

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, May 1, 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, May 1, 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
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled
- 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.
 - 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.
 - Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction continues. Natural gas easement completed. Permit received from Nassau County.
 - New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue.
 - LIRR has announced that trestles at NY 24 and Merritts Road will be rehabilitated starting in mid-April and finishing by end of August 2023.
 - Eastern Parkway house in court with derelict garage. Permit issued for roof repair.
 - New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized in front of 4 family houses. Need agreement to move forward.

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- New application for 250 Conklin St. office building has been received and new public hearing will be announced on April 3 for hearing on new plans for May hearing. On schedule for hearing May 1.
- Stratford Green nearing completion (final with new trees anticipated in two weeks) to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car. Insurance settled, permit to repair condo has been issued and repairs are underway.
- Noise code review
- New ice cream parlor in Palmer's shopping center needs a Special Use permit for 24 seats.
- Eagle Scout project for Gergras Park plans and location approved.
- 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 completed and construction of the steel building is complete. New fence along property line on south exposure to be installed with increases to block wall and backfill. Construction started and plantings ordered for screening of new facilities for neighbors.
 - New blinds have been installed in Village Hall.
 - Main St. pole removal project Phase 1 complete, with the exception of the NY24 crossing – waiting for NYS permit. Waiting for one property owner to sign Altice access agreement to be able to proceed with Altice/Verizon installation.
 - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations.
 - 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 & completed.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for the prior week:
 - Stapleton Tree was in for takedowns and stump removals.

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- DPW crews are continuing to do spring clean ups.
- Roberto Landscaping has been in seeding and cleaning beds, will be back next to add mulch and topsoil at assigned locations.
- DPW crews will be power washing areas around the Village, including the pathway at Gergras Park and the Village Green and Gazebo starting later this week.
- Prepping the Gazebo for painting.
- Crews have been going around to certain lots to repaint handicap parking stalls.
- Received a load of fresh topsoil and have begun to prep flower pots for the downtown area.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in repairing some street lights.
- Crews have added some signage around the Village, Kids at Play signs and others around the Village.
- Crews have also fixed some tripping hazards around the downtown area.
- I'd like to thank our Shop Fleet Crews Mechanic D Ketcham and K Tortoso Sr for rehabbing the body on Hwy #9.
- DPW crews will be assisting the Water Dept. on May 5th for fire hydrant flushing.
- Our 2007 Elgin broom bear sweeper is out for repair.
- Flowers will be delivered to DPW on May 19th. The Beautification Committee is coming on May 20th. DPW will continue planting after that.
- Hwy #17 is going to Security Dodge in Amityville for warranty recall work and will be out of commission for a couple of weeks.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction with few punch list items remaining.
 - Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave. Under construction. 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. Anticipated completion mid-May 2023 with testing and NCDOH approvals to follow.

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- \$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.
- 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. Excavation has begun at Plant 2 site.
- Meeting was held with SCWA.
- From John Falbo – Recent work and upcoming events:
 - Installation of new hydrant and sample station in front of the shopping center on Conklin St. and Merritts Road was successful. A 2 foot extension piece for the hydrant was ordered and will be applied to the hydrant as soon as it's delivered. WE will install the extension when received.
 - Monitoring and maintaining of 3 wells has been on the increase due to change of season and increase of pumpage.
 - Chemical Pump repair at Well 2-3 was successful.
 - Planning for lead and copper survey. We need to have survey completed by October 2024.
 - Monitoring AOP work is becoming a daily task also.
- 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.

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- The Board requested a review of nighttime personnel as outdoor dining and open windows have changed with the season.
- Contacted FBS for rollout and administration of parking meter policy.
- Split Sunday and add shift 4-8 for noise violations.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.
- Other:
 - Uber/Taxi Registrations
 - Two trees need to be evaluated for removal in front of 177 Prospect Street.

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