

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, September 23, 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
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Administrator Brian Harty
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman
DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

Absent: Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Anthony Addeo

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Farmingdale Village Merchants Association discussed branding the downtown area as the “Culinary Quarter Mile”, “Culinary Mile” or “Culinary Quarter” which will include signage and advertising. The Board was favorable to the concept, with signage locations to be designated and installed by November 15th. Village Attorney DeBellis has been tasked to get the copyright of the name.

EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR AGREEMENT - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2020-09-12), to approve Fire Department EMS Medical Director Agreement contract for Dr. Jack Geffken at a price of \$3,713.15, subject to review by the Village Attorney.

USE OF FACILITIES - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2020-09-13), to approve a Use of Facilities request from Kate Chapman and Brendan Andrews for the use of the Gazebo for a wedding on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

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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 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 to build the guard rail?
 - Overgrown between the fence and Merritts Road
- Street light out between 29 & 33 Linwood Avenue – **Repaired**
- During events, cars were parked on both sides of South Front Street. – **To be addressed by Code at the October 21st work session.**
- Fire hydrant by Daytona's – bricks are collapsing. **Repaired**
- The look of the car lot is a bad gateway for the Village. **Superintendent Fellman stated that they have been writing summonses.**
- Howitt Middle School drop off or pick up is dangerous. **Administrator Harty spoke to School District Superintendent Paul Defendini regarding options. Per Superintendent Defendini, H2M will evaluate.**

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department – Chief DiBartolo reported on the following:
 - Discussed PGA issues. He will be included in planning for the next major golf event at Bethpage State Park.
 - Certain control boards have been purchased which will be used at fire scenes with PGA funds.
 - All new LED lighting has been installed but dimmers are needed in a few locations. Additionally, the Fire Department ordered new lighting for the walkway just to the north of the building.
 - Hose and ladder testing has been completed.
 - The rear bay door needs repair – Mojica Door has been called.
 - The bid notice for the washer-dryer needs to be advertised.
 - The chief thanked the Village for arranging and completing the repair for the front steps of the firehouse.

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- Grants for gear racks and epoxy coating of the firehouse apparatus floor are confirmed.
- Gmail accounts have been set up for all chiefs.
- The Columbus Day Fair will have food trucks in the rear of the firehouse for the first time.
- **Building Department:**
 - Discussed various projects including the former Cork and Kerry, 20 Merritts Road, the auto body shop on Rte. 109 and graffiti.
 - Follow up with Campanelli Landscaping regarding the CVS parking lot reconstruction and landscaping.
- **Highway Department:**
 - Savik and Murray paving estimates – list was approved for resolution at the October 7, 2019 Board meeting.
 - Parking lot 5:
 - Two poles/lights to be installed September 29.
 - Metered parking is operational.
 - Certain handicapped signage for metered spaces needs to be completed.
 - Three new poles and lights to be installed in Gergras Park with irrigation.
 - Bids for the Recharge Basin and Parking Lot 4 are due September 24 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Water Department – Ongoing discussion with PWGC and Dvirka and Bartilucci regarding water treatment and new tank.**
- **Code Department – October 21st discussion scheduled**
- **Winter Wonderland**
- **San Gennaro Festival at 317 was a large success.**
- **It was suggested that Dave Koppel review proposal to the State for \$10 million grant.**
- **LED fixture installation in Village Hall is complete. Need dimmers in the court room and building department.**
- **Conference call with Standard and Poors regarding the \$4.8M water tower and DPW garage went well.**

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- 5 Corners Park planning continues with a 50/50 matching grant from Nassau County.
- Money collected: Dispatch booth grant - \$144K, CHIPs funds - \$273K, PGA - \$40K, Robbie Lee building fee - \$63K.
- Piers and signage for Parking Lot 3 will be constructed in the near term.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator