

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, September 28, 2015

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 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor Christiansen
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee William Barrett
Administrator Brian Harty
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman
DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

Absent: Trustee Thomas Ryan

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

Laura Coletti, Architect, addressed the Board. She is considering purchasing premises at 27 North Main Street adjacent to the PAL headquarters for the purpose of conducting her architectural practice and renting the upstairs apartment. Building Superintendent Fellman advised that she would require a Special Use Permit to operate her practice in Residence B Zone. A Public Hearing will be announced in October to be held on November 2, 2015.

Chiefs Keith Ryan and Ryan Tortoso and Fire Commissioners Cella and Reilly addressed the Board. They discussed the numerous telephone calls they have received in response to the Board's decision not to permit children to participate in the Columbus Day Parade citing safety issues since the parade occurs after dark. Parents have requested that the Board reconsider its decision. After discussion, the Mayor and Trustees requested that Administrator Harty engage the services of the Village's Code Officers for Sunday evening from 5:00 to 9:00 PM to ensure the safety of the children. The Board agreed to reverse its previous decision and to allow all who wish to march.

Deputy Mayor Christiansen reviewed the issues brought up at the Fire Commissioner's meeting on September 24th. Progress is being made on the new entrance door; all trucks will be kept in the fire house once the dispatcher's booth is completed; necessary repairs in the fire house will be made on a more timely basis; the Board will review its finances to determine a timetable for the purchase of a new pumper; new Chief's vehicle will be sent out to bid.

Administrator Harty advised the Board that the bid opening for reconstruction of Parking Lot 2 was held last week and Roadwork Ahead was the low bidder. The project will be awarded at the Board meeting on October 5th.

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Building Superintendent Fellman advised that The Meetball Place has requested interior changes to their project and will reappear before the Board of Trustees to amend their Special Use Permit. He further advised that Starbucks will be the subject of a Public Hearing on November 2nd.

The Board reviewed material provided in connection with the confined space – retrieval system for the Water Department. Authorization to proceed with this material will be on the Agenda for the October 5th Board meeting.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Fisch reported that a Health Department inspection was conducted this morning and with the exception of some minor items to be corrected, the report was favorable. A system for compliance with backflow prevention device inspections requires improvement.

Administrator Harty updated the Mayor and Trustees on the following items:

- Computer Service Company – awaiting further proposals.
- VHB traffic study of Secatogue Avenue – on hold
- Sign Code – will be voted on at the October 5th meeting.
- Metered parking on Front St. and Secatogue Avenue – will be on the agenda for October 5th for Board vote.
- LIRR ticket office – awaiting response from MTA following their Board meeting next month.
- Zip cars – awaiting information from Anthony Bartone.
- LED street lighting – Everyone is pleased with the look of the LED lights. Significant savings will be realized. The Board will vote on this proposal on October 5th.
- Information on crack sealing equipment was discussed. The Board will vote on this proposal at the October 5th meeting.
- Discussion of the Personnel Handbook is continuing.

The Board is continuing its study of incentive bonus provisions in the DMU zone as well as consideration of a building moratorium.

At 9:55 PM, Trustee Barrett moved to go into Executive Session to discuss DPW personnel issues. Trustee Parisi seconded. Motion carried, all voting aye.

The Board returned to Work Session at 10:35 PM upon motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen. Motion carried, all voting aye.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM upon motion made by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Mayor Christiansen