

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, January 24, 2022
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, January 24, 2022.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Anthony Addeo
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Daniel Ruckdeschel
Attorney Claudio DeBellis

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

RESOLVED (#2022-01-19), to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-01-20), to reconvene the meeting.

TAX ROLL AND WARRANT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-01-21), to acknowledge the return of the 2021/2022 tax roll and warrant and report of unpaid taxes pursuant to §1436 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

ELECTION INSPECTORS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-01-22), to allow election inspectors who reside outside of the Village as per the Nassau County Board of Elections list.

USE OF FACILITIES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Addeo and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-01-23), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Hawks organization to use the Court Room from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the following dates: 1/28/22, 2/17/22, 3/17/22, 4/21/22, 5/19/22, 6/16/22, 7/21/22, 8/18/22, 9/15/22, 10/20/22, 11/17/22, 12/15/22.

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The following topics were discussed:

- Discussion about adding links, etc. to the Village website for service/charitable organizations:
 - Only Village related links will be permitted: for example, Chamber of Commerce and the BID district.
 - A general discussion was held about creating a new website. Need to check other Villages and local not-for-profits for recommendations.
- Fire Department:
 - Chief Walter Buser presented a proposal for the purchase of two Stryker Power Load and Stretcher gurneys for the two ambulances. One will be retrofitted into an existing ambulance and the second will be added to a new ambulance that is under construction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STRETCHERS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-01-24), to approve the purchase of two Stryker Power Load and Stretcher gurneys per revised quote dated January 24, 2022 in the amount of \$107,550. \$100,000 will be paid using a grant from New York State through Senator Kevin Thomas.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department (continued):
 - Chief Buser said that all Fire Department members eligible for increased cancer coverage have been reported to Salerno Insurance.
 - LOSAP is being readied by Jared Arlin and Matt Hammond for proper 2021 credits.
 - The Red Alert system is operating well and data that was done by hand during a breach in service is being programmed into the system.
- Building Department:
 - 20 Merritts Road report received from Savik and Murray regarding the Toretta Road dedication:
 - 4 issues need to be remedied before acceptance
 - Mr. Vilardi has been notified
 - Road acceptance should be delayed until all homes are built
 - Needs estate fencing

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- 60 SE Maple St. – shed needs to be moved to three feet from the property line. Homeowner will have shed removed.
- 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane has submitted building permit:
 - A denial letter was issued, enabling application for a Special Use Permit to be filed to operate food concession and expecting application for a repair shop.
 - Property maintenance summons issued/ongoing
- The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) will restart construction within 2 weeks.
- Assisted living on Route 109 is negotiating for final tenant
- 7-11 and Sunoco are waiting for Southland approval
- Burgerology:
 - Special Use Permit was approved, parking agreement for 3 spots to be paid over 2 years also approved.
 - Delay in opening due to additional requirements from the Nassau County Fire Marshall
- Peter Florey/D&F Development has received approval from New York State and have submitted plans and an application for a building permit. Review has commenced at H2M.
- 505 Conklin Street, formerly a taco store, will be coming in for a Special Use Permit as they need a permit for more than 12 seats.
- A ladies boutique is a possibility for 223 Main Street. Mayor Ekstrand has sent a letter of support to PSEG for the applicant to secure a grant.
- Need to change the fine schedule, Superintendent Fellman to review at a work session.
- 52 Maple St. has heating and occupancy issues. A summons has been issued but no response from the homeowner.
- Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed on Cobb Place.
- Grocer on Route 109 and Kick'n Chicken have been advised that window lighting surrounds are not allowed.
- Sign for proposed zone change to be posted at 1 Conklin Street.

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- A permit was issued for a temporary monopole at Eastern Parkway in support of new tank construction and eventual new permanent location of wireless providers on the new tank.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - Ongoing storm prep/planning and debris removal
 - Savik & Murray working on 5 Corners Park, construction underway. The gazebo was delivered and installed and walkways were completed.
 - Street light needs to be replaced at Whiskey Down Diner and Conklin Street. (Magniflood poles delivered, to be installed by the Town of Oyster Bay.)
 - Capitol truck repair of item discovered during inspection prep for snow season has been sent to Syosset Truck. The truck is out of service until the repair is completed, waiting for parts. The repair is nearing completion.
 - Received \$230,000 from National Grid for street repaving where National Grid installed new gas mains.
 - Richard St. & Rose St. – street lighting and landscaping being installed, to be paid for using CDBG funds. (Poles from Magniflood delivered, to be installed by the Town of Oyster Bay.)
 - Tree in front of Jaylors is not lighting, need electrician. Gina Electric has been notified.
 - The final estimate for the DPW Garage is due, based on mechanical drawings being provided to Racanelli by Carlos Calla.
 - Parking Lot 3 – damaged tree and stump were removed, will be replaced in the spring. An orange barrel has been placed there for safety.
 - Used Steam Jenny to clean trucks of salt.
 - Removed almost all Christmas/Holiday decorations, but decorations in Village Green fountain remain.
 - Replaced rope and flag in Village Green (Town of Oyster Bay)
 - Village Hall was sanitized January 20 following court night

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- “Park Closed” sign will be placed at 5 Corners Park along with caution tape and roping
- Brakes replaced on a medium duty truck by staff.
- Water Department
 - Water tower construction continues.
 - Discussion about wireless services move from existing tank to temporary pole has been resolved. Discussion about new tank including NCPD microwave continues.
 - Water testing with PWGC continues and WIIA Grant submitted with follow up.
 - D&B is forwarding a rendering of the new water tank for publication in the newsletter.
 - Location for new generator for emergency support of new tank has been determined
 - New gas line arranged with National Grid
 - Installation of new fire main for Dark Horse completed:
 - Bricks removed, tree removed
 - Shut-off valve broke and needed to be replaced – the valve failed due to age
 - During the valve repair the loop for the traffic signal at Conklin St. and Main St. was damaged
 - Cases of water were given to restaurants and business between Prospect St. and Conklin St., as replacing the 6” shut-off valve was time consuming and would have negatively impacted their lunch trade. 45 cases of water were distributed by Highway personnel.
 - Village Attorney DeBellis stated that all current work from P.W. Grosser will be billed either as quoted or at the P.W. Grosser billing rate of 2021.
- Code Department:
 - Nick Frigerio is scheduled to start January 25, 2022.
- Other:

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- PSEG engineering for Main Street line burial and pole removal is underway. Verizon and Optimum have been contacted and will coordinate with PSEG.
- New lighting fixtures and foundations for Main Street will be ordered based on the lighting plan from Magniflood. Working on approval to use CDBG funding, height of lights and lighting plan with Magniflood.
- The Residential Rehab program has \$30,000 of unused funding that expires in August of 2022.
- Mayor Ekstrand announced that the train trestles at Fulton Street/Hempstead Turnpike and at Merritts Road will be rehabilitated by the LIRR by the end of 2022.
- A verbal proposal was given to Village Attorney DeBellis and the Village engineer for security cameras in the amount of \$390,000. Village Attorney DeBellis asked the vendor to scale back the proposal and resubmit the proposal for the downtown area only.
- A general discussion was held regarding the potential use of ARPA funding, the possible establishment of reserves for capital equipment.
- The LGBT Network has requested to hold their annual parade and festival in the Village. The Board spoke to LGBT Network Executive Director Dave Kilmnick by phone, and agreed in principal to host the parade and festival on June 12, 2022. Details of security plan, operations plan, staging of events, vendors/type, other participants and music, financial considerations and insurance need to be worked out. Mr. Kilmnick indicated that the event will be apolitical.
- Trustee Parisi read a list of grants that P.W. Grosser has applied for in the Village's interest.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer