

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, April 17, 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, April 17, 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:

PUBLIC HEARING 2017/2018 BUDGET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2017-04-14) – to open the public hearing.

It was noted that the Village of Farmingdale has never exceeded the tax cap and did not exceed it this year.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, it was,

RESOLVED (#2017-04-15) – to close the public hearing.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2017-04-16), to adopt the 2017/2018 Budget as presented with a net budget of \$3,864,812 with the following appropriations: Unrestricted surplus to be appropriated of \$65,000; Reserve for Debt to be appropriated of \$39,786. The total tax levy of \$3,760,026 is an increase of 1.69% and within the New York State allowable tax cap limit.

FURTHER RESOLVED, to certify the tax shares or base proportion percentages as follows: Homestead 64.4375% and Non-homestead of 35.5625% and the tax levy breakdown as: Homestead \$2,422,867 and Non-homestead of \$1,337,159. Corresponding tax rates are \$3.251859/1,000 in assessed value for Homestead and \$5.918183/1,000 in assessed value for Non-homestead.

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SALARY INCREASES – Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2017-04-17), to approve the following increases:

- Brian Harty increase of \$7,000 to a salary of \$122,000
- Barbara Kelly increase of \$5,000 to a salary of \$90,000
- Lorraine O’Shea increase of \$4,000 to a salary of \$46,000
- Cheryl Cruthers increase of \$5,200 to a salary of \$46,000
- Ann Rodenburg increase of \$5,280 to a salary of \$42,000
- Lynn Ventura increase of \$2,220 to a salary of \$42,000
- Christine Torres hourly increase of \$1 to \$19/hour
- Stephen Fellman hourly increase of \$3 to \$55/hour
- All part-time dispatchers increase of \$1.45/hour.
- All other non-union full time employees will increase the same as the union contract with a 2% increase.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Wide format scanner
- Pitney Bowes Postage Meter – the Board approves. In addition, adding an insert to the Water bills asking for phone number & email address was discussed.
- Farmingdale Youth Council Summer Instrumental Music Program on Thursday, July 13 – this can’t be held on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, Monday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday are available.
- Laura Conte would like the use of the Gazebo on Saturday, September 2 from 9:00-11:30 am for her wedding ceremony – The Mile Run will be held at that time and date, so the ceremony would have to be held after 1:00 pm or at Gerngras Park.
- Kiddie Kare Play Center at 972 Fulton St.: discuss special use, not specifically listed as permitted use – the location is problematic.
- Hot Sauce Festival – Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 1pm to 5pm, closing Main St. between So. Front St. and Prospect St. – the street will not be closed, a path should be left on the sidewalk.
- Live at 5 Discussion – 4 Thursdays, July 27th and August 24th are approved, 2 other dates need to be changed due to conflict other Village activities.

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- Building Department
- Highway/Water Department
- Fire and Code Departments

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator