

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, April 18, 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, April 18, 2022.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

- **LGBT Network Event:**
 - David Kilmnick, Joey Villafane, Benjamin Schoenfeld, Andrea Mandarino, Kerri Ann Souto, Robert Vitelli and Dennis Wickes represented the LGBT Network.
 - Inspector Comisky and a Bureau of Special Operations lieutenant represented the Nassau County Police Department, as well as other related NCPD personnel.
 - A general discussion took place regarding the upcoming Pride Event, including plans for a parade, street closures and detours, Music On Main type event, vendors on Village Green and Farmer's Market on the Fire Department apron.
 - Consideration for St. Kilian's Mass schedule
 - Logistics of drop-off and pickup points for parade participants
 - Safety plan and layout including trucks, police, NCPD and MTA.
 - FD ambulance prepositioning and FD rig positioning at Ridge Road.
 - Event signage on Main Street

USE OF FACILITIES – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-04-18), to approve a request from the Long Island Ladies Soccer League to use the Court Room on Thursday, June 2, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-04-19), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department to hold their annual Memorial Day parade being held on Monday, May 30, 2022. Assembly will be at Northside Elementary School and kickoff will be at 10:00 a.m. The viewing stand will be in front of Village Hall for the ceremonies after the parade.

REPLACEMENT DUMP BODY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-04-20), to approve the purchase of a replacement dump body for the 2013 International 4400 Dump Truck (HWY#1) at a cost of \$14,250 for labor and material.

SALARY REVISION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-04-21), to approve the revision of the following salaries, retroactive to April 4, 2022: Change Village Justice Anthony Addeo from \$13,000 to \$10,000 and Associate Justice Thomas Dell Aquila from \$1,000 to \$4,000.

SALARY APPROVAL – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-04-22), to approve the salary of John Mirando in the amount of \$50.00 per hour.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
 - One ambulance is out of service for AC/heat repairs
 - May parade application will be submitted this week
 - One “power load” will be ready in mid-May
 - Riviera has been selected for the annual installation dinner
 - Chief Micheal Tortoso is the FD contact for the Pride event.
- Building Department:
 - 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane Repair Shop:

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- Property maintenance summons issued, ongoing
- Submitted an application for a Special Use Permit for parking on the street – issues with neighbors
- The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) will restart construction in the near term, ordered steel for superstructure. Financial issues are causing the delay.
- 7-11 and Sunoco are waiting for Southland, approval filed and denial letter issued and amended.
- Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
 - Received approval from New York State and have submitted plans and an application for a building permit.
 - The review has been completed by H2M, the building permit will be issued in May 2022.
 - Received final approval from the Nassau County IDA.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, to be done by Island Digital.
- Racanelli DPW Garage pricing has been received, other proposal is being sought. Foundation soil test is underway to determine if a different foundation can be used at a lower cost.
- Working with 317 & The Nutty Irishman to handle waste stream/dumpsters.

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- Prochamps is now operational. The Village has received \$2,000 from Prochamps for fees collected managing foreclosure information.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body (Schmeltzer) will restart construction on April 11, according to their attorney.
- The Building Dept. needs to speak with That Meetball Place to get them to turn off the bass in the evening.
- The Building Inspector needs to speak to businesses who have music outside other than at approved times.
- 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 project has a few items left for completion.
 - Received \$230,000 from National Grid for street repaving where National Grid installed new gas mains.
 - Final estimate for DPW Garage was received from Racanelli. Investigating soil condition to see if different foundation can be used as foundation costs are high. Another quote is being requested as an option for the building, based on Carlos Calla plans.
 - Parking Lot 3 – damaged tree and stump were removed, will be replaced in the spring. An orange barrel has been placed there for safety.
 - DPW Garage renovations underway, completion is expected in 4 weeks.
 - Light & pole on Lenox Rd. (between Bethpage Rd. and Hillside Rd.) ordered from Magniflood, replaced by the Town of Oyster Bay.
 - Boarded up 285 Secatogue Ave. and painted the boards white – squatters had been in the abandoned home.
 - Plaques installed at Sven Brost sculptures.
 - Flower pots prepped for Main Street.
 - Peat moss in flower pots, 8’ fence section replaced in Parking Lot 2.
 - Removed signage from poles.

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- Reinstalled benches in Gerngras Park.
- 55 Clinton Ave. is being boarded up.
- DPW computers are now being backed up weekly.
- Stumps are located at 90 Conklin St., 250 Conklin St. (Citibank), Clinton St.
- Spring landscaping cleanups are ongoing, including cutting back overgrowth at Village sumps/basins.
- Rototilled under playground equipment at Gerngras Park. This will become a bi-weekly job.
- Asphalt truck is out repairing a water patch on Grant Ave. and pothole repairs around the Village.
- Cleaning up DPW grounds, blowing out beds and planting new grass.
- Shop construction is going very smoothly.
- Bobby Lopez and Kenny Tortoso Jr. ran all the Cat 5 and coax cable throughout the new rooms.
- Spraying Village Hall twice a week – on schedule.
- Village speed sign is out on Staples St.
- Installed new doggie waste station at Puritan Lane sump.
- Shop personnel getting trucks ready for next month's NYS inspection.
- Doug Ketcham and Kenny Tortoso Sr. are repairing and replacing heavily rusted radiator mounts on HWY#1 due to salt/winter season.
- Waiting on Curtis from RW Truck on Rte. 109 for a price quote for a new dump body for HWY#1.
- John from Island Energy coming next week to replace air elements for the roof HVAC systems.
- Stapleton will be in later next week for tree takedowns and stump grinding.
- Friday night – Highway Dept. to assist Water Dept. for annual hydrant flushing beginning at 10:00 p.m.
- Kenny Jr. met with Mike & Bob from Farmingdale State College management, told them that he wants to keep the great working relationship we've had and to just call with whatever they need.

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- Contacted Trustee Parisi about the upcoming flower planting season.
- Administrator Harty, Jeff Patanjo and Kenny Jr. met with Louie from Roadwork Ahead about this year's work plans.
- Kenny Jr. and John Mirando took a ride around to show different DPW sites – Oakdale Blvd., Jackson Ave. and Eastern Pkwy. Water Works Plant.
- Patrick Tortoso is repairing black aluminum fence along So. Front St. and Main St., still ongoing.
- First thing every morning, “All Hands” crew walk the parking lots and downtown area hunting and cleaning up garbage.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues.
 - 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.
 - Service line leaking on Grant Ave. has been repaired.
 - Driveway apron needs to be replaced.
 - Progress meeting held on April 6.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Additional shifts for Ramadan.

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- Other:
 - Labor contract
 - Follow up on funding for Gateway Signage

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-04-23), to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-04-24), to reconvene the meeting.

SETTLEMENT - Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-04-25), to accept settlement per attached resolution.

CLOSE WORKSESSION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-04-26), to adjourn the work session at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer