

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, October 28, 2019
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, October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Anthony Addeo
Administrator Brian Harty
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman
DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

The following topics were discussed:

- 330 Conklin Street – Hal Fuchs and Counsel Diane Prevete from Albanese & Albanese in Garden City discussed potential Cross Action Agreement (Easement) terms:
 - The area of the easement
 - Use and time of use
 - Improvements and value of the improvements to determine a minimal time or compensation due if the easement is terminated
 - Questions arose regarding liability and insurance “mutual indemnity” was discussed, as well as the potential for access for adjacent property owners and centralization of dumpsters for them and 330 Conklin Street tenants.
 - Mr. Fuchs indicated that he may lease property from Mr. Meares to use for parking of his tenants
 - The Village indicated that leased property would/may not be able to be used as parking to meet a parking requirement
 - It is the preference of the Board that a use of the building be proposed with renovations in order to adequately assess the parking needs of a potential tenant.
 - Mr. Fuchs indicated that approximately 5,000 sq. ft. of space will be added as follows:
 - 3,300 sq. ft. of converted warehouse space

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- 700 sq. ft. of storefront
- 1,000 sq. ft. of mezzanine or a rooftop deck
- Mr. Fuchs plans aren't finalized as he is in negotiations with a potential tenant
- The Village will evaluate the property with regard to paving, drainage, lighting, access to adjacent property and a dumpster location.
- Extension of Library Café special use permit: Resolution to approve the extension of the special use permit at the November 4th meeting. Fee to be 50% of the original special use permit.

Action points:

- 20 Merritts –
 - Retaining wall, remove timber, trees are leaning over due to cliff, close gate: **Under construction/Revised plans. Other: Dry wells in rear yard need extension and grates.**
 - Need update on fencing/retaining wall

NEW FIRE CHIEF'S VEHICLE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Addeo and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2020-10-12), to approve the purchase of new (2019) Ram Tradesman 1500 Crew Cab in the amount of \$31,262.41 including delivery for use by the Fire Department as a Chief's car utilizing a piggy-back provision in a purchase contract from Onondaga Cty #8771 through Robert Green Truck Division, Rock Hill, New York.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Building Department:
 - The Special Use Permit for the auto body building at the corner of Fulton St. and Conklin St. has been revoked. Graffiti and weeds need to be cleaned up.
 - The Sunoco sign at the corner of Fulton St. & Merritts Rd. that was hit & destroyed has been cleaned up and a temporary sign is in place. The adjacent 7-11 and Sunoco will submit an application for a new site plan combining both uses.
 - Cap-A-Radiator – the site under renovation needs to finish side

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- 306 Main Street Sports Bar has passed final inspection and is waiting for the Fire Marshal's approval to open.
- A new speakeasy "Alibi" has replaced Cork & Kerry – it is open and doing well, with cosmetic changes to the interior reflecting 1920's décor.
- A mixed martial arts business opened next to Whiskey Down.
- Highway Department:
 - Road paving has been completed in the Hill Road and Fairview Road areas
 - 11 trees are scheduled to be removed and 64 trees are to be planted. Trees have been ordered and will be installed in November
 - Gas station behind Village Hall will start construction in mid-November with plans to be completed by mid-January.
 - National Grid to start new main installation on Main Street in mid-November with a February 1, 2020 completion date anticipated.
 - Road paving on Southeast Staples St. and the roads where National Grid installed new gas mains. Evaluating new contractor for a piggyback possibility to complete these roads by the end of November 2019.
 - Obtaining prices for a skid steer – backhoe attachment
 - J.M. Iaboni will be in to reestablish village draining system behind 13 Jefferson Road.
 - Crack sealing and leaf pickup is underway.
- Water Department – New Water Tank – Specs are nearing completion along with electric upgrades and generator
- Code Department
- Winter Wonderland – Margaret Barrett & Trustee Priestley are organizing this event in the Village:
 - Thursday, Dec. 12 – "White Christmas", produced by Bob O'Neill, will be presented at "317 on Main".
 - Friday, Dec. 13 – Store Window Decorating Competition
 - Saturday, Dec. 14 – Gingerbread Competition during the day at The Chocolate Duck, "Frosty the Snowman" will be shown at St. Kilian Auditorium with Santa photos and free popcorn.

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- Sunday, Dec. 15 – Craft-A-Fair will organize vendors on the Village Green to sell gifts for the holidays along with pictures with Santa, face painting, a train for children and cut-outs to take photos. Carolers and other musical entertainment will be provided.
- Audits & New Server – Postponed until Deputy Clerk Kelly returns.
- Other items:
 - Remove Blink Fitness
 - Sam Glass – finish hardy plank on sides of building
 - Checker Taxi offices are moving to 148 South Front Street in approximately 4 months. The trailer where they are currently operating from will be discontinued when the move takes place.
 - A key is needed for Qwik Ride.
 - Check mileage of all Fire Chief vehicles
 - Add stop signs on Nelson Street
 - Remove signage from Staller Building next to Village Hall.
 - Place Village flag on new flag pole at Parking Lot 3
 - Trustee Parisi is working with J.M. Iaboni for new Village Hall landscaping – need to move funding from Nassau County grant.
 - Kristin Taylor will be in to repair the Fire House front door in the near future
 - 45 Weiden Street has significant growth blocking the sidewalk
 - Jackson Avenue will be known as Parking Lot 9
 - Car Wash at the former Friendly's location did not file an appeal so no car wash will be constructed on that location.
 - Richard Security site is for sale
 - The corner of Clinton and Conklin St. southbound should be a blinking red.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED, to move to Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues.

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

RESOLVED, to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator