

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, October 2, 2023
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 Monday, October 2, 2023.

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 Stephen Fellman

The work session from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. was dedicated to a dialogue with residents of Linwood Avenue and Arthur Street who were flooded during recent aberrant rain storm activity, where multiple communities in Nassau County and the surrounding region experienced severe rainfall and resultant flooding. There are XXX homes on Linwood Avenue whose basements were flooded resulting in considerable damage to (but not limited to) heating systems, electrical systems, carpeting, furniture, appliances, insulation, sheetrock, bathrooms, cabinetry and personal items. The Village heard the concerns of the residents and informed the residents of current conditions, explained how the drainage system works and the Village's commitment to eliminate flooding conditions in the future: Specifically, the Village has engaged H2M Architects and Engineers to evaluate the system and to develop a scope of work to handle the aberrant storm. Additionally, the Mayor indicated that he is working with State Senator Rhoads to see if State Emergency Funding might be available to assist homeowners. Others who will be contacted are the County of Nassau, National Grid, PSEG LI and Petro Oil Company to see what programs may be available to assist in rebuilding their homes. All of those present who were impacted left their e-mail addresses and the Village will provide updates in a timely manner on programs that may be of assistance and the status of the plans from H2M. All reconstruction building permit fees will be waived for those impacted in this neighborhood.

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled
- Fire Department
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development demo permit and building permit have been issued for development at 1 Conklin Street. Demolition is now complete, discussion with NY State DOT for curb cut is being finalized. State DOT approval anticipated soon.

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- 7-11 and Sunoco – the ZBA has approved the plans and the Board approved the Special Use Permit, awaiting construction drawings in order to issue building permit.
- Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction is nearing completion, anticipated opening November 15th.
- Eastern Parkway house in court with derelict garage. Permit issued for roof repair. Permit revised to increase the size of the garage, checking on status as construction has not started. Building Inspector Demarrais spoke to the owners to begin construction otherwise a summons will be issued.
- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway under review in front of and behind 4 family houses. Meeting scheduled with Fairfield for Tuesday, September 19 – met with Fairfield’s architect and have a tentative agreement for 11 spaces on-site parking in driveways that will be assigned and numbered, and 7 spaces on the street similar to other FF projects (with Board approval). Fairfield has requested contract.
- Paver issue on Cherry Street residence nearing resolution, going to ZBA. Anticipate significant removal of pavers.
- Both Sterling Green and Robby Lee projects are proceeding. No issues with either project.
- The parking lot at CVS will be repaved in September, waiting for permit application.
- Dish Network application has been sent to Dick Comi for review.
- VHB has been contacted about analyzing the Master Plan and the developments that have occurred in the last 12 years. A proposal has been provided for review and approved by the Board.
- Waiting for Verizon submission of an application to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer’s Shopping Center.
- Summons issued to “The Coop” needing Planning Board approval for a new façade. Architect has contacted the Building Department.
- Lotus Garden should be ready to open by the end of October.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations

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- The new DPW garage is 95% complete: electrical, plumbing and insulation issues are being addressed.
- Main St. pole removal project Phase 1 complete. NY24 crossing – permit received and work completed. Asplundh/PSEG work completed. All property owners signed Altice access agreement to be able to proceed with Altice/Verizon installation. Altice installation underway with completion on or about October 15. Verizon removal of wires underway.
- Plans for Main Street widening submitted to Nassau County, awaiting permit. Anticipate all work on Main Street to be completed by November 15.
- Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations in parking lots.
- A tree on Prospect St. across from Doud St. needs to be evaluated for possible removal – removal on hold.
- Received preliminary plan for new DPW park.
- Village Green Gazebo brick wall needs repointing.
- Parking meters are installed.
- The Board requested that the new landscaper weed and mulch certain locations, and that deep root fertilizing for all parking lot trees and trimming of dead branches in all parking lots be accomplished in the near term.
- Need to speak with homeowner on Park Avenue regarding new guardrail.
- Deputy Mayor Barrett spoke to Ken Tortoso about new pick-up trucks and asked about the asphalt patch truck.
- New “no parking here to corner” signs need to be added Richard St. and Rose St.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for the week of September 18/25:
- Castro Landscaping will be thatching and fertilizing the Village Green, 5 Corners Park and the waterfalls park, completed.
- DPW crews are slowly removing hanging baskets. Was a great season this year.
- Spraying Village Hall twice a week.

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- Crews will be turning off and winterizing the waterfalls system in October.
- DPW crews have been out installing the parking meter signs in various parking lots.
- Mums are in and planting around the Village with Trustee Parisi and the Beautification Committee.
- Repaired a roof leak in the conference room and in Building Department bay window and southeast corner on second story.
- Called in Arrow Exterminating to check out a possible bees nest in a tree at the north lot of the railroad station. The tech could not locate the hive and said that it's late in the season and they're going to be dying off soon due to the cooling temperatures. I will keep an eye on it.
- Town of Oyster Bay lighting has been in doing streetlight repairs! NEED to order more streetlight decko LED insert replacements from Magniflood!!
- New DPW Garage: Insulation issues resolved and installation started. Electrical issues resolved, exhaust fans ordered and alarm system engineering and submittals to the Fire Marshal's office are underway. Gas application to National Grid has been submitted, gas header to be installed by plumber. Ongoing to completion.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues with few punch list items remaining.
 - Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave. Three are completed and Motorola is nearing completion. They will all finish by the time the tank is scheduled to come down, now revised to middle to end of October.
 - AOP installation by Philip Ross is complete and testing to meet health department requirements is complete. SCADA system design for this new system is underway by Philip Ross Industries coordinating with Bob Holzmacher & D&B. Eagle Control will be designing and installing the new system.
 - New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 is being ordered.
 - \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be applied for in the near term

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as paperwork is coming from PRI to make application for reimbursement funding. Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel to follow up with PWGC for reimbursement.

- Plant 2 construction underway with GAC building excavation, foundation and installation of GAC tanks completed. Construction of the GAC building is underway, walls are up and roofing trusses delivered. Pipe installation to connect into the system is near completion with cut ins to main trunk lines to be done just after peak pumping season and when Well 1-3 is fully operational.
 - A new WIIA grant application has been submitted to the State by PWGC.
 - PWGC following up on required testing to secure funding from legal settlements.
 - The Village is investigating waivers from the NYSDOH relating to contaminants.
 - Bonds have been sold to pay for Water Department upgrades.
 - Hydrant flushing is planned for Friday, October 27, 2023.
 - From John Falbo – Recent work over the past week:
 - Quarterly samples for 3rd quarter of year at all Well Houses and Tanks were done. Results will be in about 3 weeks from now. Motorola finished all ground work at Eastern Parkway.
 - Well 2-3 is sending off multiple chemical safety alarms every time it runs due to bad 10” check valve to system. We found it restricts the flow rate to system and which affects readings on Chemical output. Still waiting on quote from Merrick Utilities for replacement old valve and recommendation from Holzmacher Engineering. This is our primary well. **IMPORTANT!** Needs to be replaced. Valves replaced and additional check valve needs to be installed.
 - All is moving along with AOPS at both places.
 - Tank Level signal is being moved from Old Tank to New Tank which means essentially we can start draining old tank at any time. But we will keep in use until old tank is ready to come down.
- Code Department:

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- Working until 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and day shift on Sunday until 7:00 p.m.
- Noise issues regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels to be enforced with Notice of Violation and then summons if needed.
- Trustee Priestley asked if Code could be trained to assist people in using the new parking meters.
- The Board approved no parking on Main Street on October 27, 2023, October 28, 2023 and November 22, 2023 after 10:00 p.m. and December 16, 2023 from Noon until 4:00 a.m.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023, after pole removal project is completed.

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