

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, February 6, 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, February 6, 2023.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett (arrived 7:08)
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley (arrived 7:03)
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was (by a vote of 3/0),

RESOLVED (#2023-02-01), to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was (by a vote of 4/0),

RESOLVED (#2023-02-02), to reconvene the meeting.

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled
- Fire Department:
 - Trustee Parisi will follow up with the Amityville Fire Department regarding how they bill for ambulance services.
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development will be bringing final plans for a building permit for development at 1 Conklin Street in the near future, approved for 12 units. Waiting for state DOT sign off.
 - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) - Steel has been delivered and construction is underway.
 - 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.

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- Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
 - Building permit has been issued
 - Demo is completed
 - Site work is underway, pilings completed
- Arrow Exterminating has been engaged to solve the rodent problem, abatement is underway.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body – work is proceeding on this project, continues. Brick façade is nearing completion and drainage installed, final site paving underway.
- Application for one home on the south side of the Black Course development has been approved by the Planning Board. Awaiting working drawings to issue permit.
- Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction continues.
- New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue.
- Zuzu is under construction, demo is complete.
- Proposed fine arts center for the Village with plans done by Superintendent Fellman has now reached the second round for funding with New York State. Waiting for decision from the State.
- Eastern Parkway houses are being cleaned up, with one home in court for a derelict garage.
- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized in front of 4 family houses. Awaiting plans from Fairfield.
- 37 Potter Street was shut down by the Nassau County Fire Marshal due to lack of filing plans for a sprinkler system. Illegal occupant of second floor will be removed. This has been reopened and the second floor apartment will be legalized once the sprinkler system is installed.
- The Board asked that someone look into trash being put out on Main Street rather than behind building as required.
- Application for 250 Conklin St. office building is expected the week of January 16th.
- Stratford Green needs to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car.

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- Need to resolve site debris and illegal structure issues at 10 Eastern Parkway.
- New parking areas for Fairfield on Eastern Parkway, and a real garage at 8 Eastern Parkway.
- Notice needs to be given to tenants above Allstate, the Runners Edge and other tenants on Main Street who are using public trash receptacles for household trash. They need to place the trash in the rear of the buildings for pickup by the Town of Oyster Bay.
- Address Kickin Chicken outdoor music.
- Need to contact the “Tap Room” regarding late night club activities.
- The Board indicated not to grant exterior demo permits until plans for redevelopment have been approved.
- Check court date for shed on Eastern Parkway.
- Need to clean up Stratford Green damage on Conklin Street and Fulton Street.
- Letter for landlords and tenants above stores on Main Street for trash pickup.
- Noise code review
- Superintendent Fellman reported that the 250 Conklin Street office building proposal is being revised but to set the public hearing for the first meeting in March.
- Superintendent Fellman also reported that progress has been made and continues with rodent abatement, although Stratford Green continues to have issues in dumpsters. The Board requested billing from the rodent abatement vendor.
- Superintendent Fellman reported that 10 Eastern Parkway is in the process of cleaning up the yard and installing a new 6 foot tall stockade fence on the southern boundary. It will be inspected on February 22, 2023.
- 2 & 4 Franklin Street have been told to clean the rear yards.
- Superintendent Fellman reported that it appears that Sunday services are being held at a nun’s residence on Fairview Road. The Board indicated that this is the result of destruction of a Greek Orthodox church in Bethpage in a fire.

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- Daler Pizza is approximately 2 months from completion.
- 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
 - The new DPW garage foundation construction is underway. New fence along property line on south exposure to be installed by highway personnel.
 - Window and door project at Village Hall is complete to date, 6 windows are expected to be delivered in two weeks and then installed. The rear door is installed.
 - The start date for removing poles from Main Street is on hold due to engineering changes and changes in pricing. PSEG will be supplying a phasing of the project in the near term once all contractor issues are resolved. Met with Altice, awaiting final pricing. Verizon meeting is scheduled to finalize construction plans.
 - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for the end of January:
 - Greetings all, this winter so far has been mild so the DPW crews are getting more assignments done! I'd like to thank all members of DPW for their hard work and dedication! Just a side note: Most of our DPW workers are 1st responders, answering fire and EMS alarms in the Village as well. Our DPW team are true life savers!
 - Crews have been in the north railroad lot and other areas repairing potholes.
 - Crews have added RCA/fill on Nostrand Ave. I will keep an eye on it if it needs further attention.
 - Shop crews have been rehabbing and painting the body of HWY #9.
 - Crews assisted the water Dept. with a water main break on Washington St.
 - Shop crews also did 2 oil changes on 2 of the Fire Dept. vehicles.
 - Crews are still going around and repairing Village street signs.
 - Sweeping is still being done when the weather is good.

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- DPW has been busy with housekeeping chores in the shop and yard.
- New building is in progress.
- Town of Oyster Bay lighting has been in for repairs.
- Crews have been working with code enforcement adding signage in various lots.
- Sent crews out to salt the Village roads and downtown crosswalk and alleyways on the morning of Feb. 1.
- I had Islandwide Energy in to look at the 2nd floor firehouse AC unit for the alarm panel room, the unit's cooling compressor blew up. A new unit was ordered at a cost of \$2,800 and is an emergency repair because the room needs to be cool to keep the electronic equipment cool.
- We offloaded the screw-in anchors for the Main St. project. The anchors are being stored at the DPW yard.
- The new parking meters are being delivered this Friday, Feb. 3 and will be stored at the DPW yard until installation.
- Need to remove "metered parking" sign on Secatogue Ave. and Eastern Pkwy. until new meters are delivered.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues – electrical work, controls, modem cable for new base station, for billing system and phone line to warehouse and generator installation remain. The tank has been filled and is now in operation. The generator foundation will be installed and gas service to be installed by National Grid in the near term.
 - Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave. Verizon is the first provider and they will be doing the changeovers in sequence.
 - AOP installation by Philip Ross is underway with foundation and installation of tanks along with health department submittals.
 - \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be used to install new pollution control equipment. Documents have been signed and submitted to the state to receive funding.

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- New doors and hatch approved for all well locations and are nearing completion. All locks need to be changed on the new door installation as well, Abetta Lock has been contacted.
- Coordinating with Bob Holzmacher and the Health Department to install piping and new valves to enable filling of ground tank at Ridge Road from both wells.
- New site plan and location of equipment has been agreed. PWGC to handle NYS submittals for reimbursement of WIIA grant and legal consulting services only.
- A meeting was held with Bethpage Water District to discuss meter pit and water purchase agreement.
- A meeting was held with South Farmingdale Water District to explore ways of working together.
- From John Falbo – Water Department for the week of 1/23 & 1/30:
- Maintenance of all chemical pumps. Chlorine and caustic installed and cleaned with new replacement parts where needed (in-house work). Cleaned hose delivery lines for Well 2-3. All work done for efficiency and a cleaner delivery by pumps into water.
- Inspected unoccupied homes to be sure water is still turned off, until all requirements for building permits are met through the Building Dept. – 285 Secatogue Ave., 462 Secatogue Ave. & 38 Merokee Pl.
- Work with Water Dept. staff on billing, checking on actual reads.
- Some monitoring of low pressure at a couple of houses, all seem to be internal home plumbing issues.
- Coming up next week – concrete pad to be poured for generator, transferring of Cablevision and Sensus from the old tower to the new tower.
- A meeting between our water department with South Farmingdale water department to see how they run their treatment plant. I want to start getting prepared now. Any info will help. We will be visiting their plant a couple of times within the next few months.
- We have also been provided with a punch list of remaining work at the new water tower.
- A second water main break on Washington St. was repaired by the Village.

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- All phone line communications at Well 1-3 were successfully completed for control alarms and Sensus.
- The cement pad was poured for the new generator behind Well 1-3. The new generator is scheduled to be put in place on Feb. 6.
- The punch list at Eastern Parkway is slowly being worked on but hedging in the right direction for completion.
- Cell carrier work is still in Phase 1 with Verizon. Motorola (NCPD) communications did a walk through for the next phase.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Noise issues were discussed regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels.
 - New signage ordered for LIRR North parking lot and Howitt “Municipal Parking” signs have been installed.
 - The Board requested a review of nighttime personnel as outdoor dining and open windows have changed with the season.
 - Contact FBS for rollout and administration of parking meter policy.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.
- Other:
 - Walk-in resolutions to hire Laura Sanchez to a full time position in the Court Office and to approve PWGC grant solicitation and management contract.

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