

## **WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, September 26, 2016**

### **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 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor Patricia Christiansen  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Administrator Brian Harty  
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman  
DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

**Absent:** Trustee William Barrett

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Farmingdale Cub Scout Troop members were in attendance to question the Mayor and Board on current practices and events within the Village and what duties are required to be performed as Mayor. The boys were in the process of completing the requirements for a merit badge.

The following topics were discussed:

- The scaffolding for the Staller project on Main Street has been removed.
- Building Superintendent Fellman presented a new brick paving product to the Board. He suggested installing a test patch as a trial when possible.
- Fire Department:
  - Deputy Mayor Christiansen presented the report from the Fire Commissioners meeting.
  - Mold in the basement will be removed. Village Green Cleaners will be asked for a quote to clean turn out gear.
  - Chief will be notified whenever Main Street is closed for Village events.
- Fire House & Courtroom stoop reconstruction - The low bidder for the new stoops for the fire house and the courtroom has withdrawn their bid. The Board then authorized Roadwork Ahead, the second lowest bidder, to proceed with the stoop installation.
- Building Department:

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- Discussed various projects including collecting fees: Concerns were expressed about the number of fire department calls to the new “Meetball Place” restaurant.
- Superintendent Fellman will communicate with Chief Keith Ryan regarding drawings of fire alarm systems for new construction with respect to the format in which he would like to receive them.
- Parking in Lot 4 for placement of Meat Market and Safeco Electric Trucks was discussed.
- Updates on major products.
- Water Department – Discussed Water Department upgrade project status.
  - Work on the pressure zone upgrade in the north quadrant of the Village is progressing on schedule. Will be completed by year end.
  - Prices for the communication upgrades in the Water Department are being evaluated.
- Highway Department:
  - The Jackson Avenue parking lot will be open on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>; merchants need to be notified.
  - Thomas Powell Blvd./Arthur St. accumulation area to be monitored during the rainy conditions this week. The road, drain and manhole rehabilitation projects were discussed.
- Code Department – Discussed parking and safety issues on Route 109 near the Woodbridge Apartments and the Mosque.
- FVMA/Halloween Parade/Activities – Main Street will only be closed at noon on October 30<sup>th</sup> for the Halloween Parade beginning at 1:00 p.m. and opened immediately after the parade is concluded. Related children and family oriented activities are approved and are to be held on the Village Green.

**VILLAGE ATTORNEY HIRE** - Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2017-09-18)**, to hire Claudio DeBellis as Village Attorney at a salary of \$38,700 per year.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor Patricia A. Christiansen	aye
Trustee William Barrett	absent

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Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye

**HOLIDAY TREE** - Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2017-09-19)**, to purchase a new holiday tree to be planted on the Village Green from Warren’s Nursery, Inc. in the amount of \$7,750.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor Patricia A. Christiansen	aye
Trustee William Barrett	absent
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Consensus approval was granted to replace certain sidewalk, curb and gutter in parking lot one under the Village’s requirements contract with Rosemar Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$3820.40. The costs will be divided between the property owner (\$1438.60) and the Village (\$2391.80).

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator