

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, March 7, 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 Monday, March 7, 2022.

- Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman  
Public Works Superintendent Andrew Fisch
- Absent:** Trustee Anthony Addeo

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled:
  - Clarified occupancy of 319 Main Street
- Fire Department:
  - Mayor Ekstrand contacted Chief Buser regarding East End Financial \$2,000 scholarship
  - The Fire Department will discuss the budget with Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel.
  - Fire Commissioners have reinstated meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
  - Officers' installation will be held in the Firehouse upstairs on Friday, April 8, 2022.
  - The Fire Department will be celebrating 50 years of service by Greg Happ on March 26 at the Firehouse.
- Building Department:
  - 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane Repair Shop:
    - Property maintenance summons issued, ongoing
    - Needs to submit an application for a Special Use Permit for parking on the street – issues with neighbors

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- The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) will restart construction in the near term, ordered steel for superstructure.
- 7-11 and Sunoco are waiting for Southland, approval filed and denial letter issued.
- Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green) have received approval from New York State and have submitted plans and an application for a building permit. The first stage of review has been completed by H2M, addressing issues and making corrections to plans.
- 505 Conklin St. (formerly taco store) will be coming in for a Special Use Permit as they have a permit for more than 12 seats.
- Ladies boutique possible for 223 Main Street.
- 52 Maple Street has heating and occupancy issues. Summons was issued, no response from the property owner.
- Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed on Cobb Place, summons has been issued.
- Grocer on Rte. 109 has been repeatedly advised that window lighting surrounds are not allowed, summons has been issued.
- 94 Grant Street has been cited as an illegal 2 family residence, summons has been issued. Court date has been delayed until April.
- Discuss fines daily vs. weekly, needs follow up.
- Realtor advertising fines for illegal apartments, fines for unauthorized signage affixed to poles or lawn signs.
- Need a general poster to be placed on properties for public notification.
- A general discussion was held regarding Governor Hochul's elimination of single family zoning. The Board is opposed and will work with NCVOA to let the governor know that this type of proposal will not only be detrimental to neighborhood quality of life but to traffic, infrastructure that is already stressed and air quality.
- Racanelli has delivered the new DPW Garage pricing, exploring options to reduce cost.
- Announce public hearing for the former Frankie's Pizza conversion to an Italian restaurant.

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- Expansion of The Nutty Irishman into adjacent space and the former Subway to “Street”, a street food take out establishment.
- High Point Engineering is leaving and a replacement tenant will be occupying the space.
- Two illegal apartments were found in a converted garage, summons has been issued.
- 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
  - Savik & Murray working on 5 Corners Park:
    - The balance of the project is on hold until the weather breaks.
    - Two additional trees were removed and stumps were ground, site was leveled and topsoil was installed.
  - Street light needs to be replaced at Whiskey Down Diner and Conklin Street. (Magniflood poles delivered, installation completed by the Town of Oyster Bay.)
  - Received \$230,000 from National Grid for street repaving where National Grid installed new gas mains.
  - Tree in front of Jaylors is not lighting, need electrician. Gina Electric has been notified and it was repaired, but went out again.
  - Pricing is in for the DPW Garage, based on mechanical drawings being provided to Racanelli by Carlos Calla. Will meet with Racanelli this week for clarifications/changes. Options are being investigated to lower costs.
  - Parking Lot 3 – damaged tree and stump were removed, will be replaced in the spring. An orange barrel has been placed there for safety.
  - Remove sign post stub on Prospect St. next to Grey & Grey.
- Water Department:
  - Water tower construction continues.

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- Discussion about wireless services move from existing tank to temporary pole has been resolved. Discussion about new tank including NCPD microwave continues.
- Water testing with PWGC continues and WIIA Grant submitted with follow up.
- D&B forwarded a rendering of the new water tank for publication in the newsletter.
- Location for new generator for emergency support of new tank has been determined
- New gas line arranged with National Grid
- Mayor Ekstrand requested a review of the number of cell providers that can be placed on the new water tank.
- Discussed letter sent to contractor regarding contract delays.
- Check spelling on new water tank.
- Code Department
- Other:
  - Renovations to existing DPW Garage:
    - Jeff Patanjo is designing and obtaining quotes
    - He is meeting with contractor to discuss the renovation of the offices
    - The offices will be renovated and relocated
    - The size of the break room will be increased
    - New locker room will be created
    - An extension will be added to the rear of the existing DPW building to relocate materials displaced by the increase in size of the new locker room and break room.
  - Jeff is also reviewing the DPW Garage quote with Superintendent Fellman and value engineering the proposal. He will meet with Racanelli to look into alternatives to lower costs, as described in the Highway report.
  - Jeff is working on parking planning with pay-by-phone and MacKay meters.
  - Walk-in resolution to approve reconstruction of existing DPW Garage.
  - Discussed proposed LGBT event.
  - Discussed SantaCon and LepreCon events.

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- Minutes of February 15 were revised.
- Farmingdale Schools Superintendent Paul Defendini will be the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 13.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer