

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, June 27, 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, June 27, 2022.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty

Absent: Trustee Cheryl Parisi

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

USE OF FACILITIES – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-06-27), to approve a request from the Cultural Arts Committee to use the Gazebo for an Open Mic Night, open to all ages, on Friday, July 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
 - General discussion about purchasing and grant solicitation procedures.
- Building Department:
 - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) told Mayor Ekstrand that they have finally closed financing.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – to redesign the site based on feedback from the recent hearing. The site redesign was presented at hearing, referred to the Planning Board.
 - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
 - Ready for a building permit, closing mid to late July
 - Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed on Cobb Place, summons has been issued. Awaiting disposition through Village Court.
 - Village Attorney DeBellis to follow up regarding unauthorized signage affixed to poles or lawn signs.

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- 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. Need direction from the Board as reconstruction has stalled. Mr. Schmeltzer was in and said that construction will restart beginning June 27.
- Stratford Green rat issues are being addressed solely by Stratford Green, which to date have not been successful. Their vendor has not dealt with the rat issue. Arrow Exterminating visited the site and proposed a comprehensive rat abatement for the entire area at a cost of \$15,000. Additionally, the LIRR has been notified that there is a rat issue. The issue is being addressed piecemeal.
- Application for one home on the south side of the Black Course development has been submitted and is going to the Planning Board, waiting for Planning Board application.
- The Postmaster at the Farmingdale Post Office has been given a summons regarding the fence and shed with an additional summons for high grass. Spoke to the regional and new postmaster, site to be cleaned up shortly.
- “Haunted Hamburgers” is coming to the former Friendly’s site on Route 109. Awaiting submission.
- Asplundh has done test holes for pole removal and line burial on Main Street.
- Awaiting submittal of proposed office building at 250 Conklin Street.
- New windows and rear door approved for Village Hall.
- The Board wanted to remind businesses that car sales/car lots are no longer permitted in the Village.
- Rat/dumpster issues are being addressed, 3 Brothers Pizza has been issued a summons.
- 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

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- DPW Garage renovations substantially completed, punch list items only.
- Stumps are located at 90 Conklin St., 250 Conklin St. (Citibank), Clinton Ave.
- The PO has been issued to Westar for the new DPW garage. Preliminary site work, including retaining wall, will be done by Roadwork Ahead.
- Prepping for Movies and Pop Concerts.
- The Board wants to make sure that crosswalk signage is in place.
- Comments from Foreman Ken Tortoso: Short week due to the holiday, only a few things to bring up:
 - DPW has been prepping for the upcoming Village Pops. Crews are going to get the band equipment on Friday morning and will keep it in Village Hall, also re-power washed the Gazebo again and all the chairs for the musicians. I've been in touch with Brad DeMilo, he seems happy.
 - DPW to start a schedule for power washing the sidewalks on Main St. in the downtown areas at the end of every month during the summer months.
 - New Loader #2 is in service! Thank you to Deputy Clerk Danial Ruckdeschel for going to DMV and making it happen.
 - Crews have been doing their daily jobs as walking lots every morning for garbage, mowing grass around the Village.
 - Crews started trimming some low hanging branches around the Village, the ones we can reach.
 - Signs will be going up Friday for the upcoming Music on Main around the Village. Trustee Parisi has given me the locations.
 - The 2 Village popcorn stands have been cleaned and tested and will be brought to Village Hall next week before the Pops.
 - Mikey & Matty will be taking care of the weekly ice cream for the events.
 - Jimmy Bacon will be checking the downtown alleyways every morning while doing his outer area routine to check for waste.
 - We took a couple of hanging baskets down from Lot 4 to try and rehab them. Still rotating around the large flower pots along Main St.
- Water Department:

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- Water tower construction continues. The tank is now complete. Interior work is underway for the ceiling that will protect the booster pumps. Insulation will be added to the walls of the booster pump room along with covering.
- Discussion about wireless services move from existing tank to temporary pole is desired, including NCPD microwave.
- \$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.
- Grant Avenue driveway apron needs to be replaced, Roadwork Ahead has this on their repair list.
- New doors and hatch approved for all well locations.
- Mayor Ekstrand, Administrator Harty and Water Superintendent Geary Gerhardt met with Paul Grainger at Hicksville Water to look at 1,4 dioxane treatment installation. A general discussion was held regarding the findings from the visit, including the treatment methodology for 1,4 dioxane. We will receive pricing information from the Hicksville Water District regarding their installation as the hardware and computer systems processing the treatment appear to be a good fit for Farmingdale's water system when 1,4 dioxane treatment is needed.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- Other:
 - 100 Thomas Powell Blvd. – the consensus is to take no further action.
 - Discussed a proposal to expand the Jackson Avenue parking lot by 20 spaces.
 - Discussed a proposal to rehabilitate the stairs and upper level in Village Hall.
 - Discussed meeting with the business community regarding the Pride event. Although the event did not generate the volume anticipated, the business

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community is supportive of having the event next year. The Board will consider all factors, including cost of the event and to require a deposit before approval of the event going forward.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer