

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, August 7, 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, August 7, 2023.

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

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled
- Meter rates and times – 50 cents per hour, Monday – Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Rental fee - \$300 for a two year permit. Public Assembly annual fee - \$200. All fees agreed to by the Board of Trustees.
- Fire Department:
 - Need information on SCM texting fees.
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development final plans are in and a review was completed by H2M for development at 1 Conklin Street. Demo permit and building permit have been issued.
 - 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 nearing completion.
 - 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, checking on status as construction has not started.

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- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway under review in front of and behind 4 family houses.
- Application for 250 Conklin Street office building has been received, hearing was held and is currently on hold. Property owner may come in to the August 21, 2023 work session with a new concept for the site.
- New ice cream parlor in Palmer's shopping center needs a Special Use permit for 24 seats. The paperwork has been filed, scheduled hearing for August 7th.
- Paver issue on Cherry Street residence nearing resolution.
- Both Sterling Green and Robby Lee projects are proceeding. No issues with either project.
- The parking lot at CVS will be repaved in September.
- Building Inspector Tom Reddy has organized all new rental inspections and inspections of public assembly locations in compliance with the new rental local law.
- There is a possible application for a 2 lot subdivision on Staples Street. Fees need to be set by the Board. A parkland fee of \$10,000 will be required.
- The new CDB retail store has inappropriate lighting in the storefront.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - The new DPW garage is 95% complete: electrical, plumbing and insulation remain. New fence, increase in wall and plantings installed on south property lines 95% completed.
 - Main St. pole removal project Phase 1 complete. NY24 crossing – permit received and work completed. All property owners signed 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 – removal on hold.
 - Received preliminary plan for new DPW park.

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- Village Green Gazebo brick wall needs repointing.
- Parking meters are being installed.
- The Board requested that the new landscaper weed and mulch certain locations, and that deep root fertilizing for all parking lot trees and trimming of dead branches in all parking lots be accomplished in the near term.
- Resolution to pave Hampshire Drive, Division Street and Secatogue Avenue from Eastern Parkway to the LIRR tracks for \$107,000 was added to the public meeting.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for past 2 weeks:
- I just want to thank everyone for their cooperation and a big shout out to DPW/CODE for always being available and assisting with all the downtown events to make them a great success!
- Music on Main has been a success.
- The last Pops concert was on 8/2, thanks to Brad DeMilo and to all others involved.
- DPW has been taking care of the landscaping of vacant properties.
- Sweeper #2 is back in service after being repaired.
- Crews have been out filling potholes.
- New code cards have been inventoried with DPW fleet crews and waiting to get outfitted, possibly in 2 weeks.
- Town of Oyster Bay has been installing the new parking meters.
- Town of Oyster Bay has been in repairing street lights.
- Castro Landscaping was in to clean Route 109.
- DPW crews have been weeding the lots. Currently working in the north railroad lot.
- DPW building is 95% done.
- DPW crews are still out keeping our flowers vibrant in the downtown and surrounding areas.
- Stapleton will be in when he gets back from vacation next week.
- Thanks to Trustee Parisi and the Village Board for the new ice cream cooler.

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- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues 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. Two are completed and one is partially done. They will all finish by the time the tank is scheduled to come down in September.
 - AOP installation by Philip Ross is complete and testing to meet health department requirements is complete. SCADA system design for this new system is underway by Philip Ross Industries coordinating with Bob Holzmacher.
 - \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be applied for in the near term as paperwork is coming from PRI to make application for reimbursement funding. Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel to follow up with PWGC for reimbursement.
 - A meeting was held with PRI to get an update on Plant 1 & Plant 2. Construction underway by PRI at Plant 2 location with GAC building excavation, foundation and installation of GAC tanks completed. Pipe installation to connect into the system is near completion with cut ins to main trunk lines to be done just after peak pumping season.
 - A new WIIA grant application has been submitted to the State by PWGC.
 - PWGC following up on required testing to secure funding from legal settlement.
 - The Village is investigating waivers from the NYSDOH relating to contaminants.
 - SCADA system is being designed and implemented by PRI in conjunction with Bob Holzmacher and VOF Staff.
 - The Board requested water billing for July including total gallons consumed and revenue.
 - From John Falbo – Recent work over the past few weeks:
 - Maintenance and review work and reporting to D.E.C., work completed for our Caustic storage tank reports.

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- As we know it is a changing world with new regulations, new rules and new faces implementing these rules. We are keeping up with the times and reporting what is now required of us.
- Steady AOP work at Well 1-3 (Eastern Parkway). Building structure around peroxide tank, all chemical injectors are completed.
- We had water service breaks on Cherry St. and Iroquois Pl. We needed assistance from Merrick Utilities with both, due to multiple projects having to be monitored and lack of man power. The Highway Department is just as busy as we are. But we still got it done!
- Assisted with water billing manual reads for this quarter.
- There were a lot of recalls from our SCADA alarm system in the last 2 weeks, communication failures which brought Russ and myself to work during overnight multiple times to be sure everything was okay. And as usual, everything was okay.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and day shift on Sunday until 7:00 p.m.
 - Noise issues regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels to be enforced with Notice of Violation and then summons if needed.
 - Whiskey Down and Burgerology need to agree on DJ as it is too loud during Music on Main.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023, after pole removal project is completed.
- Village Administrator Harty to follow up with Sam Glass about on street paid parking on Division Street.
- Farmingdale Green Dogs requested a space on Main Street during Music on Main to fundraise for a trip to Cooperstown.

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