

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, July 26, 2021
INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held remotely at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2021.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Anthony Addeo
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Steve Fellman
Public Works Superintendent Andrew Fisch

Absent: Trustee Walter Priestley

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

A presentation was given by Grant Havasy of Blue and Gold Holdings and Dr. Holzman on a concept for Dr. Holzman's property at 1 Conklin St. (the intersection of Fulton St. and Conklin St.):

- Mr. Havasy proposed changing the zoning at 1 Conklin St. which is an orphaned location, currently zoned as Office residence and surrounded by BB residential. He would like to change the zoning to BB Residential.
- The proposal is to construct 6 one bedroom and 8 two bedroom units on the property with a building height of 31 feet to the peak (which meets BB Code) and meeting all setback requirements and parking.
- The Board said that the minimum size for the one bedroom apartments needs to be 750 sq. ft. as opposed to the developer proposed 700 sq. ft. The developer indicated that the two bedroom units would be at least 1000 sq. ft. with some at 1200 sq. ft.
- The proposal meets the density requirement for BB zoning and size of parking spaces at 9x18. However, the lot size requirement will need a variance as 31,000 sq. ft. is provided and 40,000 sq. ft. is required.
- Access and egress from the site is being reviewed by H2M as the project fronts on NY 24 so NYS DOT approval is required.
- Renderings of the proposed building were provided.

A presentation was given by Kevin Wood on cameras and parking meters:

- Mr. Wood proposed to provide the Village with two options over the next 4 months to install "metered parking" and security cameras in the Village's Main Street and parking lots.

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- Mr. Wood will provide a contract to Village Attorney DeBellis for review and approval at the August 2 Board Meeting.
- If the Village enters into metered parking it will be free for residents with a Village provided sticker.
- The camera system is proposed to connect to the Nassau County Police Department for increased security in the Village.

SEQRA FOR 5 CORNERS PARK – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-07-21), to accept SEQRA for the 5 Corners Park. Please note that the proposed project is estimated to cost \$125,000: the Village portion will be \$12,500 with the balance to be paid using a grant from Nassau County.

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
 - Two grants have been approved by State Senator Kevin Thomas:
 - \$150,000 grant for the purchase of two gator vehicles (one medical and one with firefighting capability) and a trailer to serve during major Main Street events.
 - \$200,000 grant toward the purchase of a new ambulance.
 - The Fire Department has negotiated a trade-in for the current 2006 ambulance, stripped, for \$25,000 with the proposed vendor of the new ambulance.
- Building Department:
 - Trustee Parisi questioned the FAR of the Staller project.
 - Melville Road sub-division – reviewed by all trustees and no variances are required with the new plans.
 - C&Rs were filed on the 20 Merritts Road project and all agreed they were well done.
 - Robbie Lee property – awaiting transfer to new developer
 - Schmeltzer Auto Body needs to make application for currently constructed wall to the Zoning Board
 - Rocky's and Barton's – nothing new to report

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- 7-11/Sunoco waiting for application
- 23 Hallock Street – Trustee Addeo will follow up to find bank, Village to send Sec/blk/lot to Trustee Addeo.
- Registry as proposed will track zombie housing on behalf of the Village at no or minimal cost to the Village. Village Attorney DeBellis to make recommendations to the Board.
- Post Office needs property maintenance, notify landlord.
- Farmingdale Brewing – Deputy Mayor Barrett requested turning off outside music at 9:05 and they complied.
- The Fire Department reported that 30 Iroquois Place has a basement apartment.
- Highway Department:
 - DPW Garage – Buying cooperative – Village Attorney DeBellis to determine if we can use this method to build DPW Garage.
 - Rte. 109 Islands were cleaned and trimmed.
 - Field 2 tree beds need attention
 - Trellis for Moby Way – Trustee Parisi
 - 81-83 Duane Street need tree trimming.
- Water Department
 - Dealing with Nassau County Police and Motorola regarding emergency management mounting on new water tower.
- Code Department
 - Bruce Watson is retiring

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

RESOLVED (#2022-07-22), to hire Bryan Gosline as a Parking Meter Attendant at an hourly rate of \$18.00.

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- Legal:
 - Marijuana Law proposed by Village Counsel
 - Parking Lot 8 agreement with MTA nearing renewal.
 - Black Course Development has requested a reduction in payments to park fund based on land acquisition cost. Need to see TP 584 indicating land value at closing.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-07-23), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-07-24), to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer