

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, March 27, 2017

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, March 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor Christiansen
Trustee William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Administrator Brian Harty
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman
DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

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

The following topics were discussed:

- Howard Avertine – discuss closed-up car dealership on 220 Fulton St. Renderings and a preliminary site plan as well as fencing and landscaping were discussed. The proposed operation for the site is a storage garage for tow trucks, rental cars and storage of damaged cars to be taken to a repair shop in Hicksville.

PARKING LOT 2 RECONSTRUCTION - Upon a motion by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2017-03-29), to approve Roadwork Ahead, Inc. as the contractor to reconstruct Parking Lot 2 at a revised cost of \$549,779.25. This amount is a reduction in a previously awarded contract where the scope of work has been changed to reflect a reduction in price.

TAX CERTIORARIS - Upon a motion by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2017-03-30), to deny the following tax certioraris:

- Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Gregory Guercio (G.J.M.E. LLC) Sec 49, Blk. D, Lot 297: Premises 77 Conklin Street, Farmingdale for tax years 2010/11 through and including 2016/17 for a refund of \$9,500 with a reduction in assessed value to \$850,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2017/18 through and including 2019/20, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

RESOLVED, to approve the following tax certioraris:

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- Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Manuel Varveris Sec 49 Blk. 127, Lot 4: Premises 120 Eastern Parkway, Farmingdale for tax years 2009/10 through and including 2016/17 for a refund of \$2,000 with a reduction in assessed value to \$480,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2017/18 through and including 2019/20, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.
- Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Manuel Varveris Sec 49, Blk 35, Lot 230: Premises 72 Main Street, Farmingdale, for tax years 2009/10 through and including 2016/17 for a refund of \$750 with no reduction in assessed value.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
 - A proposal for BL Communications to install a gate locking system in the basement at a cost of \$4,023.64 was rejected.
 - The Board agreed that the first \$10,000 of savings in the Fire Department budget be reserved for Scott Pack Replacement, to be set up in a reserve account.
 - The Board requested that DPW Superintendent Fisch provide magnesium chloride for snow and ice issues on the new front and rear stoops at Village Hall and the Fire Department.
 - The Fire Department installation of officers at Village Hall will be held on Friday, April 7th at 7:00 pm.
 - Bill Reilly will be reappointed as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners and Skip Schumeyer will be reappointed to a new five year term.
- Building Department – Friendly’s property, Outdoor dining Daytona’s proposal
 - The Building Department received a proposal for a car wash and lube business at the former Friendly’s location. The Board indicated that the same services are in close proximity to this location and as such didn’t believe that it was a use that would be beneficial to the village.
 - Daytona’s – The Board approved the use of the Taxi Stand at Daytona’s for a fee of \$250 per month in addition to fencing and other improvements on the site.
 - 462 Secatogue Avenue is being reviewed by the Building Department for compliance with the property maintenance code.
 - The Board declined proposed Zone changes on Route 109.
 - 20 Merritts Road: Research has indicated that the prior site plan approval specified a \$10,000/lot Parkland Fee. A meeting with the developer is scheduled where a new application fee of \$750 will be

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requested and a special use permit fee will be \$2,500 when modifications are made to the permit reflecting changes from the prior applicant. The feasibility of an easement for a new Village water well will be explored with the new owner of this property.

- Water Department – New gas lines will be installed this week by National Grid for generator installation at Ridge Road and that upgrades will begin shortly.
- Highway Department – The Board requested that Superintendent Fisch provide either a snow fence or an equivalent for the Easter Egg Hunt in April on the Village Green.
- Code Department
- Administrator Harty will attend a meeting on April 6th concerning the Republic Airport proposed expansion.
- Deputy Mayor Christiansen will attend a meeting on April 12th regarding proposed new building of housing and retail in East Farmingdale, in the Town of Babylon, adjacent to the Village.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator