

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, April 25, 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 25, 2022.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Craig Rosasco  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

**Absent:** Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

- Stratford Green, represented by Gina DeBenedittis:
  - Discussion about obtaining pavement markings and a sign for vehicles to not block the eastern entryway on Conklin Street.
  - In addition, there was a discussion about rodent infestation in their area and the surrounding area. Building Inspector DeMarrais did a walk-through with Arrow Exterminating.
  - Neighboring properties will be visited by the Building/Safety Inspector regarding trash.
  - Mayor Ekstrand will contact the Department of Transportation about pavement markings, signs and traffic.
- Fire Department:
  - Billing for ambulance services for residents and non-residents. Chief Buser is continuing to research, Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel will follow up with NYCOM for guidance.
  - The new law regarding ambulance billing will go into effect on July 8.
- Building Department:
  - 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane Repair Shop:
    - Property maintenance summons issued, ongoing
    - Submitted 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. Financial issues are causing the delay. Mayor Ekstrand will check with the property owner.
- 7-11 and Sunoco – coming before the Board of Trustees
- Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
  - Ready for a building permit
- Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed on Cobb Place, summons has been issued. Awaiting disposition through Village Court.
- 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.
- General poster to be placed on properties for public notification, to be done by Island Digital – completed.
- 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. Final proposal from Westar has been received.
- Working with 317 & The Nutty Irishman to handle waste stream. They are adding an additional dumpster.
- Prochamps is now operational.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body (Schmeltzer) has restarted construction.
- The Building Dept. needs to speak with That Meetball Place to get them to turn off the bass in the evening. Superintendent Fellman and Building Inspector DeMarrais have spoken to them.
- The Building Inspector needs to speak to businesses who have music outside other than at approved times – ongoing.

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- Stratford Green rat issues are being addressed with Arrow Exterminating. They have visited the site and will make an ongoing maintenance and baiting proposal.
- Certificate of Completion has been issued for the retaining wall at Black Course Development. Application for one home on the south side of the development has been submitted and is going to the Planning Board.
- 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. Trustee Parisi coordinating with Jason at Savik & Murray.
  - 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 2 weeks.
  - Flower pots prepped for Main Street.
  - Removed signage from poles.
  - 55 Clinton Ave. has been boarded up.
  - DPW computers are now being backed up weekly.
  - Stumps are located at 90 Conklin St., 250 Conklin St. (Citibank), Clinton St.
  - Cleaned up storm debris/tree limbs from the overnight nor'easter April 18-19, minimal damage.
  - Crews have finished all the spring cleanups and landscaping.
  - Regular mowing has begun.
  - Sweeper #2 Ravo was down for a little bit due to a bad fuel float. Part was ordered.
  - Both sweepers are out working together in all zones.
  - Clearing out old concrete/blacktop from Oakdale yard with help from Roadwork Ahead,

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- Went through all the sprinkler systems throughout the Village with John from Heads Up Irrigation.
- Contacted Curtis from RW Truck about the new body for HWY #1.
- Painting the 4 curbs on Conklin Street for the bus stops “yellow”.
- Cleared out the fence line of trees and debris at DPW for the new building.
- Stapleton coming in this Friday for tree removals.
- Removed metal/scrap from the rear of the shop.
- 2003 Chevy Tahoe has been sent off to the scrap yard - \$800.
- Village Hall spraying ongoing every Tuesday and Thursday morning.
- Trying to fix and replace old traffic signs around the Village – bent post, lopsided faded signs.
- Water Department’s Russ Castrogiovanni fixed the men’s FH toilet.
- Shop crew repairing code car #2 – rear flat tire and front faring and replacing brake pads.
- 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.
  - Three million dollars awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul’s budget.
  - 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.

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- Service line leaking on Grant Ave. has been repaired.
- Driveway apron needs to be replaced.
- Code Department:
  - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
  - Additional shifts for Ramadan.
- Other:
  - DPW Garage cost comparisons
  - FBS new court software and hand held devices for parking management.

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

**RESOLVED (#2022-04-27)**, to approve to award contract to Westar Construction Group Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder, for the new DPW building at a total cost of \$1,332,940.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer