

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, July 10, 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, July 10, 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 Peter Trentacoste
Superintendent of Building Stephen Fellman

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled/postponed
- Fire Department
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development final plans are in and are being reviewed by H2M for development at 1 Conklin Street.
 - 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 for installation and National Grid – gas line installed.
 - LIRR trestles at NY 24 and Merritts Road are being rehabilitated with expected completion by the end of August 2023.
 - Eastern Parkway house in court with derelict garage. Permit issued for roof repair. Permit revised to increase the size of the garage.
 - New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway under review in front of and behind 4 family houses.
 - Application for 250 Conklin Street office building has been received, hearing was held and is currently on hold.
 - Stratford Green needs to revise plantings to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car.

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- New ice cream parlor in Palmer's shopping center needs a Special Use permit for 24 seats. The paperwork has been filed, need to schedule a hearing for July.
- Tom Reddy is organizing all new rental inspections and inspections of public assembly locations in compliance with the new rental local law.
- Discussed bathroom renovations at Village Hall.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - The new DPW garage is 95% complete: electrical, plumbing and insulation remain. New fence, increase in wall and plantings installed on south property lines 95% completed.
 - Main St. pole removal project Phase 1 complete, with the exception of the NY24 crossing – waiting for NYS permit. All property owners signed 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 – removal on hold.
 - Received preliminary plan for DPW park.
 - Village Green Gazebo brick wall needs repointing.
 - Discussed lot numbering pricing.
 - Permit has been approved to cross NY24 for Main Street Pole Removal project.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for past 2 weeks:
 - The first Village Pops was a success.
 - Castro Landscaping will be cutting the Village Green every Tuesday instead of Fridays.
 - DPW crews repairing a water main break in front of 233 Cherry Street.
 - Crews have been watering every day.

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- Repaired the fuel pump behind the firehouse “in house” at a cost savings of \$500.
- Gina Electrical fixed the electrical hazard behind the Gazebo, kids broke all the electrical conduits.
- DPW crews painted the Gazebo.
- Repaired and replaced an outlet at the water falls “in house”.
- Crews have been preparing everything for the Movie Nights and Music on Main.
- Going to start painting stop lines in all lots and in the residential areas in the coming weeks.
- Repainted the PVC fence down at the back end of Jackson Ave. due to kids painting graffiti. Hung up No Trespassing signs, Code Enforcement has been helping out & keeping an eye on that location.
- Stapleton has been in removing trees and will be back for stumps next week.
- Town of Oyster Bay has been in repairing street lights.
- Fleet maintenance crews have been busy keeping our fleet up and running along with doing repairs on code cars and Fire Dept. vehicles.
- Sweeper operator John Langon has been out sweeping and received compliments for a job well done from a resident.
- Seasonal employee Rob Perdue is out hurt with broken toes, which happened at his other job. He’ll be out for a couple of weeks.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues 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.
 - AOP installation by Philip Ross is complete and testing to meet health department requirements underway.
 - \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul’s budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be applied for in the near term as work is nearing completion and will be in full operation soon. Documents have been signed and submitted to the state to receive funding.

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- 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.
- Met jointly with SFWD & BPWD to identify short and long term needs. Both districts very cooperative and want to be of assistance.
- Construction underway by PRI at plant 2 location with GAC building excavation, foundation and installation of GAC tanks completed. Pipe installation to connect into the system is underway.
- A new WIIA grant application has been submitted to the State by PWGC.
- PWGC following up on required testing to secure funding from legal settlement.
- From John Falbo – Recent work the past week:
 - There is a light at the end of the tunnel for startup of the AOP/GAC at Eastern Parkway. We are waiting on a series of samples taken on Friday as flushing of the GAC tanks was completed. If all goes well then data will be submitted to NCDOH for permission to put the well and treatment facilities into full service. We are working with PRI to install new SCADA system to operate the new treatment facilities.
 - Drainage at Well 1-3 repaired.
 - Preliminary quarterly sample report for Well 2-2 at Ridge Road for this quarter and month shows a lower trend on PFAS PFOA. The next sample will be taken at the end of July for that well.
 - DEC will inspect CBS tanks on the 28th of June and minor issues that will be remedied. Caustic tank tests were run by D&B. Waiting on the reports to provide to DEC.
 - Ongoing maintenance daily.
 - Unresolved water issue on Cherry St. & Richard St.
 - 1 Conklin St. water service disconnected at the curb in anticipation of demolition.
- Code Department:

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- Working until 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and day shift on Sunday until 7:00 p.m.
- Noise issues regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels to be enforced with Notice of Violation and then summons if needed.
- The Board requested a review of nighttime personnel as outdoor dining and open windows have changed with the season.
- Requested that Dave Rodenburg come to the July 24th work session to discuss head in parking and policing of the lots after meters are operating.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023, after pole project is completed.
- George Graf from the Town of Oyster Bay has ARP \$5,000 grants available to local merchants and not-for-profit organizations.
- Nawrocki and Smith is the low bidder for audit services.

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