

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-02-12), to convene the Village of Farmingdale Board of Assessment Review at 5:00 p.m. With Mayor Ekstrand, Deputy Mayor Barrett and Trustee Rosasco present establishing a quorum.

Trustee Priestley arrived at 5:15.

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

Absent: Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

CONVENE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-02-13), to convene the Village of Farmingdale Board of Trustees Work Session at 7PM to run concurrently with the Board of Assessment Review.

IT SUPPORT AGREEMENT – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-02-14), to approve Adept Technologies to be the Village and Fire Department IT people moving forward at a cost of 993.75 per month for the Village and \$1,561.50 per month for the Fire Department vs. Total Technology Solutions at \$1,650 per month for the Village and \$3,292 per month for the Fire Department. The proposal from Adept for Barracuda is a one-time fee of \$2,399 for server backup device.

The following topics were discussed:

- Mustang & Shelby Club Car Show discussion – charity to be chosen: Farmingdale School District Community Assistance Fund by unanimous consent of the Board.

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- Parking for residents on Cornelia St. and Division St.
- Rental Permits/Discussion: Public Hearing to be set at the March 6, 2023 meeting to adopt a new local law for rental permits for single family, two family and three family homes.
- Fire Department
- 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.
 - 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. Progress has been made but work continues, although Stratford Green continues to have issues in dumpsters. The Board has requested billings from the rodent abatement vendor.
 - 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, is approximately 2 months from completion.
 - New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue.

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- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Daler Pizza is approximately 2 months from completion.

VERIZON/MAIN STREET AGREEMENT – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-02-15), to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign the agreement with Verizon for Verizon Main Street facilities from Prospect St. to Conklin St. to be relocated underground and poles will be removed when all other utilities are relocated in the amount of \$159,081.53.

- 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

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- 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.
- The walkway north of the tracks near My Grandmother's Kitchen needs cleaning.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for weeks of February 6 & 13:
- Stapleton Tree Service has been in to clear trees up at the DPW yard for the water plant construction project.
- Crews have put out all new crosswalk signs again on Main Street and in front of St. Kilian's Church. Just to let you know, people keep running them over and destroying them.
- Roadwork Ahead has been in repairing water patches in the area.
- Town of Oyster Bay lighting has been in repairing street lights.
- Sweeper has been out, will be sweeping around Howitt Middle School next week during winter break.
- Crews are still out repairing signs around the Village.
- Crews are still going around and repairing Village street signs.
- DPW construction on the new building is going well, should start erecting the building Tuesday, Feb. 21..
- Capital truck #1, 2012 Durastar, was sent to Syosset Truck to have some parts replaced due to rust and wear.

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- I've had crews on both roofs of Village Hall and Fire dept. clearing debris from drains.
- Blocked off a couple of parking stalls in Municipal Lot #4 behind the old CVS to serve as a staging area for the Main St. project.
- Sending crews out to do a quick clean up on the median on Route 109 Saturday morning.
- Been having a lot of issues with our 2005 Komatsu backhoe. The Village bought it used in 2012 through Edward Ehrbar. Currently having electrical issues, stalling issues, computer issues. Had the computer replaced one year after we got it, there are issues with the all-wheel steering while traveling and most of the hydraulic lines are going to be in need of replacement soon due to the age. This machine was made in Italy, there are no more parts available due to the age of the machine. The Village has put in over \$8,000 into the machine. The machine was only made for a couple of years and then was discontinued. Our backhoe is the Village's most important piece of apparatus used for water main breaks, plowing snow and used in severe storms for debris removal.
- Need to remove "metered parking" sign on Secatogue Ave. and Eastern Pkwy. until new meters are delivered.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-02-16), to purchase a new Caterpillar Inc. Model: 420-07XE Backhoe Loader with all standard equipment in addition to additional equipment listed in the contract in the amount of \$152,655.00 through SourceWell. Also accepting the H.O. Penn offer of \$35,000 as trade in of the Village's Komatsu 2005 Backhoe. Lease financing to be arranged.

- 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.

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- 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.
- 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 month of February to date:
- The new generator was put in place and is currently being piped to existing gas line that National Grid provided.
- Electrical end and alarms for generator is also almost complete.
- Old diesel motor and asbestos piping was abated properly from Well 1-3.
- New water tower pipes are being painted and cleaned. From initial construction.
- Waiting on a proposal from Electronix for motion detectors to be put in new tank.
- Water main break at Thomas Powell Blvd. and Roxbury St. was successfully repaired by VOF and Merrick Utilities. Unfortunately, we had

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to call in for support because the leak was directly under high powered underground electrical transmission line. With the valves shut down, it created rusty water complaints which we took care of with flushing.

- Building Well 2-2 – booster A’s check valve is being monitored for a small leak which is pushing back into ground tank causing elevation to rise in the tank very slowly. It is a large 21 inch check valve that was part of the original installment of that site. We had Merrick Utilities come in to work on it, but due to its age and wear it is still not holding correctly. Tom from Merrick Utilities is coming back with his crew at no charge to the Village to see if something else can be done. Otherwise the next step is to replace that valve all together, but that will be discussed at a later date. This booster, however, is essential to our system’s PEAK demand in spring and summer.
- Rusty water on Tues. Feb. 14 was created by isolating Well 2-2 from system’s 12 inch water main and then turning valves back on when the work was complete. We responded by flushing the system slowly in areas where most of the calls were made. Some residual may have been at homes in the evening depending on water usage in different locations, but all was resolved before then and clear by overnight. Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience. Some house calls were made and problems resolved.
- 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.
- Reviewed parking violation activity.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.
- Other:

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- Revisit head in parking requirements at next meeting.
- Contact PSEG and National Grid reps for grant programs for local businesses.

Trustee Priestley left.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-02-17), to close the Village of Farmingdale Board of Assessment Review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer