In the Matter Of:

VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION

January 19, 2021



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4	WORK SESSION
5	THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE
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7	REMOTE ZOOM MEETING
8	January 19, 2021
9	7:00 p.m.
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12	Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
13	Pandemic and recent Executive Orders issued
14	by the Governor, the Village of Farmingdale,
15	Board of Trustees Work Session was held
16	electronically via Zoom Webinar.
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2	APPEARANCES:
3	RALPH EKSTRAND, Mayor
4	WILLIAM BARRETT, Deputy Mayor
5	ANTHONY ADDEO, Trustee
6	CHERYL PARISI, Trustee
7	WALTER PRIESTLEY, Trustee
8	BRIAN HARTY, Village Administrator
9	BARBARA KELLY, Deputy Village Clerk
10	CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ., Village Attorney
11	ALSO PRESENT:
12	STEPHEN FELLMAN, Village Building Superintendent
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- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Welcome,
- 3 everyone, to the Farmingdale Board of
- 4 Trustees work session, Tuesday,
- 5 January 19th.
- 6 As we start off every meeting with
- 7 the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of
- 8 silence afterwards. So, if everybody
- 9 could put their hand over their heart and
- 10 recite the Pledge of Allegiance with
- 11 myself.
- 12 (WHEREUPON, the Pledge of
- 13 Allegiance was recited by the Board
- 14 members present, after which the following
- 15 transpired:)
- 16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: And a moment
- 17 of silence, please, for all our first
- 18 responders, the National Guards, that is
- 19 called to our Capitol, and all our
- 20 military defending freedom throughout the
- 21 globe.
- 22 (WHEREUPON, a moment of silence was
- observed by the Board members present.)
- 24 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.
- 25 First thing on the agenda is we

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 have a resolution to authorize Village
- 3 Clerk, Brian Harty, to sign and submit the
- 4 standard workday and reporting resolution
- 5 for Village Justice, Sal Nicosia.
- 6 Motion to approve?
- 7 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: So
- 8 moved.
- 9 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I'll
- 10 second.
- 11 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
- 12 second it.
- 13 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All in
- 14 favor?
- 15 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
- 16 affirmative vote of the Board members
- 17 present.)
- 18 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.
- 19 Review budget adjustments for
- 20 resolution on 2/1/21. That sounds odd.
- 21 BARBARA KELLY: Well, yeah. It
- 22 doesn't need to be voted on an off
- 23 meeting. I just gave them to everybody so
- 24 that if you have any questions, you need
- 25 any explanations, that we do it on a work

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 session as opposed to during the meeting
- 3 with more attendees. So it's more for
- 4 that purpose.
- 5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I gotcha.
- 6 It was in the packet.
- 7 Does anybody have any questions on
- 8 it before moving on?
- 9 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 10 Yeah, well, I think we gotta put some
- 11 brakes on our spending. You know, based
- 12 upon what's happening, and Barbara's given
- 13 us details on what's going on in the
- 14 expenditure line, but I think we also know
- 15 what's going for the lack of revenue in
- 16 the revenue line in two spots. I think
- 17 we've got to put the brakes on and hold up
- 18 a little bit on stuff that we're doing. I
- 19 think with these budget adjustments, plus
- 20 what was appropriated in general funds, we
- 21 kind of used up last year's half a million
- 22 dollar increase in the fund balance and
- 23 this is -- just gotta catch our breath a
- 24 little bit and see what's going on.
- 25 I assume railroad parking tickets

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 -- not railroad -- railroad parking for
- 3 the City, I assume that's way down and we
- 4 know --
- 5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Bill, you're
- 6 a hundred -- I passed -- everyday I pass
- 7 the railroad station, it's about 30
- 8 percent full.
- 9 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 10 Yeah. But I think we gotta -- cut in our
- 11 belts here a little bit and ride this out.
- 12 No more extra stuff.
- 13 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: Agreed.
- 14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yeah. So
- 15 noted.
- 16 Any other comments?
- 17 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
- 18 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
- 19 Resolution to clarify the adopted water
- 20 rate increase approved on 1/4/21, for
- 21 water conservation from --
- 22 BARBARA KELLY: Water consumption.
- 23 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Water
- 24 consumption. No, that's me.
- 25 1/16/21 forward reflecting water

