

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, May 2, 2022
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 2, 2022.

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

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

- Peter Muzia from the Theodore Roosevelt Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America announced that Mayor Ekstrand will be inducted into the National Eagle Scout Hall of Fame. He will be honored at the Boy Scout Dinner on June 1, 2022 at Carlton on the Park in Eisenhower Park.
- Today is Deputy Mayor William Barrett's birthday. Happy Birthday Bill!
- Chris Giacalone, representing the owners of 250 Conklin St. (Citibank): Discussed zoning on this location, possible use of the property set back and parking requirements, as well as the possibility of dedicating a portion of the site to the Village depending on potential build-out.
- Tonight's public hearings/Hearings to be scheduled:
 - Dark Horse (277 Main St.) – Second floor expansion, 4 parking spaces will be required at \$5,000 each.
 - 7-11/Gas station (153 Fulton St.) – General discussion regarding the site plan.
- Fire Department:
 - The Farmingdale Fire Department has been named to Volunteer EMS Provider of the Year by the County of Nassau REMSCO.
 - There are 71 Volunteer Fire Departments and at least 5 independent EMS volunteer companies in Nassau County.
 - The personnel responsible are Commissioner Bill Reilly, Commissioner Phil LoNigro, former Chief Michael DiBartolo, and

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the Rescue Squad officers and technicians. Congratulations and thanks!

- The Riviera in Massapequa will be the location for the annual installation dinner on Friday, September 16th. Village Attorney DeBellis has reviewed the contract and it is ready for signing.
- Signage for the pride event will be put up at two Main Street locations after the FFD Street Fair.
- Deputy Chief Micheal Tortoso is responsible for coordinating events for the Fire Department.
- The Fire Department is evaluating the cost/benefit of charging for ambulance services as well as reviewing state-enabling legislation. Need to get information from NYCOM.
- Grants for ambulance hydraulic loaders are being followed up by Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel and Chief Buser.
- Building Department:
 - 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane Repair Shop:
 - Property maintenance summons issued, ongoing
 - Submitted an application for a Special Use Permit for parking on the street – issues with neighbors
 - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) will restart construction in the near term, ordered steel for superstructure. Financial issues are causing the delay. Mayor Ekstrand will check with the property owner.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – coming before the Board of Trustees
 - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
 - Ready for a building permit
 - Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed on Cobb Place, summons has been issued. Awaiting disposition through Village Court.
 - Grocer on Rte. 109 has been repeatedly advised that window lighting surrounds are not allowed, summons has been issued. Elyssa has been working with them to find a solution.
 - 94 Grant Street has been cited as an illegal 2 family residence, summons has been issued. Kitchen has been removed, no longer a 2 family.

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- Village Attorney DeBellis to follow up regarding fines daily vs. weekly and fines for illegal apartments, hearing to be set at tonight's public meeting for change in the local law.
- Fines for unauthorized signage affixed to poles or lawn signs need to be addressed as well.
- General poster to be placed on properties for public notification, to be done by Island Digital – completed.
- Working with 317 & The Nutty Irishman to handle waste stream. They are adding an additional dumpster.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body (Schmeltzer) has restarted construction, minimal work has been accomplished.
- Stratford Green rat issues are being addressed with Arrow Exterminating. They have visited the site and will make an ongoing maintenance and baiting proposal.
- Application for one home on the south side of the development has been submitted and is going to the Planning Board.
- CVS parking lot has many potholes that need repair.
- Building Superintendent Fellman has met with Arrow Exterminating and Stratford Green personnel to quell a rodent problem.
- 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
 - Savik & Murray working on 5 Corners Park, the project has a few items left for completion. Trustee Parisi coordinating with Jason at Savik & Murray.
 - DPW Garage renovations underway, completion is expected in mid-May.
 - Flower pots prepped for Main Street.
 - 55 Clinton Ave. has been boarded up.
 - Stumps are located at 90 Conklin St., 250 Conklin St. (Citibank), Clinton St.
 - The PO has been issued to Westar for the new DPW garage. Preliminary site work, including retaining wall, will be done by Roadwork Ahead.

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- Water main break repaired by both departments on April 25.
- Water patch tamped and filled with hot asphalt on April 27.
- Crews were out doing pothole patrol.
- Sweeper #1 has been out in all zones.
- The Ravo sweeper #2 is down for a couple of days, waiting on a part. It's covered under warranty.
- The pocket park waterfalls are on and flowing, need to order a third pump.
- Crews are still out fixing street signs when they can.
- Have been in contact with Town of Oyster Bay lighting for some repairs around the Village.
- DPW yard has been mowed and trimmed.
- Prepping American flags to go out on Main Street, possibly the same time that the flowers go out.
- Village disinfectant spraying still on-going Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- Worked with Island Energy and replaced all the air filters for the roof top HVAC units.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues. The "Pan" for the water tower is nearing fabrication completion on site and is scheduled to be lifted into place on Tuesday, May 3rd.
 - Discussion about wireless services move from existing tank to temporary pole has been resolved. Discussion about new tank including NCPD microwave continues. Contract has been received from Verizon.
 - \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. Documents have been signed and submitted to the state to receive funding.
 - New gas line arranged with National Grid
 - Mayor Ekstrand requested a review of the number of cell providers that can be placed on the new water tank.

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- The pan of the new water tank is scheduled to be lifted into place on Tuesday, May 10th.
- Service line leaking on Grant Ave. has been repaired.
- Driveway apron needs to be replaced.
- Water main break on the corner of Clinton Avenue and Staples Street was repaired by Village personnel with a three foot section of pipe removed and replaced on Monday, April 25.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Additional shifts for Ramadan.
 - Request that Code see how crowded the CVS parking lot is on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.
 - Talon Air
- Other:
 - Meeting with NCPS, Savik & Murray, Village Code (twice) and Village merchants regarding the Pride Parade and Festival.
 - Administrator Harty and Jason from Savik & Murray to meet with Pride group on Wednesday, May 4. The entire group will meet on Wednesday, May 11.

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