

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, April 24, 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 24, 2023.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

Absent: Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

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

RESOLVED (#2023-04-20), to approve a request from Rafael Hernandez for permission to have a wedding march/procession of approximately 60 people on the sidewalk between 407 Main Street (Farmingdale United Methodist Church) and 317 Main Street.

Resolution to approve a request from the Farmingdale Rotary Club to hang Active Service Member banners from lampposts on Main Street. **On hold.**

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-04-21), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department to hold their annual Memorial Day parade being held on Monday, May 29, 2023. 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.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-04-22), to approve a request from the Cultural Arts Committee to hold a Chrysanthemum Demo in the Courtroom on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

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RESOLVED (#2023-04-23), to approve a request from Towne House West to hold their annual owner's meeting in the Courtroom on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SET PUBLIC HEARING – MS4 REPORT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-04-24), to set the public hearing for the Stormwater Management MS4 report period ending 3/7/23 on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

ADD LOADING ZONE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-04-25), to add a loading zone on Conklin Street between Main Street and Daytona's driveway.

Resolution to hire Thomas Reddy as a Building Inspector at a salary of \$82,000/year and beginning with 15 vacation days. **On hold.**

INTERCONNECT FOR GROUND STORAGE TANK – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-04-26), to approve Merrick Utility Associates as contractor, under our requirements contract, to install interconnect for 2nd feed for the ground storage tank at Ridge Road in the amount of \$69,460.

Resolution to approve the lease/purchase of three 2023 Chevy Traverse AWD Sterling Grey from Chevrolet of Smithtown at a price of \$35,494 each. Under BOCES competitive bidding program, with lease to be determined at lowest possible rate (approximately \$2,100/month for 60 months). Trade in to be considered of existing vehicles with amounts to be determined on appraisal and delivery of new vehicles. Anticipated delivery is August 2023. **On hold.**

The following topics were discussed:

- 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.

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- 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.
- Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction continues. Natural gas easement completed. Permit received from Nassau County.
- 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. Need agreement to move forward.
- 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. On schedule for hearing May 1.
- 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.
- Eagle Scout project for Gergras Park plans and location approved.
- 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 completed and construction of the steel building is complete. New fence along property line on south exposure to be installed with increases to block wall and backfill. Construction started and plantings ordered for screening of new facilities for neighbors.
 - New blinds have been installed in Village Hall.

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- Main St. pole removal project Phase 1 complete, with the exception of the NY24 crossing – waiting for NYS permit. Waiting for one property owner to sign Altice access agreement to be able to proceed with Altice/Verizon installation.
- Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations.
- 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 & completed.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for the prior week:
 - Stapleton Tree was in for takedowns and stump removals.
 - Heads Up Sprinklers was in and set up all the Village sprinkler systems.
 - DPW crews are continuing to do spring clean ups.
 - Roberto Landscaping has been in seeding and cleaning beds, will be back next to add mulch and topsoil at assigned locations.
 - DPW assisted the Water Dept. on a water main break on Wall Street.
 - DPW crews will be power washing areas around the Village, including the pathway at Gergras Park and the Village Green and Gazebo starting later this week.
 - Prepping the Gazebo for painting.
 - Crews have been going around to certain lots to repaint handicap parking stalls.
 - Received a load of fresh topsoil and have begun to prep flower pots for the downtown area.
 - Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in repairing some street lights.
 - DPW crew installing a wooden guard rail on Quaker Meeting House Road and Thomas Powell Blvd.
 - Crews have added some signage around the Village, Kids at Play signs and others around the Village.
 - Crews have also fixed some tripping hazards around the downtown area.

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- I'd like to thank our Shop Fleet Crews Mechanic D Ketcham and K Tortoso Sr for rehabbing the body on Hwy #9.
- DPW crews will be assisting the Water Dept. on May 5th for fire hydrant flushing.
- Our 2007 Elgin broom bear sweeper is OUT OF SERVICE TILL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO BROKEN HYDRAULIC LINE IN THE LIFT HOPPER!!
- Sweeper #2 has been giving us some major issues, every time the sweeper goes out on the road something happens, either electrical or hydraulics issues. It's getting to be expensive every time we send it out for repair, \$4-\$6 grand a pop.
- There's only so much we can do in-house, these units have a complex electrical system and sometimes it's hard to trace where the issues are coming from.
- I don't even like sending it out anymore because there's always an issue. Our sweepers work in a cloud of dirt which takes a toll on the internal instruments. All our machines get blown off/out and washed after every use. We take great care and pride in our Village equipment!
- Please look at photos of refurbishment of truck body by Highway personnel.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction with few punch list items remaining.
 - Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave. Under construction. 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. Anticipated completion mid-May 2023 with testing and NCDOH approvals to follow.
 - \$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.

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- 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. Excavation has begun at Plant 2 site.
- Meeting was held with SCWA.
- From John Falbo – Recent work and upcoming events:
 - All motion sensors and entry alarms were installed and operational in new Water Tower (Electronix Alarm Company).
 - Excavated and removed one of our sample stations from old water tower. It is to be installed and used in front of Palmers Shopping center – Russ & John F.
 - Water service break on Wall St. completed.
 - Water main street valves at 54 Balcom Rd., and Wall St. & Secatogue Ave. crossing were buried. Found and repaired, installed new covers – Russ & John F.
 - The new 10 inch check valve for Booster A at Well 2-2 was installed by Merrick Utilities. Fully operational now going into peak pumping season.
 - Caustic tank Manway to be excavated by hand. Repair and replace to take place next week.
 - New hydrant to be installed in front of Palmers this Tuesday.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Other:
 - Uber/Taxi Registrations
 - Landscaping for Grant Ave. and Rose St. cemetery – 3 pots.
 - General discussion on parking meters
 - General discussion on Main Street utility pole burial
 - Status – waiting on NYS DOT and upgrades to Cherry Street
 - Trustee Priestley presented BID District financial information for discussion with the Board regarding current & future activity.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-04-27), to hire Ryan Hunt as a Part Time Parking Meter Attendant at a salary of \$18 per hour.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer