

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, September 5, 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 Tuesday, September 5, 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 Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled
- Trees blocking signs: Removal of tree at 392 Conklin Street was approved. Removal of tree at 441 Main Street was not approved, the tree will stay.
- Resident parking sticker for disabled Cornelia St. resident
- Discuss St. Kilian's Senior Citizens request
- Fire Department:
 - Need to review FFD apparatus flooring proposal
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development demo permit and building permit have been issued for development at 1 Conklin Street. Demolition is now complete, discussion with NY State DOT for curb cut is being finalized.
 - 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 nearing completion.
 - 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, checking on status as construction has not started.

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- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway under review in front of and behind 4 family houses.
- Paver issue on Cherry Street residence nearing resolution, going to ZBA.
- Both Sterling Green and Robby Lee projects are proceeding. No issues with either project.
- The parking lot at CVS will be repaved in September.
- Building Inspector Tom Reddy has organized all new rental inspections and inspections of public assembly locations in compliance with the new rental local law as well as overseeing the numbering in the parking lots.
- There is a possible application for a 2 lot subdivision on Staples Street. Fees need to be set by the Board.
- Dish Network is coming in for a permit to install service on the new water tower.
- VHB has been contacted about analyzing the Master Plan and the developments that have occurred in the last 12 years. A proposal has been provided for review and approval by the Board.
- Verizon will submit an application to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer's Shopping Center.
- 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.
 - Main St. pole removal project Phase 1 complete. NY24 crossing – permit received and work completed. Asplundh/PSEG work completed. All property owners signed Altice access agreement to be able to proceed with Altice/Verizon installation. Altice installation underway with completion on or about October 1. Verizon will provide an updated schedule next week.
 - Plans for Main Street widening submitted to Nassau County, awaiting permit. Anticipate all work on Main Street to be completed by November 15.

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- Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations in parking lots.
- A tree on Prospect St. across from Doud St. needs to be evaluated for possible removal – removal on hold.
- Received preliminary plan for new DPW park.
- Village Green Gazebo brick wall needs repointing.
- Parking meters are being installed.
- The Board requested that the new landscaper weed and mulch certain locations, and that deep root fertilizing for all parking lot trees and trimming of dead branches in all parking lots be accomplished in the near term.
- Need to speak with homeowner on Park Avenue regarding new guardrail.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for the last week in August:
- Last Music on Main this Thursday, crews prepping.
- Ordered the last load of salt from last year’s contract.
- I was called in last Tuesday evening due to a truck knocking over a lamp post in Lot #3 behind Chiddy’s. Police report was taken and info was given to Ann Rodenburg.
- DPW crews fertilized all the flowers and tree pit in all the lots.
- New code cars are in service.
- Shop fleet maintenance crews have started getting our equipment ready for the upcoming leaf season and taking care of inspections.
- The lights in the north railroad lot will remain on until further notice, until we swap out the 26 heads with the LED inserts.
- Stapleton is coming in Tuesday, September 5th to do stump removal and a tree removal at 9 Clinton St.
- Town of Oyster Bay has been in repairing street lighting.
- Crews still doing our day-to-day operations.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues with few punch list items remaining.

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- Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave. Two are completed and one is nearing completion. They will all finish by the time the tank is scheduled to come down, now revised to middle to end of October.
- AOP installation by Philip Ross is complete and testing to meet health department requirements is complete. SCADA system design for this new system is underway by Philip Ross Industries coordinating with Bob Holzmacher. Eagle Control will be designing and installing the new system.
- New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 is being ordered.
- \$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 paperwork is coming from PRI to make application for reimbursement funding. Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel to follow up with PWGC for reimbursement.
- Plant 2 construction underway with GAC building excavation, foundation and installation of GAC tanks completed. Pipe installation to connect into the system is near completion with cut ins to main trunk lines to be done just after peak pumping season.
- 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.
- The Village is investigating waivers from the NYSDOH relating to contaminants.
- Bonds will be sold to pay for Water Department upgrades in mid-September.
- From John Falbo – Recent work over the past few weeks:
- It's been a busy month. We are almost through our peak pumping season.
- With all physical AOP work at Well 1-3 complete, we are just waiting on the Board of Health approval and for all communications and alarms to be implemented to put on line. The building enclosure is still to be completed at Well 1-3.
- The D.E.C. inspection for both Caustic Soda Tanks is coming to a close for the year. All paperwork has been made current, all of our potential

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violations have been remedied in a timely fashion. A Cathodic retest on our Underground Storage Tank also looks like we will pass. Correspondence with D.E.C. was weekly and pictures of completed work was sent off. They appreciated our quick response.

- AOP work at Ridge Road is starting.
- Constant well maintenance and overnight responding to alarms as usual – but we are still pumping water.
- Next week PFAS test at Well 2-2, should be our last one during Peak season. We are almost through!
- AOP work at both sites is moving forward, electrical work is getting done right now.
- New hydrant installed at the old Robbie Lee project on Route 109.
- Sample station and hydrant in front of Palmers will be raised now that we got extension parts, we will take care of it on Thursday, Aug. 31. Parts were on backorder for over a month.
- Monitoring roadwork on Melville Road (locating our valves).
- Code Department:
 - 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.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023, after pole removal project is completed.
- Beautification – Plans for holiday lighting were discussed as well as fall planting at Village Green and 5 Corners Park along with cleanup of Northside Park..
- Holding 5 warrants for clarification.
- For grant request – provide all housing that has been constructed.
- Walk in of paving of Dale Drive – to be deferred until the spring of 2024.
- Special Guest permits for Cornelia Street at \$100 annual permit fee.
- LIRR signage at NY24.
- Staller clean up in front of old CVS.

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- \$200,000 in CDBG funds received.

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