

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, March 6, 2023**

### **INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Craig Rosasco  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel  
Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2023 starting at 1:00 p.m. Msgr. Mark Rowan will be the Grand Marshal.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. on the Village Green.
- Open Mic Night will be held on Friday, March 10, 2023 and Friday, April 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.
- The following resolutions were approved at the February 21<sup>st</sup> Work Session (4/0 vote):
  - Approved Adept Technologies to be the Village and Fire Department IT people moving forward at a cost of \$993.75 per month for the Village and \$1,561.50 per month for the Fire Department vs. Total Technology Solutions at \$1,650 per month for the Village and \$3,292 per month for the Fire Department. The proposal from Adept for Barracuda is a one-time fee of \$2,399 for server backup device.
  - Authorized Mayor Ekstrand to sign the agreement with Verizon for Verizon Main Street facilities from Prospect St. to Conklin St. to be relocated underground and poles will be removed when all other utilities are relocated in the amount of \$159,081.53.

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- Approved the purchase of a new Caterpillar Inc. Model: 420-07XE Backhoe Loader with all standard equipment in addition to additional equipment listed in the contract in the amount of \$152,655.00 through SourceWell. Also accepting the H.O. Penn offer of \$35,000 as trade in of the Village's Komatsu 2005 Backhoe. Lease financing to be arranged.
- The following resolutions were approved at the February 27<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - Approved 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. (4/0 vote)
  - Approved the renewal of a Special Use Permit for 994 Fulton Street (Star Transmissions/Cap-A-Radiator) for a fee of \$750. (4/0 vote)
  - Hired Robert Perdue and Timothy Smith as Part Time Laborers in the Highway Department at a rate of \$16.00 per hour.
  - Lowered the "Head In" parking fine to \$25.

**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2023-03-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1171 dated March 6, 2023.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 2/6/23, 2/21/23, 2/27/23 as amended.
- Use of Village Property:
  - Runner's Edge & Race Awesome are requesting to hold their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Main Street Mile running event on Saturday, September 2, 2023 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Powell Cemetery and ending on Main Street near Village Hall. The course will need to be closed by 7:00 a.m. for set-up and will close at approximately 10:30 a.m.
  - Schneider's Farm is requesting use of the Village Green for their Farmers Market on Sundays starting June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and running through November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
  - Spanish Charismatic Renewal are requesting to hold Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 7, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The parade route starts at St. Kilian School to Rose St., left on Richard St., left on Cherry St., left on Wesche Dr., ending at the school. There will be 300-400 participants.
- Block Party Applications:

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- None
- Tax certiorari's:
  - None

**BUILDING PERMITS** – The Board of Trustees accepted the listing of the following building permits issued since last month's meeting:

DATE	LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS	ARB	C/R
2/3/2023	1 Hill Rd. Amit Jagtiani DB23-00005	Small dumpster and storage pod in driveway	N/A	R
2/7/2023	52 Balcom Rd. Denise & John Curry Temporary Handicap Ramp DB23-00007	Temporary handicap ramp in front yard	N/A	R
2/8/2023	400 Fulton St. Suburbia Owners PP23-00003	Replace kitchen sink.	N/A	R
2/10/2023	400 Fulton St. Suburbia Owners DB23-00008	3 plumbing fixtures	N/A	R
2/10/2023	75 Yoakum St. Kevin Lenahan DB23-00009	Install retaining wall with fence and catch basin as per drawings submitted by Impact Architecture dated 2/6/2023.	N/A	R
2/13/2023	384 Secatogue Ave. Jeffrey & Kara Dillon DB23-00010	Install 12' x 20' semi inground pool to replace existing pool.	N/A	R
2/13/2023	48 Columbia St Guy Alcide DB23-011	Install 13 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Momentum Solar dated 2/6/23.	N/A	R
2/15/2023	37 Potter St. Republic National Holding Co. PP23-00004	Need to have 6" tie in to a 6" valve reduced to 4" service.	N/A	C
2/15/2023	180 Cherry St. National Grid RO23-00003	One 4' x 4' bellhole for new gas service	N/A	R
2/15/2023	42 Grant Ave. Rick Lepik DB23-00012	Dumpster for removal of dirt.	N/A	R
2/15/2023	285 Secatogue Ave. BGJ Development Group DB23-00013	Replace two bathrooms, kitchen, boiler and air conditioner as per drawings submitted and dated 2/1/23.	N/A	R
2/15/2023	15 Puritan Lane Jeffrey Domo DB23-00014	Install 53 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Michael Miele P.E. dated 1/20/23.	N/A	R
2/22/2023	60 Fairview Rd. National Grid RO23-00004	4 x 4 bellhole for emergency gas leak repair.	N/A	R
2/22/2023	37 Potter St. Robert Graham RO23-00005	84 sq. feet of trenching and one 4' x 4' bellhole.	N/A	C
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2/10/2023	400 Fulton St. Suburbia Owners DB23-00008	3 plumbing fixtures	N/A	R

