

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, April 3, 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, April 3, 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
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled
- 22 Linwood Ave. tree/sidewalk – Okay to remove tree once the building permit is granted to reconstruct the sidewalk, driveway and front lawn and landscaping.
- Fire Department
- 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 when necessary. No calls recently.
 - Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction continues. Natural gas easement completed. Awaiting permit.

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- New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue.
- LIRR has announced that trestles at NY 24 and Merritts Road will be rehabilitated starting in mid-April and finishing by end of August 2023.
- Eastern Parkway house in court with derelict garage. Permit issued for roof repair.
- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized in front of 4 family houses. Awaiting plans from Fairfield.
- New application for 250 Conklin St. office building has been received and new public hearing will be announced on April 3 for hearing on new plans for May hearing.
- Stratford Green needs to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car. Insurance settled, permit to repair condo has been issued.
- Noise code review
- New ice cream parlor in Palmer's shopping center needs a Special Use permit for 24 seats.
- Contact Michelle Catalano at Stratford Green regarding the repair of a fence and berm caused by accident 6 months ago.
- 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.

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- 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
 - A tree on Prospect St. across from Doud St. needs to be evaluated for possible removal.
 - A request to remove a tree in front of Burgerology was approved.
 - Superintendent Patanjo – status of Main Street project.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for the last week of March:
 - Shop fleet crew will be bringing Hwy #17 small dump truck to Dodge for warranty work next week.
 - Crews cleaning up Village yards “Oakdale Blvd.” and “Jackson Ave.”
 - Crews have been busy painting plows and doing some minor rehabilitation.
 - Speed sign has been put out on Bethpage Rd. to help slow down traffic.
 - Crews mounted a “Kids at Play” sign on Eastern Pkwy.
 - Heads Up Sprinklers coming in on April 18 to start looking over our system to get it ready for the summer season.
 - Need to remove “metered parking” sign on Secatogue Ave. and Eastern Pkwy. until new meters are delivered.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction with punch list items being addressed. Generator has been installed and old diesel tank removed. 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.

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- \$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 past week:
 - This week consisted of following up and inspecting on projects throughout the Village.
 - Monitoring Main Street Project
 - All well pumps received their yearly service and testing, waiting on a report from Layne.
 - Monitoring Hinck Electric and Phillip Ross work at Eastern Parkway.
 - Borings for soil samples at Ridge Road site and H2M surveys were done this week.
 - Spring cleaning and constant maintenance in wells with all development and moving parts.
 - Thank you!
- Code Department:

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- 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.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.
- NCVOA will hold their monthly meetings at 317 Main beginning April 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder will be the guest speaker.
- Contact the LIRR regarding proposed MOU for the Merritts Road crossing.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer