

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, October 7, 2024
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 7, 2024.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Manjinder Kaur
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight’s public hearings/hearings to be announced
- Fire Department:
 - Commissioner Designee Will Merrins has been notified to come in and take the Oath of Office.
 - Two grants are pending: one for \$100,000 for new windows and one for \$500,000 for Scott Packs and other equipment needed for operations.
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development at 1 Conklin Street “The Enclave” is virtually complete and nearing C/O.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – ZBA approved plans and the Board approved a Special Use Permit. Awaiting construction drawings in order to issue building permit. Special Use Permit was extended.
 - The Sterling Green project is nearing completion, TCO issued. Demo of adjacent house completed.
 - The Carlyle completed, C/O issued. LIHP to conduct electronic lottery for workforce units.
 - Dish Network building permit issued with installation started.
 - Waiting for Verizon resubmission of plans to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer’s Shopping Center. Public hearing for special use permit scheduled for 10/7/24 (to be adjourned until November).

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- Enterprise Rent-A-Car – Special Use Permit has been approved, construction has started.
- Ownership of the Nutty Irishman & 317, dumpster under construction, needs second dumpster guard and container.
- National Grid grant for street trees and planter boxes has been submitted – approximately \$10,000, awaiting response.
- Toretta Estates waiting for three building applications for remaining lots.
- Caribbean fusion restaurant – no permit submitted as only cosmetic improvements are being made. Check number of seats in restaurant – (Superintendent Fellman to check).
- Mike’s Barber Shop nearing completion with hanging sign and window work, including neon, to be done.
- Window signage at CBD store to be cut back to required 25% (Superintendent Fellman to verify).
- Bodega on Conklin St. signage to be reviewed.
- 217 Main Street to be renamed L.I. McGrath’s - will be an Irish pub. Working with the Building Department for a Special Use Permit.
- The Pour Authority will be moving into space adjacent to 335 Main Street (no application submitted).
- Personnel working on 1, 2, & 3 family inspections.
- Certain signage needs to be addressed on Main Street: illuminated, ATM signs, moving digital message signs (Chiddy’s), interior tubular signage that may not have permits.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - New DPW Yoakum St. park is completed (berm behind park needs completion).
 - Village Green Gazebo brick evaluated, one joint needs replacement (to be done by handyman ASAP) along with repointing of Fire Department and Courtroom stoops.

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- Need to evaluate lighting at the Melville Road/Secatogue Avenue intersection (Superintendent Patanjo).
- GFI units for holiday lighting to be supplied by the Town of Oyster Bay (scheduling soon).
- Check Parking Lot 5 entrance sign – left light out, repaired.
- Check schedule for FFD traffic lights – Hinck, Wellsbach & TOB.
- Check Parking Lot 3 Blue Spruce trees to provide electric for holiday decorations.
- Schedule tree removal & trimming in Zone 1 – partially underway with DPW personnel, to start the week of October 7 for remaining trees.
- Traffic light at 5 Corners Park has been repaired and is working properly.
- Crack sealing is substantially completed.
- Waverly Place was added by Roadwork Ahead along with the paving of 9 roads – completed.
- Waiting for Altice plan for North Main Street. Deposit paid to PSEG for pole removal.
- Castro Landscaping is donating labor to install all fall mum & kale plantings.
- Drain piping ownership has been questioned.
- Review County easement at Thomas Powell Blvd. for payment (Village Attorney DeBellis).
- Check Parking Lot 5 light.
- Confirm number of outlets for parking lot decorations.
- Five trees need to be removed – 4 on Cherry Street and 1 on Richard Street.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- Leaf truck is set up and ready to go! Will be going out after Columbus Day weekend.
- DPW crews have been getting ready in preparation for the fair.
- Been working closely with Castro and the new plantings.

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- Watering crews have been watering the new plantings on Jefferson Road and Circle Drive along with the rest of the Main Street flowers.
- Crews have been removing the flowers in the parking fields. The rest will be removed after Columbus Day.
- Crews have been power washing the downtown area.
- Crews have been out weed trimming Main Street and have started cleaning out the parking lots.
- Working on getting the outlets for the parking lots for the Christmas decorations.
- Crews ran sweeping loads this week to Brookhaven landfill.
- Castro will be in the Prospect area next week to do tree trims as per the list.
- Stapleton will be in October 23rd to do some removal of dead trees on Cherry Street.
- Crews assisted Castro with the plantings of the mums.
- Crews have been replacing stop signs.
- Crews have been removing trees and other debris from Jackson Avenue to Oyster Bay recycling.
- On behalf of us here at the Department of Public Works, we'd like to thank the Mayor, Village Board and Village Administrator for the 2 new pickup trucks.
- Water Department:
 - Sampling and testing of Well 1-3 of AOP/GAC installation by Philip Ross continues with well now fully operational.
 - New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 construction has started with building to be finished on or about 11/15/24. Additional testing costs for newly monitored contaminants at approximately \$16,000 per well.
 - Plant 2 construction to re-commence on or about 11/6/24.
 - Master schedule is being worked on by PRI through completion for all wells, expected to be 5/1/25.
 - PWGC following up on required testing to secure funding from legal settlements and potential federal and county funding. Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel helped finalize all submissions.

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- A grant of \$1 million has been committed through County Legislator John Ferretti to offset costs of the new water treatment systems. A payment of \$500,000 was received.
- Congressman Thomas Suozzi has informed the Village that a \$1.1 million commitment has been secured in the 2025/2026 Federal Budget. Not a reimbursement grant.
- Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement is underway by D&B.
- D&B is providing analysis for antennae replacement on elevated tank by AT&T.
- WIIA Grants from the State of New York are being followed up with final payment for Well 1-3 to be received after the building enclosing the GAC tanks is complete.
- Review Lead and Copper for next steps.
- From John Falbo:
 - Well 1-3 at Eastern Parkway is now in lead 24/7. Heavy pumping season is coming to an end and just in time to work on Water Plant at Ridge Road.
 - 220 Fulton Street found shut off to service which was buried beneath sidewalk.
 - Mark outs and meter repairs in distribution system is a daily routine.
 - On a daily basis we are keeping tabs/monitoring on Philip Ross Industries work at both water plants.
- Code Department:
 - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card slot).
 - Electrification of all parking meters is underway.
 - Sign posts and signage needs to be placed on Main Street. Sign posts received, Roadwork Ahead to install.
 - Noise issues on Main Street will be addressed as noted by code officers. If complaints are received, please forward to appropriate code or building department.

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- Mayor Ekstrand reported that Prologis proposed warehouse and distribution facility for the old Farmingdale Lanes was turned down by the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Town of Babylon, but they have filed an Article 78 proceeding with the court system to see if that determination can be reversed.
- Mayor Ekstrand asked what is causing the delay on fixing the light over the entrance sign in Parking Lot 5.
- The Village received notification from the County of Nassau that it will receive \$500,000 in CDBG grants for the 2024/2025 cycle. \$400,000 will be used for the pole removal project on Main Street and \$100,000 for the Sign, Light & Awning program for downtown businesses. This is an all-time record for the Village as past grants have not exceeded \$300,000.
- The deposit has been paid to PSEGLI to enable final plans and first payment for the pole removal project on Main Street from Conklin Street to South Front Street.
- The new bushes have been installed in front of the Jefferson Road sump.
- The traffic light at 5 Corners has been repaired.
- Please replace the “Best of Long Island” sign at Village Hall.
- Suggestion to add signage to direct visitors to Municipal Parking fields.
- October 19th is the Nutty Irishman’s 20th Anniversary celebration.

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