

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

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

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled: Setting a special meeting with a public hearing for the Year 49 CDBG application for Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. The hearing for 250 Conklin St. will be adjourned at the request of the applicant.
- Fire Department:
 - Approve 3 new firehouse maintainers.
 - Approve ProClaim for billing services for Fire Department ambulance runs.
 - The Fire Department should notify the Building Department if suspected illegal tenancy or other possible violations are witnessed during a fire call.
- 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) - 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

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- Site work is underway, pilings completed, ongoing construction
- 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 completed.
- Application for one home on the south side of the Black Course development has been approved by the Planning Board. Permit has been issued.
- Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction continues. Natural gas easement completed.
- New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue.
- Zuzu is under construction, demo is complete, construction underway.
- Eastern Parkway houses are being cleaned up, with one home in court for a derelict garage. Permit has been issued for roof repair. In addition, 10 Eastern Parkway lot cleaned up, smoker and trampoline removed, fence installed.
- 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. Sprinkler plans removed and construction underway. Tenant has been removed and there will be no apartment above.
- Application for 250 Conklin St. office building has been received and will be ready for a public hearing on March 6.
- Stratford Green needs to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car.
- Noise code review
- 2 & 4 Franklin Street rear yards have been cleaned.

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- All projects requiring a public hearing will be required to place a sign on the property indicating the time and date of the hearing and a brief description of the project, a legally required radius map and proof of mailing via snail mail to each party in the radius map.
- Need to call Ed Clarke regarding future tenant for the gas station and market at Bernard St. and Route 109.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - The new DPW garage foundation construction is underway for the steel building. New fence along property line on south exposure to be installed by highway personnel.
 - Window and door project at Village Hall is complete.
 - Main St. pole removal start date is March 6 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 as first proposal was unacceptable, we are awaiting final pricing. Verizon meeting held to finalize construction plans, pricing was received and approved. Coordinating with Asplundh.
 - 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 – completed
 - A tree on Prospect St. across from Doud St. needs to be evaluated for possible removal.
 - A request to remove a tree in front of Burgerology was approved.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for the past week:
 - Hello all, just a few things. It finally snowed! The forecasted winter storm came in late Monday into Tuesday. DPW manned 9 snow plows, including sanders and both frontend loaders. They did a great job plowing and salting, making sure the Village streets were safe to travel. DPW crews worked from 10:00 p.m. Monday night into Tuesday.

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- Iaboni's crew also did a great job clearing and salting walkways in and around the downtown area.
- Everyone was on point during the storm.
- The salt barn is still loaded for the next storm.
- All snow plowing equipment and sanders have been hot washed and cleaned.
- Stapleton was in removing dead trees and stump grinding.
- A small crew will be on Sunday due to Saturday's LepreCon fling.
- Light pole was hit & knocked down on Main St. in front of CVS. The wiring has been unhooked. The pole cannot be repaired, it must be replaced.
- Need to remove "metered parking" sign on Secatogue Ave. and Eastern Pkwy. until new meters are delivered.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction with punch list items being addressed. Generaor has been installed and old diesel tank removed. Generator start up scheduled before mid-March – coordinating with Huntington Power, The new tank is now in operation.
 - 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. All cell providers will be on the new tank by April 30, 2023.
 - 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 are completed. All locks need to be changed on the new door installation as well, Abetta Lock has been contacted.

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- 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.
- Met with Philip Ross Industries to develop Plant 2 treatment. Initial site plan is in working phase.
- From John Falbo – Water Department for the past week:
- 37 Potter Street – Fire suppression was successfully tied in to our water system. Took a couple of days of building and monitoring.
- Well 1-3 work on new generator all complete except for running final tests which will be done this Tuesday. If successful it will stay placed on line to system.
- New tank painting of pipes and installation of ladder completed.
- Met with Wargo Enterprises. They are the company that is in place to demo the old tank. This was just a site and preliminary expectations review.
- Painting and maintaining of other well houses is still happening.
- Helped with highway snow removal on Monday into Tuesday.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Noise issues were discussed regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels to develop new Village Code.
 - New signage ordered for LIRR North parking lot has been installed with special thanks to Dave Rodenburg, Mike Tortoso and Matt Kilbridge.
 - 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.

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- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.
- Other:
 - A request was made for Good Friday “Stations of the Cross” in street near St. Kilian’s school.
 - To award a contract for new window blinds at Village Hall.
 - Need contract for “Robbie Lee” senior rental list.

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