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 bills beginning instead with the May, 2021
- 3 invoice. We're just making it crystal
- 4 clear, we're going to start with the May,
- 5 2021 invoice.
- 6 Motion to approve?
- 7 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: I'll
- 8 make that motion.
- 9 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Second?
- 10 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
- 11 second it.
- 12 TRUSTEE ANHTONY ADDEO: I'll second
- 13 it.
- 14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Not all at
- 15 once.
- 16 BARBARA KELLY: Walter won.
- 17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All in
- 18 favor?
- 19 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
- 20 affirmative vote of the Board members
- 21 present.)
- 22 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.
- 23 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Could I
- 24 just ask one question now about this?
- 25 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Sure.

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: So when do
- 3 we start counting towards the 250,000
- 4 gallons? Right now they have to be --
- 5 after this invoice?
- 6 BARBARA KELLY: No, the 250,000 is
- 7 over a year's consumption.
- 8 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I
- 9 understand that. But do we start counting
- 10 the year's consumption?
- 11 BARBARA KELLY: We start it with
- 12 the July invoice. It's actually a year --
- 13 a -- it's all within the fiscal year, so
- 14 it's -- April --
- 15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: It's the --
- 16 it's --
- 17 BARBARA KELLY: (Continuing) --
- 18 15th.
- 19 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: So we've
- 20 already gone through six --
- 21 BARBARA KELLY: (Interjecting) Or
- 22 16th.
- 23 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: So we've
- 24 already gone through six months of people
- 25 using water.

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- BARBARA KELLY: Yes, based -- so --
- 3 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yeah.
- 4 BARBARA KELLY: Okay. Yes.
- 5 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I'm just
- 6 asking.
- 7 BARBARA KELLY: Yes, that's the --
- 8 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.
- 9 BARBARA KELLY: The question is
- 10 with the conservation rates?
- 11 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yes.
- 12 BARBARA KELLY: The conservation
- 13 rates would be effective this April for a
- 14 consumption from April 16th of 2020
- 15 through April 15th of 2021.
- 16 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Right. So
- 17 they only have a couple of months to
- 18 conserve if they don't -- oh, no, we won't
- 19 hit them with an increase until May;
- 20 right? Yeah, they only have a few
- 21 months --
- 22 BARBARA KELLY: It's in the May
- 23 bill.
- 24 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Right.
- 25 They only have a few months --

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 BARBARA KELLY: It would be in the
- 3 May bill.
- 4 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI:
- 5 (Continuing) to conserve.
- 6 And anything over 250,000 gallons
- 7 is a dollar ninety --
- 8 BARBARA KELLY: Additional,
- 9 correct.
- 10 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.
- 11 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: On
- 12 the amount over 250.
- 13 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Right.
- 14 BARBARA KELLY: Correct.
- 15 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: I
- 16 think it's 62 homes, I believe.
- 17 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Right.
- 18 Okay. Per thousand gallons; correct?
- 19 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 20 Right.
- 21 BARBARA KELLY: Yes.
- 22 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yes.
- 23 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
- 24 Anything else before moving on?
- 25 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: No. Thank

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 you.
- 3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. We
- 4 have a request to approve, for a Marisa
- 5 Tully, the use of the gazebo for a wedding
- 6 ceremony on Saturday, February 13, 2021,
- 7 from 11:30 to approximately 2:30 p.m.
- 8 There will be approximately 20 to 25
- 9 people attending.
- I have spoken to her. I explained
- 11 to her all the rules and I also explained
- 12 to her the -- this could change at any
- 13 time, pending Governor Cuomo -- Governor
- 14 Cuomo's Executive Order. And she
- 15 understands.
- 16 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: She
- 17 understands.
- 18 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: I
- 19 make that motion, Mayor.
- 20 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
- 21 second it.
- 22 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I'll second
- 23 it.
- 24 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All in
- 25 favor?

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
- 3 affirmative vote of the Board members
- 4 present.)
- 5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
- 6 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Is Marisa getting
- 7 married? Who's getting married?
- 8 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: No, her
- 9 daughter.
- 10 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Oh.
- 11 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: No, it's the
- 12 daughter.
- 13 STEPHEN FELLMAN: I was gonna have
- 14 a lot of cheap shots there for a second.
- 15 Okay, nevermind.
- 16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Resolution
- 17 to approve a request from Erik Murray for
- 18 the use of the gazebo for a wedding
- 19 ceremony on Wednesday, February 17, 2021,
- 20 from 3:00 to 5:00. There will be
- 21 approximately 15 to 20 people attending.
- 22 Again, he knows all the rules. He
- 23 knows masks, social distancing, and this
- 24 one the Mayor will be officiating the
- 25 ceremony. So I told him it's got to be --

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 you gotta bring everything up to snuff and
- 3 he also understands that it could be
- 4 changed by Governor Cuomo at any point in
- 5 time.
- 6 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay, so
- 7 moved.
- 8 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
- 9 second it.
- 10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All in
- 11 favor?
- 12 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
- 13 affirmative vote of the Board members
- 14 present.)
- 15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.
- 16 Fire Department.
- 17 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Before we
- 18 go to the Fire Department, do we want to
- 19 do the resolution for the environmental
- 20 bond?
- 21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Oh, yes.
- 22 Cheryl, thank you.
- 23 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.
- 24 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I don't have
- 25 it in front of me. In fact, it's next to

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 my computer at work.
- 3 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: All right,
- 4 so --
- 5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I -- go
- 6 ahead.
- 7 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: So I have a
- 8 resolution to sign the amended 2006
- 9 environmental bond that transfers the
- 10 money from the pocket park at Secatogue
- 11 and Front Street to Five Corners
- 12 redevelopment. The Village is responsible
- 13 for 12,500 and Nassau County to pay one
- 14 thousand -- one thousand one hundred
- 15 thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars
- 16 for a total of a hundred fifty thousand
- 17 dollars.
- 18 BARBARA KELLY: Would you email
- 19 that information to me so I can get it in
- 20 the minutes?
- 21 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Sure.
- 22 BARBARA KELLY: Cheryl, thank you
- 23 so much.
- 24 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yup.
- 25 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: I'll

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 make the motion.
- 3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Second the
- 4 motion, Bill? Oh, okay, I thought --
- 5 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
- 6 second it.
- 7 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
- 8 -- but that's okay.
- 9 All right. All in favor?
- 10 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
- 11 affirmative vote of the Board members
- 12 present.)
- 13 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: And that was
- 14 unanimous.
- We're moving right along.
- 16 The Fire Department: I have some
- 17 good news.
- 18 Bill, I don't know if you got a
- 19 chance to read East End Financial Report,
- 20 but we made just under 12 percent on our
- 21 LOSOP investments, which is not a bad
- 22 thing. So we're doing okay and, you know,
- 23 rolling right along.
- 24 I didn't get anything from the
- 25 Chief.

1	WORK SESSION - 1-19-21
2	Brian, did you hear anything from
3	any of the chiefs?
4	BRIAN HARTY: No, I have not.
5	MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
6	Building Department: That's you, Stevie.
7	(WHEREUPON, no response was heard.
8	MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Unmute.
9	STEPHEN FELLMAN: Sorry about that.
10	Very good news: 37 Potter Street
11	and we worked out the ability to give them
12	a building permit. That's important in a
13	lot of directions.
14	First of all, they're our biggest
15	water users. So that will be very good on the
16	bottom line of the water company. Their water
17	turned out to be somebody that I know quite well
18	from Lake Success. They've given us a letter
19	indicating they understand they have to work out the
20	fire sprinkler system with the Nassau County Fire
21	Marshal. That's what's been holding this up as they
22	have designed a fireproof building which, under New
23	York State Code, would not require a fire sprinkler
24	system. Of course, the Nassau County Fire Marshal
25	has their own code. And no matter what it is, you

1	WORK SESSION - 1-19-21
2	gotta put a fire sprinkler system up. It could be,
3	you know and but they have they have an
4	appeal process that they're going to go through.
5	There are architects involved. He's gotten similar
6	waivers in the past. But they understand, at the
7	end of the day, if the fire marshal says you have to
8	put it in, they've agreed they have to do that. So
9	we're getting ready not only for the big water user,
10	but it's also a nice building (inaudible)
11	approximately \$24,000 to the Village for that
12	building permit to use by itself. That's very good
13	news. And we got a letter assuring us from their
14	attorney. So the Village has been covered and they
15	acknowledge their requirement with Nassau County.
16	In addition to that, 20 Merritts
17	Road is kinda moving forward in a sideways
18	kinda way.
19	TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yeah, it
20	looks a little busy over there.
21	STEPHEN FELLMAN: A little bit
22	busy. They're putting on a show. They
23	have made some progress. They put some
24	sod down. They have got more block. We
25	raised the retaining wall on the north

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 property line. We've added the second
- 3 tier, although they got a little bit more
- 4 they have to add on the end of that. They
- 5 have to add (inaudible) as according to
- 6 the H2M review of the plans, but it's
- 7 getting there.
- 8 In terms of that, we hired the
- 9 Village arborist, Jolly Green, to review
- 10 the trees that we were afraid may or may
- 11 not have been compromised with the roof
- 12 system along the north property line. We
- 13 will be submitting a report as to its
- 14 findings of that. If he finds that any of
- 15 those trees -- the roots have been
- 16 compromised, it will be the obligation of
- 17 the developer to take them down. If not,
- 18 they'll stay. They'll be fine if that's
- 19 what they determine. So that's kinda
- 20 moving along.
- 21 The sod is amazing. It kinda looks
- 22 finished all of a sudden. There's still
- 23 quite a bit to do. We still have to add
- 24 fencing and a guardrail and a little more
- 25 retaining wall, but it's creeping ever

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 forward.
- 3 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: And the
- 4 insides of these homes?
- 5 STEPHEN FELLMAN: They're close to
- 6 done. They're probably 95 percent, I
- 7 think.
- 8 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.
- 9 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Of those few --
- 10 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Are they
- 11 sold?
- 12 STEPHEN FELLMAN: We've been told
- 13 that four of them have been sold or in
- 14 contract --
- 15 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.
- 16 STEPHEN FELLMAN: (Continuing) --
- 17 from the developer, so we -- we assume
- 18 that's correct. Like I said, it's
- 19 motivating him to move forward so that's
- 20 all kinda looking -- looking good,
- 21 actually.
- 22 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yes, it
- 23 sounds promising.
- 24 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: Did they
- 25 get their gas connected? Is there gas

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 connected, Steve?
- 3 STEPHEN FELLMAN: That, I don't
- 4 know if I know. All the mains have been
- 5 run for all the utilities. Whether or not
- 6 they're hooked up -- I don't know -- I
- 7 mean each house -- interesting, because
- 8 they'd have to -- they'd probably just
- 9 bring it to a meter situation. Each
- 10 homeowner would have to take out a
- 11 contract with the gas company. So I can
- 12 look into that a little bit more.
- 13 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: It's
- 14 really not necessary.
- 15 STEPHEN FELLMAN: We're still
- 16 focusing on like getting retaining walls
- 17 and dirt right now, so... But it's
- 18 getting there.
- 19 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Good.
- 20 STEPHEN FELLMAN: The Robbie Lee --
- 21 I called him. He's in Montana to see a
- 22 friend of his; apparently he died and he's
- 23 in Montana. Kind of very upset.
- 24 He said he fired the original steel
- 25 company. He's got a new steel company.

1	WORK SESSION - 1-19-21
2	He's waiting for the steel to be
3	manufactured. That's what he told me.
4	And the last thing would be the towing
5	company. I guess we'll make an
6	application before you regarding the
7	fencing and the wall, enclosing the
8	perimeter of the property, but, again,
9	they kinda been very slow of late.
10	And that's about what I got.
11	MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Stevie, two
12	questions. They're both connected.
13	The two restaurants we approved and
14	the one brewing company we approved, have they made
15	any progress in building, alterations, or permits or
16	anything to you know, I know this is a bad time
17	to try to open up any type of a business let alone
18	restaurants and breweries, but I just wondered if
19	they had any contact with the Village. I haven't
20	seen anything going on at the places.
21	STEPHEN FELLMAN: They've been very
22	quiet. We have issued permits for all
23	them and it's been very quiet. I think
24	part of the problem is once they start
25	construction, their leases, their

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 agreements probably kick in so they're
- 3 trying to drag that out as long as they
- 4 can because they have to start making
- 5 payments to the landlords. Because we
- 6 have landlords calling us going, did you
- 7 issue the permits? So there's a little
- 8 cat and mouse going on there with when
- 9 they want to get the work done, thinking
- 10 they can open, actually put people in the
- 11 restaurants. Of course, in the middle of
- 12 the winter, when you can't have people
- 13 outside, probably not the best time.
- 14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: No. And
- 15 when you have a governor who can turn
- 16 around and change it from 50 to 25 percent
- 17 at the turn of a hat, they couldn't open
- 18 without losing money.
- 19 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Correct.
- 20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Any other
- 21 questions for Stevie?
- 22 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
- 23 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
- 24 Brian, the next one is Highway Department.
- 25 I don't have anything on my agenda for

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 Highway.
- BRIAN HARTY: Well, just to report
- 4 that the trees at the Village Green are
- 5 down, as you well know, and that they
- 6 continue to do their routine work around
- 7 the Village. So like Main Street and
- 8 cleaning the lots and so on. I think
- 9 they're fine with that.
- 10 We completed the survey of all the
- 11 drains in the Village as well. Something
- 12 that had never been done and they found a
- 13 number of more drains in the Village than
- 14 we had on our plan, so we have a more
- 15 comprehensive view now of the drains.
- 16 And, by and large, the drain system is in
- 17 very good condition. There's only a
- 18 couple of drains that need repair. So
- 19 we'll do, as time permits and money
- 20 permits, going forward, some time in the
- 21 Spring.
- 22 They continue to work with Oyster
- 23 Bay on lighting. And Oyster Bay is coming
- 24 in next week. They're looking at some
- 25 tree removal. I'll have to take a look at

1	WORK SESSION - 1-19-21
2	the budget and see how much money is left
3	in that, tomorrow, Barbara. There's about
4	a dozen trees in the Village that need to
5	come down and a bunch of stumps that need
6	to get ground. So we'll take a look at
7	that from a financial standpoint and make
8	sure the belt gets tightened on that, too.
9	There's a couple of things that
10	really need to get done that we've committed to at
11	this point. So we'll come back to you next week
12	with a proposal. Okay? From the Highway
13	Department.
14	And that's about it.
15	MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
16	Water, water everywhere. Any
17	BRIAN HARTY: Water, water
18	everywhere and the bid is the bid is
19	now going to be advertised. So the bid is
20	now going out. It should be posted in
21	this week's Observer. It'll go online as
22	well and that's where our other normal
23	channels that we established are
24	established. So that will be should be
25	getting a response back in February. I

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 think the return date on it is
- 3 February 17th. So we'll have that in time
- 4 to -- for Dvirka Bartilucci -- to analyze
- 5 the bids. Hopefully, we get more than
- 6 one. And then they'll make a
- 7 recommendation for award at the March
- 8 meeting. That's the biggest news we have
- 9 in the Water Department. Otherwise,
- 10 routine. Everything seems to be working
- 11 fine. We don't have any issues that I'm
- 12 aware of out there right now. So
- 13 everything is moving along.
- 14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All right.
- 15 Great.
- 16 Code.
- 17 BRIAN HARTY: Code is still on a
- 18 reduced status. We used to have a number
- 19 of people because of the issues -- as you
- 20 pointed out earlier -- we don't have as
- 21 many issues at he train station like we
- 22 did. So we have people on limited time
- 23 during the day, during the week.
- 24 There are a couple of other things
- 25 I wanted to report out on.

1	WORK SESSION - 1-19-21
2	National Grid is putting in a
3	two-inch gas main on Bethpage Road and they're going
4	to wrap it around on Main Street, go down to
5	Melville Road. So that's in the works and they'll
6	be doing that this week with Asplundh, their
7	subcontractor. Andy saw them up there and I went up
8	and talked to them today and find out what they're
9	going to do as far as repair to the road because
10	Main Street has just been repaved within the last
11	couple of years. So I'm going to talk to the
12	National Grid people about it. Of course, Main
13	Street is a County road, so as you well know.
14	MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: So is
15	Bethpage
16	TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I was going
17	to say Bethpage Road, too.
18	BRIAN HARTY: Bethpage is, too. So
19	we have to talk to them about what they
20	want to do as far as the reconstruction of
21	the road and what Grid's idea is going to
22	be. I mean we were successful in getting
23	money out of them for doing the work in
24	the other streets Duane and so on down
25	there. Whether or not they'd be amenable

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 to this on -- particularly on Main Street.
- 3 And, or course, Bethpage Road needs to be
- 4 repayed anyway. I mean it really could
- 5 use it. But Main Street, I had to see
- 6 that -- that with a big patch in it going
- 7 from north side School all the way down to
- 8 Melville Road, it would look pretty bad.
- 9 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 10 Brian, maybe we can repave this to April;
- 11 right?
- 12 BRIAN HARTY: Well, (inaudible)
- 13 typically open up in mid-March, depending
- on the weather. You know, it could happen
- 15 in the Spring. It could happen in the
- 16 Spring.
- 17 STEPHEN FELLMAN: I wouldn't rule
- 18 it out. We're paying all over the place.
- 19 They kept the plants open. I mean we're
- 20 getting stuff paved everywhere.
- 21 (inaudible) snow Saturday. But it's
- 22 pretty mild until now.
- 23 BRIAN HARTY: It has been mild,
- 24 there's no question about that. Are the
- 25 plants still open? They're still open,

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- 2 evidently, you're saying? I guess they
- 3 never shut down.
- 4 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Yeah, I think
- 5 they're opening as needed, but they've
- 6 learned to -- you know, like everything
- 7 else, they realized they don't have to
- 8 shut down for the whole winter. We don't
- 9 get that cold. We get --
- 10 BRIAN HARTY: Well, the patch will
- 11 be -- we're only a couple of months away
- 12 from it. Let's face it. I mean by the
- 13 time this is done, at the end of the week,
- 14 we're pushing the -- you know mid to the
- 15 end of January, then we're looking at two
- 16 months to get into April so -- February,
- 17 March will be gone before you know it. So
- 18 if we wait until the warm weather, we know
- 19 we got a good job but we have to get an
- 20 agreement where they're going to be able
- 21 to pave -- pave half the road let's say
- 22 rather than the entire road, but just --
- 23 rather than just having us patch down the
- 24 middle of Main Street which would look
- 25 pretty bad.

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- 2 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 3 Yeah, for sure.
- 4 BRIAN HARTY: By the way, I did
- 5 want to report out to you -- I talked to
- 6 National Grid about the intersection at
- 7 Main and Conklin and that intersection is
- 8 going to be -- you could tell -- when you
- 9 go there, you'll see there's a lot of
- 10 things that are marked out. We were
- 11 supposed to do a walk through with the
- 12 contractor to do all the repair work up in
- 13 that area as you had asked me about some
- 14 time ago, and I looked at the curbing and
- 15 curbing that was left -- if it was
- 16 powerwashed -- both Jeff and I felt that
- 17 if it was powerwashed it would look pretty
- 18 good but the -- in the street itself
- 19 there's a lot of bumpy parts of it and
- 20 that's because of the National Grid job
- 21 that was done. So they're going to be --
- 22 they were supposed to do a walk through a
- 23 week ago last Friday, but that got
- 24 canceled and I haven't heard back from
- 25 them, but I will call them -- call the

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 engineers running the job because they
- 3 said when they reschedule the walk
- 4 through, before they do the work, they'll
- 5 let me know, but they haven't done that
- 6 yet.
- 7 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 8 Good. Thank you, Brian.
- 9 BRIAN HARTY: You're welcome. But
- 10 as soon as we know, we'll let you know.
- 11 Okay?
- 12 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 13 Thank you.
- 14 BRIAN HARTY: But it'll be much
- 15 improved over what it is. No question
- 16 about that. And I'm going to ask them to
- 17 seal coat it which -- color-wise -- if
- 18 they only do patches in that area rather
- 19 than do the entire area. They only do
- 20 patches, they will seal coat it and then
- 21 to re-stripe it. I think it'll bring it
- 22 up to a different level at that point.
- 23 But if the patches are done correctly, and
- 24 right now these are temporaries that are
- 25 in there over the work that they had done.

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 So once the patches are done correctly I
- 3 think it'll even it out pretty well.
- 4 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 5 Okay, I hope so.
- 6 BRIAN HARTY: It will be much
- 7 better than what it is.
- 8 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: While we're
- 9 on the subject of roads, Brian, so
- 10 everybody knows about the -- I told you,
- 11 you got the letter from Senator Thomas
- 12 explaining that he is having the engineers
- 13 at the DOT decide what to do with the job
- 14 that (inaudible) says was not up to snuff
- 15 on 109 and will report back to me as soon
- 16 as they send him their report.
- 17 BRIAN HARTY: Okay, great.
- 18 We got a letter in -- I sent a
- 19 letter to the DOT about Cherry Street and
- 20 they're going to install no stopping any
- 21 time signs. They're going to be installed
- 22 to create sight distance from the
- 23 southeast corner of Route 24 and Cherry.
- 24 So that work is going to be completed by a
- 25 maintenance group as soon as their work

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 schedules permit. We just got that letter
- 3 recently. I was away last week. We got
- 4 it mid-week last week. Okay, so that's --
- 5 we're going to have (inaudible) signage
- 6 down there from the State.
- 7 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: That'll keep
- 8 the viewpoints from going in and out of
- 9 Cherry Street, especially during services.
- 10 Sometimes it's really hard to see, and
- 11 when those trucks park there it's
- 12 virtually impossible to see. You have to
- 13 edge out.
- 14 BRIAN HARTY: Yeah, so, hopefully,
- 15 it helps. But they were responsive on
- 16 that. They did respond to the letter.
- 17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you,
- 18 Brian.
- 19 BRIAN HARTY: Okay.
- 20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Anything --
- 21 I know Bill has some things.
- 22 Anybody got anything else to bring
- 23 up?
- 24 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I just have
- 25 a couple of little things.

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- 2 I'm meeting with Laurie (phonetic),
- 3 the landscape architect on Thursday
- 4 morning just to look at Village Green.
- 5 She did a layout like 16 years ago. So
- 6 maybe we'll see what that looks like and
- 7 maybe just do some updating or something
- 8 now that we've taken down the trees, just
- 9 to give us some idea of maybe what we
- 10 could do.
- And I'm just curious, what do we
- 12 think of taking the lights out of the
- 13 trees, at the end of March, beginning of
- 14 April? We've had them in there like maybe
- 15 now for like five years. I was just
- 16 thinking maybe if we took them out and
- 17 then we put them back next year, people
- 18 would be like "Oh, how nice that is." But
- 19 I don't know. What does everybody think?
- 20 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: How
- 21 much does it cost? It cost a lot to put
- 22 them in.
- 23 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: It doesn't
- 24 cost anything to take them out. That's
- 25 part of the deal.

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- MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Oh, okay.
- 3 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: It cost
- 4 \$800 to put the lights in, but it doesn't
- 5 cost anything to take them down.
- 6 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 7 Yeah, 800 per tree.
- 8 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: And they
- 9 put all new lights when they come back.
- 10 TRUSTEE ANHTONY ADDEO: Eight
- 11 hundred per tree?
- 12 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yeah.
- 13 BRIAN HARTY: Yeah.
- 14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: You want to
- 15 open up your own light string --
- 16 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: I
- 17 kinda like the lights.
- 18 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
- 19 -- business, Anthony?
- 20 TRUSTEE ANHTONY ADDEO: Wow.
- 21 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: You can
- 22 think about it. Let me know. If you like
- 23 them, keep them up, we'll keep them up.
- 24 It's all good.
- 25 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: It gives

- 1 WORK SESSION 1-19-21
- 2 a festive look to the Village year 'round.
- 3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: You know
- 4 what, Cheryl? I have a board meeting with
- 5 the Chamber on Thursday, let me find out
- 6 what our Main Street merchants think --
- 7 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.
- 8 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
- 9 -- and get their input.
- 10 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Very good.
- 11 Sounds good to me.
- 12 TRUSTEE ANHTONY ADDEO: I just have
- one thing. 52 Clinton Street, off Staples
- 14 Street, I've walked past it a number of
- 15 times. There, on the left-hand side of
- 16 the home, there's some abandoned
- 17 furniture. And for about a week on the
- 18 right-hand side of the home, there's a
- 19 refrigerator-freezer which is abandoned,
- 20 and the doors are still on the
- 21 refrigerator-freezer. Becoming quite an
- 22 eyesore.
- 23 BRIAN HARTY: It is on the
- 24 property, Anthony? Or is out by the
- 25 street?

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- 2 TRUSTEE ANHTONY ADDEO: No, it's on
- 3 the property, on both corners of the home.
- 4 BRIAN HARTY: Okay. Well, Steve,
- 5 we can take a look at that tomorrow.
- 6 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Yeah, we'll take
- 7 a look at that. I just wrote it down.
- BRIAN HARTY: Thanks, Steve.
- 9 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 10 Yeah, Mayor, I got a point. I have a -- a
- 11 grand marshal that is waiting to march
- 12 down for St. Patty's Day and he realizes
- 13 that that may not happen this year, but in
- 14 that fashion, he'd like to be the grand
- 15 marshal every year until he can march down
- 16 there.
- 17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well, how
- 18 about the grand marshal for next St.
- 19 Patty's Day Parade?
- 20 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 21 Okay.
- 22 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Now,
- 23 truthfully, with the -- everybody sees the
- 24 number going around. I can't possibly
- 25 believe in six or seven weeks --

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- 2 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: God, no.
- 3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
- 4 -- we could have a St. Patty's Day Parade.
- 5 But I'd like to hope that we could do St.
- 6 Patty's Day Parade September 17th.
- 7 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: What is
- 8 that, halfway to the next one?
- 9 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes.
- 10 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.
- 11 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: You know,
- 12 that's something to think about.
- 13 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: It might
- 14 work.
- 15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: We've got
- 16 plenty of time, but September 17th,
- 17 certainly seems doable. You know, we're
- 18 -- it's not official yet, but it would be
- 19 virtually impossible to have a St. Patty's
- 20 Day Parade this year.
- 21 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
- 22 Agreed.
- 23 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Oh, yeah,
- 24 way too soon. We won't have enough
- 25 vaccine to give to people. No.

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- 2 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: We
- 3 should cancel it in February, I think,
- 4 Mayor.
- 5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Why don't we
- 6 cancel -- you know what? Barbara, if you
- 7 could put it, or Brian put it on the
- 8 agenda for the February meeting that, you
- 9 know -- February 1st, I think it is.
- 10 We'll announce that we're not doing the
- 11 St. Patty's Day Parade again this year.
- 12 All right, anything else to add
- 13 before we go into exec?
- 14 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
- 15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
- 16 Barbara, I know you could use a little
- 17 respite, so I don't believe we need you in
- 18 exec.
- 19 BARBARA KELLY: Thank you.
- 20 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: And I did
- 21 send you an email with the --
- 22 BARBARA KELLY: Thank you.
- 23 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI:
- 24 (Continuing) -- resolution in it. Yup.
- 25 BARBARA KELLY: Perfect. Thank

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2	you.		
3	TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: You're		
4	welcome.		
5	MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: So, do I		
6	hear a resolution to go into exec?		
7	TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: So moved.		
8	MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Motion.		
9	TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll		
10	second it.		
11	MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All in		
12	favor?		
13	(WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,		
14	affirmative vote of the Board members		
15	present.)		
16	MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay,		
17	Accurate Reporting		
18	(WHEREUPON, this meeting was		
19	concluded on YouTube.)		
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2	CERTIFICATION		
3	STATE OF NEW YORK		
4	Ss:		
5	COUNTY OF SUFFOLK		
6	I, LORRAINE D. BERARDI, Court		
7	Reporter and Notary Public of the State of		
8	New York, do hereby certify:		
9	That the within transcript was		
10	prepared by me and is a true and accurate		
11	record of this hearing to the best of my		
12	ability.		
13	I further certify that I am not		
14	related to any of the parties to this		
15	matter by blood or by marriage and that I		
16	am in no way interested in the outcome of		
17	any of these matters.		
18	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto		
19	set my hand this 16th of February, 2021.		
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