

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

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
Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

An NCPD POP Officer reported that crime is very low in Farmingdale and that levels are in a downward trend from last year in most cases. Mayor Ekstrand thanked the officer for the report and the ongoing assistance of the NCPD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, February 5th, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, Monday, January 22nd, 2024 and Monday, February 5th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the December 18th Work Session (4/0 vote):
 - Reserved 100 parking spaces and waived parking fees in Lot 4 for a Princess Bridal group on Thursday, January 18, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. until midnight at no charge in support of Princess Bridal's donation to 53 local brides of bridal gowns and other wedding related needs.
 - Approved Milburn Flooring proposal #P2322886-3 for the installation of a new epoxy apparatus floor with logo and backup lines per OGS contracts in the amount of \$61,171.00 with a grant of \$40,046.18 from Nassau County.
 - Approved a request from the Long Island Veteran Suicide Prevention Coalition to use the Village Green for a Vet Fest, to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024 (rain date May 19) from 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. They are expecting approximately 60 vendors. They also plan to ask Main St. businesses to provide food to promote their

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businesses – if that is not an option, they would like to get a food truck.

- Approved a request from the Farmingdale Hawks for the use of the Courtroom from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the following dates: 1/18/24, 2/15/24, 3/21/24, 4/18/24, 5/16/24, 6/20/24, 7/18/24, 8/15/24, 9/19/24, 10/17/24, 11/21/24, 12/19/24. A Board member indicated that there is a conflict in July and August with Music on Main and asked that the Village let the Hawks know of the conflict and see if they would like to reschedule.
- Approved a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department to hold a street fair on Main Street on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Withdrew approval of DPW truck purchase through Boces Contract for non-performance.
- Approved a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department and Craft-A-Fair to host the annual Columbus Day Street Fair, Carnival and Parade. There will be no fireworks. The Carnival will be held October 10-14, 2024. The Street Fair will be held October 12-13, 2024 with rain dates for the Street Fair only on October 19, October 20 and October 26 (October 19 if only one day is needed). The Parade will be held on October 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., from Northside Elementary School to Grant Avenue. They are also requesting the use of the Village Green on October 12-13, 2024.
- Approved a contract with Castro Family Landscaping for Snow Clearing.
- Approved reissuance of Bans for the General Fund and Water Fund in the amount of \$8,375,000.00 with payment due on January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$460,625.00

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2024-01-03)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1181 dated January 2, 2024.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 12/4/23, 12/18/23 as amended
- Use of Village Property:
 - Michael Sciame is requesting the use of the Village Green/Gazebo or the Court room for a wedding on Friday, October 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- Block Party Applications:

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- None
- Tax certiorari's:
 - None

BUILDING PERMITS – The Board of Trustees accepted the listing of the following building permits issued since last month's meeting:

DATE	LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS	ARB	C/R
12/1/2023	190 Grant Ave Denise L. Rivera FP23-00013	6' Vinyl fence	N/A	R
12/1/2023	80 Staples St. Robert Schumacher DB23-00125	Maintain second story addition as per drawings submitted by Michael Palumba Architect dated 10/25/2023.	N/A	R
12/1/2023	90 Maples St. Jodi Mondiello DB23-00126	Redo kitchen and bathroom as per drawings submitted by D'Aconti and DIRR Architects dated 11/20/2023.	N/A	R
12/1/2023	776-780 Fulton St. Mercury Rising LLC DB23-00127	Install fire alarm system as per drawings submitted by Alarm tech Security Systems dated 11/6/2023	N/A	C
12/8/2023	95 Fulton St. Thomas Cacciopoli DB23-00128	Interior renovations to create an ice cream parlor as per drawings prepared by Joseph Palmieri Architect	N/A	C
12/8/2023	5 Puritan La Errol Luke DB23-00129	Dumpster	N/A	R
12/11/2023	215 Melville Rd. Maryanne Summer DB23-00130	Replace 200 amp electrical panel.	N/A	R
12/14/2023	345 Conklin St. National Grid RO23-00017	One 4 x 4 bellhole for new gas service	N/A	C
12/15/2023	345 Staples St. Al Felcioni Enterprises RO23-00018	One 4 x 4 road opening for sewer and water disconnect	N/A	R
12/18/2023	247 Main St. MSC Properties II Inc. SP23-00018	Signage approved as submitted. Applicant will reduce the "pie" writing on façade to 75% of storefront.	X	C
12/18/2023	14 Conklin St. Matthew Calvo SP23-00019	Approved as presented with minor deviation to abide by corporate color schemes	X	C
12/18/2023	345 Staples St. Paul Rupp PP23-00042	Disconnect water and sewer service	N/A	R
12/18/2023	140 Fairview Rd. Kathleen Fallon DB23-00131	Install 18 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Michael Miele P.E. dated 9/29/23.	N/A	R
12/18/2023	7 Toretta Lane Hiren Patel DB23-00132	Install egress window	N/A	R
12/18/2023	55 Laurel St. Lance Barrett PP23-00041	Add gas logs to fireplace	N/A	R

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12/18/2023	302 Main St. Josephine Orobello DB23-00133	Interior alterations for Casa Stellina’s Pizza Restaurant as per drawings submitted by Core Group Architects LLP dated September 2023	N/A	C
12/20/23	325 Main St. Joe Fortuna SP 23-00020	Approved as submitted with provision that the height of sign be increased from 30” to 36 – 40” to match Nutty Sign on similar façade.	X	C
12/20/2023	225 Main St. Candy’s Jewelers SP23-00021	Application approved as submitted. Blade sign within 720 sq inches.	X	C
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PUBLIC HEARING DATES – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-01-04), to set the following public hearing for Monday, February 5, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Special Use Permit for Casa Stellina’s Pizza (302 Main Street) for a restaurant with 32 seats and the purchase of one parking space for \$5,000.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 207 MAIN ST. – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-01-05), to open the hearing.

The applicant presented the required Affidavit of Service to surrounding properties and stated that the proposed apartment meets the square footage and parking requirements

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under the D-MU Code and is allowed with a Special Use Permit. The applicant said she is planning to live in this new apartment.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-01-06), to close the hearing.

The project was referred to the Planning Board for review at their next meeting in January with the applicant needing to supply more detailed interior and exterior plans including rear elevation. The Board deferred action on this application until the recommendations of the Planning Board are known.

TOB DOG WARDEN AGREEMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-01-07), to approve the Town of Oyster Bay’s Dog Warden Service Agreement effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

STREETSCAPE PLANTINGS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-01-08), to approve Impact Architecture to develop designs for new Main Street streetscape plantings in planter boxes with types of planter boxes vegetation indicated in the amount of \$2,600.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi thanked all volunteers and Village personnel for their ongoing efforts for Village beautification and indicated that some theme decorations may be placed in the future.

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

- None

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

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- A resident of 189 Melville Road requested a review or the paving in front of his residence as the county did not go all the way to the sidewalk. The Village Administrator and Village Engineer will review.
- A resident complimented the Village on the completion of the pole removal and new sidewalks and brick while commenting that concrete work near the Library Café looks different. Project manager to review.
- A group of Linwood Avenue residents requested information about the status of the H2M study of remedies for the flooding situation. Mayor Ekstrand and Village Administrator Harty said that H2M has indicated that a first draft is anticipated by mid-January and that any action prior to receiving the professional engineering recommendations would be premature. A request was made to see if H2M has been to the neighborhood during the most recent storms and if H2M has any short term recommendations, including pumping water to another area, in case of a similar flooding condition as September 29th. Any information about financial assistance that may be available for residents will be forwarded via e-mail.
- A resident asked about the process for applicants who are developing business properties on Main Street who modify their properties while in construction without proper approvals. Building Superintendent Fellman indicated that those parties are given a notice of violation and need to go through the proper process. If they are not compliant, summonses are issued and the applicant will have to go to court.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer