

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, February 7, 2022**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held on Monday, February 7, 2022 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  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel  
Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman  
Public Works Superintendent Andrew Fisch

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Regularly scheduled business items
- Tonight's public hearings/Hearings to be scheduled:
  - General discussion about upcoming hearings
- Fire Department:
  - Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel is doing a final review of pricing before awarding a contract to Stryker for new hydraulic stretchers.
  - Apparatus ceiling repair and painting
  - LOSAP documents were reviewed for clarity. Resolution is needed at a future hearing to adopt changes after trustee review.
  - Installation dinner is being considered for August 2022 at the Riviera in Massapequa along with Heritage at Bethpage State Park.
  - No. Amityville mutual aid calls decreased due to Suffolk County FD's taking responsibility for calls.
- 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

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- Road acceptance should be delayed until all homes are built
- Estate fencing was installed
- 60 Maple St. SE – shed to be moved to three feet from the property line, homeowner will have shed removed.
- 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane – submitted building permit, denial letter issued enabling application for special use permit request to be filed to operate food concession and expecting application for repair shop and provide adequate parking. Ongoing property maintenance summons issued.
- The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) will restart construction in the near term.
- Assisted living on Route 109 negotiating for final tenant.
- 7-11 and Sunoco are waiting for Southland, approval filed and denial letter issued.
- Burgerology Special Use Permit was approved, parking agreement for 3 spots to be paid over 2 years was also approved.
- Peter Florey/D&F Development have received approval from New York State and have submitted plans and an application for a building permit. A review has commenced at H2M.
- 505 Conklin St. (formerly taco store) will be coming in for a Special Use Permit as they have a permit for more than 12 seats.
- Ladies boutique possible for 223 Main Street.
- Need to change fine schedule and/or frequency – Superintendent Fellman to review at a work session.
- 52 Maple Street has heating and occupancy issues. Summons was issued, no response from the property owner.
- Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed on Cobb Place.
- Grocer on Rte. 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.
- Permit issued for temporary monopole at Eastern Parkway in support of new tank construction and eventual new permanent location of wireless providers on the new tank.
- 94 Grant Street has been cited as an illegal 2 family residence.

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- The trustees have requested an update on the status of the H2M review of the Workforce Housing project and an update on the status of the Cobb Place rodent issues.
- Discuss fines daily vs. weekly, realtor advertising fines for illegal apartments and fines for unauthorized signage affixed to poles or lawn signs.
- Heisser Lane – cars are on the street due to the repair shop operator.
- Rodent issue on Cobb Place – summons has been issued and a court date is set.
- Need a general poster to be placed on properties for public notification.
- H2M has completed the first review of the Sterling Green project on Rte. 109.
- A general discussion was held regarding Governor Hochul’s elimination of single family zoning. The Board is opposed and will work with NCVOA to let the governor know that this type of proposal will not only be detrimental to neighborhood quality of life but to traffic, infrastructure that is already stressed and air quality.
- Racanelli will have the new DPW Garage pricing in about a week.
- 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.
    - Lighting has been installed.
    - The project is on hold until the weather breaks.
  - 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. Repairs are completed and the truck is back in service.
  - Received \$230,000 from National Grid for street repaving where National Grid installed new gas mains.

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- 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.
- Removed Christmas/Holiday decorations, but decorations in Village Green fountain remain.
- “Park Closed” signs have been placed at 5 Corners Park along with caution tape and roping
- 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 forwarded 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
  - Mayor Ekstrand requested a review of the number of cell providers that can be placed on the new water tank.
- Code Department
  - Nick Frigerio started on Tuesday, January 25.
- Other:
  - Downtown parking
  - Awards for paramedics that saved Phil LoNigro

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- Snow storm review:
  - Superintendent Fisch recapped the storm clean-up operations.
  - Mayor Ekstrand noted that this was the worst snow storm since 2016. He also stated that a snow emergency was officially declared and that two robo calls were done, prior to the storm, to request that cars be removed from the street.
  - Mayor Ekstrand rode with Superintendent Fisch during the storm and said that icing up of windshields and wiper blades is a serious issue. Deicer has been ordered and wiper blades used by DPW crews in heavy snow environments are being investigated.
  - Superintendent Fisch said that he does not clear residential streets curb to curb during heavy storms because the additional snow would make it difficult for residents to clean sidewalks and driveway aprons. He also said that residents frequently shovel snow back into the street when cleaning out driveways, aprons and sidewalks, making snow cleanup more difficult.
  - A passenger minivan got stuck on the railroad tracks at Melville Road and was hit by a train. The passengers got out before the collision due to a Good Samaritan's assistance (need to contact the Good Samaritan). There was extensive damage to the minivan, wheel damage to the train as well as damage to the crossing gate and pole at the crossing. It took about 4 hours for the LIRR to clear the train. Repairs to the gate and pole were also completed.
  - Snow operations – Crew was called in at 9:00 p.m. Friday, they worked for 25 hours straight and a small crew returned on Sunday. Laurel Group was called in at the end of the storm on Saturday, they cleared access ways and sidewalks in the business district.
  - General snow operation cleanup was done on Monday. Removal of snow on Main Street was originally scheduled to take place on Monday night, but was delayed until Tuesday night for personnel safety. The snow will be taken to Jackson Ave.
  - Issues needing further attention are the cleaning of parking lots, particularly Lots 1 & 2.
- Other:
  - “Best of Long Island” banners to be ordered.
  - Credit cards (MasterCard & Visa) will be accepted at Village Hall in the near future for people to pay any bills. There will be a 3% convenience fee.

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- A walk-in resolution to hire Jared Arlin as a part –time laborer was agreed upon by the Board.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator