

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, July 11, 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, July 11, 2022.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

Absent: Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/Hearings to be scheduled
- Fire Department
- Building Department:
 - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) told Mayor Ekstrand that they have finally closed financing and are getting on track.
 - 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. The Planning Board meeting was completed.
 - 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.
 - Working with 317 & The Nutty Irishman to handle waste stream. They added an additional dumpster.

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- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body (Schmeltzer) has restarted construction and stopped. Mr. Schmeltzer was in and said that construction will restart beginning June 27 – he has not but says he will be underway this week.
- 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 has been cleaned up with only fence and shed issues remaining.
- “Haunted Hamburgers” is coming to the former Friendly’s site on Route 109. Awaiting submission, doing demo.
- 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.
- Monitoring Heisser Lane repair shop and Pizza shop on Merritts Rd. for rat issues.
- 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
 - DPW Garage renovations substantially completed, punch list items only.
 - Stumps are located at 90 Conklin St., 250 Conklin St. (Citibank), Clinton Ave.

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- The PO has been issued to Westar for the new DPW garage, waiting for working plans and foundation drawings. Preliminary site work, including retaining wall, will be done by Roadwork Ahead.
- Prepping for Movies and Pop Concerts.
- Comments from Foreman Ken Tortoso: List of DPW job assignments for 7/1-7/8:
- The first Village Pops seemed to be a success, need to add one more employee to the detail. Those risers are a back breaker! The second Pops went well on our end.
- Crews are preparing for this week's Music on Main event on Main St. – electrical drops, garbage pails, barricades, arrow board. capital trucks and handicap ramps are ready to go.
- Crews have been on Main St. and Conklin St. trimming weeds around light poles and garbage cans.
- Weekly watering is still on point.
- Sent Stapleton a stump/trim list.
- Barricades are out for the Jerome Drive block party on July 4th weekend.
- Sent up a few street light outages to the Town of Oyster Bay. If you see any that are out please let me know!
- Crews are still trimming some low hanging branches in the Village. If you see any that we can reach please shoot me a text.
- Shop Mechanics have been busy doing services, aka oil changes and minor vehicle repairs. Pickup truck Hwy #7 has to be sent out next week due to a bad fly wheel. We don't have the equipment to do that.
- 2 popcorn machines along with 2 cases of popcorn, 2 barricades and a cooler filled with ice will be brought to St. Kilian's Church on Friday morning, July 8th, for their 125th anniversary gala!
- 5 Corners Park had an issue with the sprinkler manifold. John from Heads Up Irrigation was on scene along with Trustee Parisi and was repaired that day.
- DPW, with the arrow board, will be working with John Iaboni this Saturday for Rte. 109 median cleaning.

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- The first movie night was cancelled due to weather.
- Dropped off a barricade for the residents at Waverly Place for the Music on Main events.
- Picking up the rest of the backordered racks/shelves from Grainger for DPW.
- Westar is working on the well houses, new doors and new hatches.
- Roadwork Ahead will be working at 5 Corners Park this weekend depending on weather to pour concrete bases for the garbage pails, benches and light bases.
- Water Department:
 - 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.
 - Meeting scheduled with PWGC to review pollution control measures and approach to solutions.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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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