

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, September 6, 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 Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Steve Fellman

Absent: Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled: Need to schedule 1 Conklin Street Special Use Permit hearing.
- Fire Department:
 - The new ambulance will be in operation very soon
 - Gators and new hydraulic gurneys will be operational in the near term
 - The practice training at the Sterling Green demo houses went well. Chief Walter Buser thanked Sterling Green for the opportunity.
 - Jared Arlen and Matt Hammond are handling the LOSAP account.
- 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, was delayed until October.
 - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
 - Building permit has been issued

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- 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.
- 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.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body. No work is being done on this project. Mr. Schmeltzer and his attorney appeared in Village Court and no delay was allowed. Attempts to reach Mr. Schmeltzer have not been successful. Mr. Schmeltzer is due back in court on 9/7/22.
- 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. Meeting with Planning Board for final disposition of exterior elevations.
- Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street has to come to the Board for more than 12 seats. Building permit has been issued.
- 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 was denied to the gas station due to lack of on-site parking.
- 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.
- Charlotte's outdoor music on Friday, Sept. 2 past 9:00 p.m.
- Reminder to follow up Eastern Parkway houses with maintenance issues.
- Reminder to continue vigilance regarding rodent issues by the pizza parlor and LIRR/Stratford Green.
- 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. The new DPW garage foundation plans are being evaluated and should be done by mid-September.
 - Delivery for the window and door project at Village Hall is expected the week of Sept. 6, 2022.
 - 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.
 - Mayor Ekstrand reminded Administrator Harty that the southbound turning lane on Main Street at 5 Corners Park needs to be restriped - completed.
 - 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.
 - Paving projects in the Howitt & Sullivan Road areas are completed. Some striping to be done the week of Sept. 6, which was completed.
 - Main Street pole removal – A major meeting of all parties was conducted at Village Hall on Thursday, Sept.1. The start date is projected to be Sept. 19 with completion expected by late December. PSEG will supply a phasing of the project by the end of the week of Sept. 12.

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- Comments from Foreman Ken Tortoso: List of DPW job assignments for the week of 8/20 – 9/3:
- Stapleton will be in on Friday Sept. 2nd with 2 crews for tree removal and stump grinding – 6 trees and 6 stumps were removed.
- Crews have been relocating hanging baskets from the south RR lot into lots 2-3.
- The tropics are heating up, I've had the shop personnel checking over the chipper and saws just in case any storms come up the coast.
- T and J tank will be inspecting the underground diesel tank at Eastern Pkwy. next week.
- TOB lighting has been in repairing lights
- Russ C. from the Water Dept. repaired a sprinkler line in lot #2 behind the old Wolly's, some sort of animal had eaten through the line.
- Starting to prep for the upcoming leaf season.
- Watering is still ongoing 7 days a week.
- Barricades going out for the mile run down Main St.
- There are approximately 20 requests for street trees in various locations throughout the Village.
- 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. Piping is being installed on the booster pumps located at ground level.
 - 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.

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- 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 delivery of doors for well 1.3.
 - Mayor Ekstrand, Administrator Harty and Water Superintendent Geary Gerhardt met with Paul Granger 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 Oxydation Process and Granulated Activated Carbon Equipment, Peroxide Tank and Computer Interfaces. Mayor Ekstrand and Administrator Harty reported on a recent meeting with consultant PWGC and indicated that pre-purchasing of pollution control equipment was recommended.
 - 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.
 - 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 with PW Grosser took place on Friday August 26, clarified costs and procedures to purchase equipment. A possible NDA may exist that might be an obstacle to purchase certain equipment, PWGC indicated that there are comparative options.
 - Need to coordinate with Bob Holzmacher to install valving to enable filling of ground tank at Ridge Road from both wells.
 - Consultant Bob Holzmacher stated that the EPA will be testing for lithium and PFOA's in the near future.
 - September 7 meeting with PW Grosser – discuss preliminary site plan/layout for treatment equipment.
- Code Department:

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- 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. Meeting completed with all recommendation to Village Attorney DeBellis.
- 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:
 - Howitt Pool ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 8 at 3:15 p.m.
 - The Villager ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 16 at 11:30 a.m.
 - NCVOA dinner meeting Sept. 8.
 - Reminder for DPW to pick up election signs from primaries.
 - Village Attorney DeBellis stated that code officers can issue summonses for illegal signage placed on telephone poles and other locations throughout the Village.

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