

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, September 16, 2019

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Anthony Addeo
Administrator Brian Harty
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman
DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

CDBG YEAR 45 - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2020-09-09), to approve the Mayor's signature to the CDBG Year 45 contract for \$315,000.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ITEM – Not resolved due to lack of documentation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR CONTRACT – Subject to review by counsel, to be discussed before resolution.

NORTHEAST FARMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2020-09-10), to authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement between the Town of Oyster Bay and the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale where the Village of Farmingdale provides Fire Protection for the Northeast Farmingdale Fire Protection District for the year 2019. (\$106,209.81 to be paid by the Town of Oyster Bay).

HALLOWEEN PARADE - Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

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RESOLVED (#2020-09-11), to approve the request by the Farmingdale Village Merchants Association to hold a Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 27th at 1:00 p.m. (Rain date: November 2nd). The parade will assemble at Northside School and continue south on Main Street to the Village Green. Family activities to follow on the Village Green until approximately 4:30 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- DMU Zone Change:
 - Happy to see no waivers on parking and FAR
 - Concerned with offices on Main Street. Offices don't contribute to the vibrancy of the downtown. Why change what was working?
 - Thought that no parking waivers were already allowed there. Trustee Parisi stated that this is clearly spelled out.
 - A resident doesn't want offices – Trustee Parisi agrees. The resident feels that the visitors to an office won't be visiting other businesses.
 - Deputy Mayor Barrett wants other business besides bars & restaurants.
 - Trustee Addeo likes the idea of a Main Street location.
 - Trustee Parisi said that after 5:00 offices are closed and dark, just dead space.
 - Should look for destination stores.
 - Feels that the offices are not welcoming. Can we require that they light up at night?
 - Why open the opportunity to have a problem when none exists?
 - 40 feet roof line – bring height to 2 ½ stories & the affordable component to 20%.
 - We should look to other municipalities are getting as incentive bonuses.
 - Bring DMU down to 2 ½ floors.
- Collections/penalties from non-paying Village of Farmingdale water customer located in the Town of Babylon.

Action points:

- 20 Merritts –
 - Retaining wall, remove timber, trees are leaning over due to cliff, close gate:
Under construction/Revised plans. Other issues: Guard rail – the developer

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may need an easement or license agreement to install the guard rail. Dry wells in rear yard need grates.

- Who does the builder need an easement from?
- Overgrown between the fence and Merritts Road
- Street light out between 29 & 33 Linwood Avenue – **Reported to Town of Oyster Bay lighting for repair on August 16.**
- During events, cars were parked on both sides of South Front Street.
- Fire hydrant by Daytona's – brick are collapsing. **Repaired**
- The look of the car lot is a bad gateway for the Village. **Superintendent Fellman stated that they have been fining him.**
- Howitt Middle School drop off or pick up is dangerous.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
- Building Department:
- Highway Department:
- Water Department.
- Code Department:
- Winter Wonderland

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator