

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, June 5, 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, June 5, 2023.

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

Absent: Trustee Walter Priestley

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled
- Discuss noise code
- Discuss non-resident railroad parking permit rates
- Mariano Schwartz – Disabled Veterans donations: Need date and time of event at 317.
- Fire Department:
 - Pole needed for Farmingdale Fire Department stop light north of the firehouse. (Jeff & Kenny are working on this)
 - Parking stickers for the Fire Department: Discuss with FFD leadership
 - Fire Dispatchers – hourly rate increases
 - Continue to work to connect with Firecom
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development final plans are in and are being reviewed by H2M for development at 1 Conklin Street.
 - 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. The issue for installation is between Nassau County and National Grid.

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- LIRR trestles at NY 24 and Merritts Road are being rehabilitated with expected completion by the end of August 2023.
- Eastern Parkway house in court with derelict garage. Permit issued for roof repair. Permit revised to increase the size of the garage.
- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized in front of 4 family houses. A contract was sent to Fairfield for signature.
- Application for 250 Conklin Street office building has been received, hearing was held and is currently on hold.
- Stratford Green needs to revise plantings to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car.
- Noise code review – hearing tonight June 5.
- New ice cream parlor in Palmer’s shopping center needs a Special Use permit for 24 seats. The paperwork has been filed, need to schedule a hearing for July.
- Eagle Scout project for Gergras Park plans has been completed, need mulch and borders – the Village will supply this.
- 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.
 - 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.

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- 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 last week of May and Memorial Day weekend:
- Greetings all, I'd like to start off by thanking Trustee Parisi and the entire Beautification Committee along with the Village DPW staff for all their hard work and dedication to the Village and the downtown area.
- DPW crews have been putting in over 110% to make our Village look top notch. A big thank you to all involved.
- Memorial Day parade & services were a great success! As an ex-Chief of the Farmingdale Fire Department, I was overcome with emotion and great pride marching down our beautiful downtown, seeing both sides of Main Street packed with hometown Dalers and residents from other towns supporting our country and remembering our fallen service members who sacrificed their lives for our great country and make all of this possible for us to live free. I was honored to be a part of it in my home town!
- Fire Department street fair this Saturday, DPW will handle the cleanup.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting was notified about some streetlight outages.
- Stapleton will be in for tree removals and stump grindings the week of the 12th.
- Hanging baskets will be delivered to DPW on June 1st and will be hung up the day after.
- Heads Up came in this past Friday to replace a burnt out clock timer for the waterfalls at Northside Park.
- Need to contact a mortar person to repoint the walls at the Village Green Gazebo and at the waterfall, walls are starting to separate at both locations.
- Speed sign has been out on Melville Road.
- Our landscaper has finished the plantings up at DPW and will start cleaning Rte. 109 this Saturday.
- DPW has the watering truck out every day due to the lack of rain.

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- DPW crews are still out every day doing their regular day-to-day tasks.
- New building is coming together nicely.
- Sweeper #2 is still out getting repaired.
- Kids broke the electrical conduit going into the back of the Village Gazebo, I have a call into Gina Electric to give us a price for repair.
- 5 Corners Park shrubs to be replaced. Plan for DPW Park is in preliminary stage. Need topo for designer.
- Gazebo all needs repointing.
- 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.
 - 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 - completed.
 - 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.

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- Met with Philip Ross Industries to develop Plant 2 treatment. Initial site plan is in working phase. Excavation has begun at Plant 2 site with foundation nearing completion.
- Meeting was held with SCWA.
- From John Falbo – Recent work this past week:
- AOP projects – more progress, samples were taken by H2M. We should get results in about 4 weeks.
- Old CVS building on Main St. (Staller project) – domestic service was turned on with meter installed and programmed for reads.
- Merrick Utilities finished installation of Butterfly Valve outside of well 2-3 (Ground Tank Fill Line). Electric and controls to be installed soon.
- Water flushing was a success on Friday night.
- Peak pumping season has arrived – extra monitoring of wells has arrived with it.
- Usual same daily operations.
- 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.
 - The Board requested a review of nighttime personnel as outdoor dining and open windows have changed with the season.
 - Contacted 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.

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