**PUBLIC HEARING DATES** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was, **RESOLVED (#2023-03-02)**,

To set the following public hearing for Monday, April 3, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Amending the Farmingdale Village Code to add Chapter 433, Rental Dwelling Units.

To set the following public hearing for Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.:

- CDBG Year #49 Annual Funding Submission

**PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE NOISE CODE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-03-03)**, to adjourn the hearing until Monday, April 3, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT 250 CONKLIN ST.** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-03-04)**, to adjourn the hearing until Monday, April 3, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

**CONVENE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**– Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-03-05)**, to convene the Board of Assessment Review.

**PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PETITIONS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett it was unanimously,

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**RESOLVED (#2023-03-06)**, to deny all the property tax complaint petitions, with the exception of 2 properties.

**ADJOURN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-03-07)**, to adjourn the Board of Assessment Review.

**HABERMAN & ASSOCIATES** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-03-08)**, to approve the hiring of Michael Haberman and Associates to complete the 2024/2025 Assessment Roll at a cost of \$22,000 and 2023 Small Claims Proceedings for \$115 per parcel.

**VETERANS EXEMPTION** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-03-09)**, to remove a Veteran's Exemption from 26 Linwood Avenue (Sec. 49 Blk. 209 Lot 7) due to death.

**PROCLAIM INSURANCE COLLECTIONS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-03-10)**, to approve the hiring of ProClaim for insurance collections of ambulance services.

**NEW BLINDS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-03-11)**, to approve Curtains 7 Home as the lowest responsible bidder to install new blinds on new windows in the amount of \$5,100.

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-03-12)**, to approve the hiring of Dimitri Examilotis, Christopher Focazio and Bryan Warshauer as Part-Time Firehouse Maintainers at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

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**LANDSCAPE SERVICES** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-03-13)**, to award to JMI Landscaping Inc. the 2023 contract for landscape services and additional services at a total cost of \$25,000.

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-03-14)**, to cancel the March 14, 2023 sale of tax liens. The Village will be purchasing the liens.

**BEAUTIFICATION** –

- Trustee Parisi said that preparations are underway for spring plantings.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident asked about demolition permits being issued before a new plan for a property is in place. Mayor Ekstrand responded that the policy has been enacted where until a new use application is received, exterior demolition permits will not be issued.
- The resident also asked about the PWGC contract. Mayor Ekstrand explained that it is necessary to do the studies as they are required by the Nassau County Department of Health and are needed for applications for grants to help offset the costs of treatment facilities.
- A resident asked about the proposed noise ordinance. Mayor Ekstrand replied that it is the Board's intent to have a new noise code in place by June 2023.
- The resident also inquired about the following:
  - A proposed assisted living facility on Route 109 – Mayor Ekstrand replied that the application has been withdrawn.
  - The status of the 12 unit apartment project at the corner of Route 109 and Conklin St. – Mayor Ekstrand stated that it is moving ahead and we are waiting for working drawings.

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- Code Enforcement activity where a car ran through a fence and into a condo/residence – Mayor Ekstrand said the Building Department has been in contact with Stratford Green Management, they are awaiting the insurance settlement to do necessary repairs.
- A resident expressed support of the proposed new rental permit local law and asked about the Main Street project. Mayor Ekstrand explained that all wiring will go underground and poles removed, the sidewalks and government strip will be redone, installed with new lighting and trees in planters. Main Street will be widened by 18” on the east side between Prospect St. and Conklin St. and will be repaved as necessary.
- A resident asked about the reconstruction of Lotus Garden which had a fire. Building permits have been issued.
- A resident inquired about building activity on Melville Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian P. Harty  
Village Clerk/Treasurer