

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, October 23, 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 23, 2023.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

Absent: Trustee Cheryl Parisi

The following topics were discussed:

- Linwood Avenue update:
 - H2M has been hired to perform a drainage study of the area and to propose options for corrective measures. The Village will continue to monitor weather conditions and anything else that might have an impact in the area while H2M works on solutions.

EASEMENT AGREEMENT, upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-10-08), to approve easement agreement between the Village and KeySpan Gas East Corporation to provide gas service to Zuzu. All repaving is at the applicant's expense and to be signed off by appropriate Village personnel.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- In discussion with Farmingdale School District to add a pedestrian gate on Cherry Street to access parking lot after main gate closure and to add interior directional signage to exit on Grant St. Decided to add signage.

UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE TRANSFER – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2024-10-09), to do the following transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance to the following General Fund Reserves as of May 31, 2023:

- To transfer \$111,086 to the Reserve for Special Use/Incentive Bonus for the payments made in 2022/2023.

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BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND TRANSFERS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2024-10-10), to do the following budget adjustments and transfers to the General Fund as of May 31, 2023:

- To increase the budget by \$415,000 due to unanticipated revenues in fines and forfeitures and to be used for general fund expenditures as detailed in the attached schedule, \$114,130.43 specific to Village Hall building improvements for windows and blinds and \$112,747.11 to Village Justice Court Contractual Services.
- To increase the budget by \$92,702.72 due to DASNY grant for the purchase of gators and related equipment for the fire department.
- To approve of the following budget transfers as detailed in the attached schedule.

BUDGET TRANSFERS – WATER FUND, upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-10-11), to increase the budget, using Unassigned Fund Balance for the Water Fund as of May 31, 2023 in the amount of \$334,008.85 in addition as detailed in the attached schedule.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- 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.
 - 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. Final State DOT comments received by developer.
 - 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

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as construction has not started. Building Inspector Demarrais spoke to the owners to begin construction - however, a summons was issued. They were in court last Wednesday, the property owner was given a short timeline to begin the work.

- 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. Fined \$2,500 by the court, a new plan was submitted which goes back to 35% lot coverage as required.
- Stop work order issued on Jefferson Rd. for driveway expansion without permit.
- Both Sterling Green and Robby Lee projects are proceeding. No issues with either project.
- The parking lot at CVS will be repaved in September, construction is underway, finishing in early November.
- 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. They have presented to the Planning Board.
- Lotus Garden should be ready to open by the end of October.
- Proposed 2 lot sub-division on Staples Street was given a Planning Board application. The county reviewed the proposed sub-division and has determined it to local jurisdiction.
- Need to resolve trash issues behind florist.

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- Tree issue on Tulane St. and Leonard St. needs to be resolved.
- Route 109 parking in front of Hearthstone needs to be resolved.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - 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.
 - New pick-up truck issues need to be resolved.

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STOP SIGN, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-10-12), to add a stop sign at the corner of Lafayette Road and Ridge Road.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Highway Department (continued):
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for the past week:
 - Leaf crews going out for leaf sucking
 - DPW crews started to remove hanging baskets
 - DPW crews have started with our fall clean ups
 - Castro Landscaping to clean and remove overgrowth including poison ivy at the Eastern Pkwy. water works plant along with fall park cleanups.
 - Pocket park water falls have been turned off and cleaned out for the season.
 - Heads Up Irrigation will be in soon to winterize our sprinkler systems.
 - Stapleton has been in removing trees.
 - DPW has been removing smaller trees.
 - DPW has finished watering for the season, tanks have been winterized and stored away.
- 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.

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- 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 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:
- We made it through peak pumping season, pumpage is now down less than a million gallons per day.
- The quarterly samples for each well came back under detectable reportable numbers.
- The high contaminant is still the dioxane at Well 1-3 of which we are still not in violation, but the numbers are getting higher when in use due to emergency repair work at Well 2-3 and also when running water through carbon tanks to keep water fresh.
- All valves at Well 2-3 that were replaced due to age and failure are operating smoothly and efficiently.
- Billing and meter repairs are coming to a close for this quarter.
- Babysitting AOP work and all other new housing development projects throughout the Village.

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- Surveying for lead and copper services is now of the forefront.
- Code Department:
 - 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.

IT UPGRADES, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-10-13), to approve IT upgrades in the amount of \$35,925.48.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-10-14), to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-10-15), to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer