 - Not much to report since the weather has not been good, but we’ve managed to get some items completed. I would like to take the time out to thank the Mayor, the Board of Trustees and Village Administrator Brian Harty for approving our new Caterpillar backhoe. It’s like a weight has been lifted off my shoulders. All of us up here at DPW wanted to say THANK YOU for investing in our department.
 - The new DPW building is being erected. We are very excited!
 - Crews swapped around benches at 5 Corners Park for Sven.
 - Crews put out barricades for this weekend’s mile run through the Village.
 - Shop fleet crew still busy doing services and NYS inspections.
 - Stapleton coming in again on Tuesday for stumps and takedowns.
 - Crews installed a new dog waste container at Atlantic Ave. by The Lofts.
 - Sweeper has been out.
 - DPW crews took down two small trees, one on Main St. and the other on Prospect St.
 - Need to remove “metered parking” sign on Secatogue Ave. and Eastern Pkwy. until new meters are delivered.
- Water Department:

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- Water tower construction with punch list items being addressed. Generator start up scheduled before mid-March – coordinating with Huntington Power, The new tank is now in operation.
- 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. All cell providers will be on the new tank by April 30, 2023.
- 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 are completed. 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.
- 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.
- Met with Philip Ross Industries to develop Plant 2 treatment. Initial site plan is in working phase.
- From John Falbo – Water Department for the week of February 20:
- Finished monitoring Well 2-2 Booster A check 21 inch Check valve. It is the original valve installed. It definitely needs to be replaced. Tom from Merrick Utilities did a second cleaning (free of charge on the second visit) but the valve still malfunctions. The flapper in valve and seat are too worn

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out to make a seal which is allowing water to leak into the tank and at times leak into the system. Waiting on a proposal.

- Our alarm system at Eastern Parkway, which includes intrusion alarms and motion sensor alarms which need to be hooked up and programmed from the new tank are being worked on to be compatible with Electronix our alarm companies system. All wiring and contacts for intrusion on tank were put in place by Hinck Electric under Tank Project. But now all connections and programming to match the alarm company standards and add ons to meet requirements are being handled through Electronix Alarm Company. This proposal was approved by Brian Harty. We also had technical issues with them which required separate service call to resolve issues after replacing doors at Well 1-3.
- Working with the Board of Health on Sample Station Requirements that have needed to be met and corrected on our end for a couple of years now.
- 37 Potter Street is to tap in its fire service on Monday the 27th. Potter Street's water main to be shut down for 2 hours. This should not affect the rest of the system being that it is at the end of our system.
- The long awaited obstruction (FAA) panel is in place and light is working atop the water tower.
- Thank you from the Water Department!
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Noise issues were discussed regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels to develop new Village Code.
 - New signage ordered for LIRR North parking lot has been installed with special thanks to Dave Rodenburg, Mike Tortoso and Matt Kilbridge.
 - 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.

HEAD IN PARKING FINES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

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RESOLVED (#2023-02-21), to lower the “Head In” parking fine to \$25.00.

- Village Attorney DeBellis provided a draft of a new local law regarding “Rental Permits”. Hearing to be announced at the March 6 meeting.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer