

## **WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, January 27, 2020**

### **INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Anthony Addeo  
Administrator Brian Harty  
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

**Absent:** DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

The following topics were discussed:

- Farmingdale School District Superintendent Paul Defendini announced that the Farmingdale School District will host the North Long Island Special Olympics on Sunday, May 17, 2020:
  - There is a two year commitment to the Special Olympics. A second event is planned for 2021.
  - The event will be held primarily at the Howitt Middle School campus outdoor athletic facilities and indoors in the auditorium. Swimming competitions will be held at either Farmingdale High School or Goldfish Swim School with other activities in locations as planned.
  - There will be between 400-500 Special Olympians participating with a total attendance anticipated to be at least 1500 people. This event is a “qualifier” for the National Special Olympics.
  - There will be an “Olympic Village” set up at the Howitt Facility along with food vendors. Set up for the event will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2020.
  - There are three ways for sponsor or volunteer involvement and volunteers will be recruited to assist in administering the event.
  - The NCPD will be contacted and made aware of the event and the School District will request crossing guards to be assigned for pedestrian safety.
  - Parking plans will be developed with the Village along with connection to the local business community for potential sponsorships and special offers to families at the event.

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- Mr. Defendini left information for distribution about the upcoming event.
- Proposed billiard hall at 410 Conklin Street:
  - Laura Coletti, architect for the applicant, presented the general concept of the proposed Billiard/Bar facility with 26 pool tables and a bar. Pre-packaged bar food that will be warmed in a warming oven was proposed.
  - There were a number of partner/owners present and they discussed pool leagues where ages of participants are 30-45 years old. One individual (as a contractor) will be the person solely responsible for the league development and play.
  - Leagues play Sunday-Friday. Proposed operation is for 7/365 at either 10:00 am or 11:00 am to 2:00 am.
  - Minimum age is 16 unless accompanied by an adult.
  - \$6 per hour per player is the anticipated fee.
  - Owners mentioned that the renovations to the premises will include demolition and creation of new bathrooms along with a new bar. Exterior improvements are limited to new signage and paint. The owners indicated that they anticipate investing \$500K to make the premises ready for play including renovations and equipment purchase.
  - The owners stated that there is not a facility of this type or size within 25 miles of Farmingdale and that the number of leagues being developed by their contractor have gone from 54 teams (8 in a team) to over 90 in the past year.
  - The venue would be available for charity events, such as an event that was held in Nanuet, NY where money was raised for the Lustgarten Foundation and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundations that was broadcast on ESPN.
  - This project is proposed in the Business D district and would have to be considered a Like or Similar Use and an amount of parking needs to be determined as pool hall is not indicated as a permitted use in the Village Code.
  - The time frame and need for approval from the Nassau County Planning Commission was also discussed.
  - After the applicant left, it was discussed that there may be other applications for use of this property, as no lease has been signed with the landlord to date but preliminary inquiries have been made.

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**TAX ROLL AND WARRANT** - Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2020-01-18)**, to acknowledge the return of the 2019/2020 tax roll and warrant and report of unpaid taxes (See attached list) pursuant to §1436 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department
- Building Department:
  - 20 Merritts Road: Work paused, the owner will be contacted
  - The public hearing for 330 Conklin Street, originally scheduled for February 3, 2020 will be adjourned to March 2, 2020 at the applicant's request.
  - The proposal for transitioning the former Ubaldo's and LeChe (346 Main Street) into a catering only facility was discussed.
    - The Board requested a discussion with the applicant by the Building Department to incorporate a restaurant with catering room as an alternative.
    - The public hearing, originally scheduled for February 3, 2020, will be adjourned to March 2, 2020 due to incomplete plans.
- Highway Department:
  - Jerome Drive overhead wiring needs to be placed underground
  - Check Leonard Street for paving need
- Water Department:
  - Plans to go out to bid for the new water tank are being finalized
  - A new generator has been ordered – 12 week lead time
- Code Department:
  - Check Route 109, William St., Duane St. and Cherry St. for parkers.
  - Teenage biker packs are present and causing difficulties on Main Street. Nassau County Police will be informed.
- Other:

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- Blink Fitness presented a proposal. Village Attorney DeBellis will discuss with the owner of Blink to reflect payment for actual sign ups only and not a prior set amount.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator