

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, August 22, 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, August 22, 2022.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley (arrived at 7:14)
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

SMALL CLAIMS ASSESSMENT – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-08-31), to approve all Small Claims Assessment review refunds for the 2021/2022 tax year as attached totaling \$2,758.33.

Trustee Priestley arrived.

NIGHT DIFFERENTIAL RATE (CODE) – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-08-32), to increase Code Department night differential from \$21.50/hr. to \$23.00/hr.

SALARY INCREASE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-08-33), to increase hourly rate of Linda Segarra from \$21.00/hr. to \$22.00/hr..

SALARY INCREASE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-08-34), to increase hourly rate of Dave Rodenburg from \$25.00/hr. to \$27.00/hr.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	abstained

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Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Craig Rosasco	aye

VILLAGE AUDITORS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-08-35), to hire Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPAs to audit the 2021/2022 fiscal year at a cost of \$20,000.

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
 - Evites have been sent to the Board and staff for the annual Installation Dinner.
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development will be bringing final plans for a building permit for development at 1 Conklin Street in mid-September.
 - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) told Mayor Ekstrand that they have finally closed financing and are getting on track. The Mayor will call to get the most current status.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – to redesign the site based on feedback from the recent hearing. The site redesign was presented at hearing. The Planning Board meeting was completed, now proceeding to the ZBA on Sept. 1.
 - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
 - Building permit has been issued
 - Demo is underway
 - Working with the Fire Department for training
 - Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed, LIRR was contacted about removing rat habitat along the tracks from Merritts Road to Stratford Green. Also 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.
 - Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body (Schmeltzer) has restarted construction and stopped. Mr. Schmeltzer was in and said that construction will restart

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beginning June 27 – he has not but says he will be underway this week. Work has not started. Mr. Schmeltzer’s attorney has been contacted and we are waiting for a status report. Mr. Schmeltzer and his attorney appeared in Village Court and no delay was allowed. Attempts to reach Mr. Schmeltzer have not been successful, need to contact his attorney.

- 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 – their vendor has placed rat traps and the Building Department has verified that the traps are baited. Arrow Exterminating has been engaged to work with the LIRR to solve this problem in all discussed locations.
- Meeting held with Arrow Exterminating, told to proceed with summonses and remediation at Pizza Parlor and LIRR contacted for removal of habitat along the LIRR right-of-way.
- 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.
- “Haunted Hamburgers” is coming to the former Friendly’s site on Route 109. Building permit has been issued, need to come to the Board for more than 12 seats.
- Asplundh has done test holes for pole removal and line burial on Main Street.
- Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street has to come to the Board for more than 12 seats. Building permit has been issued.
- Vacant house at 55 Clinton Avenue needs follow up, with lot condition and possible animals inside, along with status report from Prochamps.
- The Board requested an ownership check of certain commercial properties on Eastern Parkway. They also requested that the Building Department address certain illegal housing issues and to investigate the condition of other Eastern Parkway residences. Summonses have been issued for roof repair and discussion was held with tenants about property maintenance.
- Outdoor dining was discussed for Bagel Hut and the gas station at the corner of Heisser Lane. Outdoor dining is allowed with a permit at no charge.
- Friday & Saturday noise issues on Main Street are being addressed by Code Enforcement.

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- New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue. It was noted that the LIRR needs a general cleanup of litter along the tracks at various locations.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - Mayor Ekstrand reminded Administrator Harty that the southbound turning lane on Main Street at 5 Corners Park needs to be restriped.
 - A tree stump was noted in front of 140 Prospect Street for removal.
 - Mayor Ekstrand reported that the projected start date for removing poles from Main Street is September 12, 2022.
 - Comments from Foreman Ken Tortoso: List of DPW job assignments for the week of 8/15:
 - The final Movie Night and Music on Main has ended and was a great success all around! I'd like to personally thank Dave Rodenburg and his code enforcement for all the help.
 - Roadwork Ahead is paving the approved areas.
 - Roadwork Ahead poured concrete for the 3 sign light bases for 5 Corners Park, just waiting on a date from TOB lighting to install.
 - Watering is still ongoing! Still looking for a good rainfall, possible next week.
 - DPW has been moving around hanging baskets to different locations, they still look good for the most part.

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- Been in contact with Stapleton for stumps and trees, still waiting on a confirmation date.
- 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 aczak 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 and are in the process of being installed. Ridge Road is completed, waiting for custom door at 299 Eastern Parkway.
 - 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. PWGC recommends pre-construction purchase of equipment. WIIA grant money to be used for the purchase of Advanced Oxidation Process and Granulated Activated Carbon Equipment, Peroxide Tank and Computer Interfaces.
 - Mayor Ekstrand and Administrator Harty had visited Hicksville Water District – they have already installed and are operating the equipment that can be used by Farmingdale to treat for the 1,4 dioxane contaminant long with potential PFOA's.

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- A second meeting with Hicksville Water District is planned for 8/18 with Mayor Ekstrand, Trustee Parisi and Administrator Harty to attend with PWGC consultants to review water treatment plant operations. Progress meeting scheduled with PW Grosser Friday August 26.
- Need to coordinate with Bob Holzmacher to install valving to enable filling of ground tank at Ridge Road from both wells.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Administrator Harty to meet with FBS and Village Attorney DeBellis for code revision implementation – public hearing on September 6.
- Farmingdale Meat Market – they want to sponsor a free event for the community, **On hold.**
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m.
- Other:
 - Music on Main – planning for next year’s DJs, live bands, decibel levels and street layout.
 - Grant collections are being followed up by Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel.
 - Eric Alexander is working with Trustee Parisi and Mayor Ekstrand for a grant for a performing arts center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer