

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, November 4, 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, November 4, 2024.

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
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

Absent: Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

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

RESOLVED (#2025-11-01), to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-11-02), to reconvene the meeting.

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be announced
- Fire Department:
 - New epoxy apparatus floor, it looks great and is complete. Special recognition to Kenny Tortoso for power washing the walls of the firehouse and Anthony Rubino for painting and installing the steel plates as needed.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-11-03), to accept the resignation of Firehouse Maintainer Substitute Christopher Focazio as of October 18, 2024.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Building Department:
 - Discussed Special Use Permits for restaurants

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- 7-11 and Sunoco – ZBA approved plans and the Board approved a Special Use Permit. Construction drawings received, permit to be issued in the near term.
 - The Sterling Green completed, C/O issued.
 - Dish Network installation completed.
 - Verizon resubmission of plans to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer’s Shopping Center was received. Pre-hearing conference meeting scheduled for 11/18 work session with public hearing for special use permit scheduled for January 6th.
 - The owner 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 - three building applications for remaining lots, going to the Planning Board next meeting.
 - Mike’s Barber Shop nearing completion with hanging sign (now installed) and window work, including neon (installed).
 - 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, hearing to be scheduled for December 2nd.
 - The Pour Authority (lease executed) will be moving into space adjacent to 335 Main Street (application anticipated).
 - Building Department needs to follow up on window signage on Main Street and the Downtown Business District for percent of coverage of storefront windows, ATM signs, digital and rolling message signs, signage not approved by the Planning Board and “open” signs. Illuminated/framed “open” signs are permitted, an example of one was indicated. Underway.
 - Need to review Special Use Permit and fees.
 - A seafood restaurant will be moving into the former Creations Pizza location.
- Highway Department:

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- 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.
- 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, 50 units at DPW prepped by VOF staff, now ready for installation.
- 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.
- Crack sealing completed by Roadwork Ahead along with paving of 9 roads.
- Waiting for Altice plan for North Main Street. Deposit paid to PSEG for pole removal.
- Drain piping ownership has been questioned.
- Review County easement at Thomas Powell Blvd. for payment (Village Attorney DeBellis).
- Holiday lighting of two evergreens in Parking Lot 3 is requested. Please check with TOB to see if this is possible.
- Work with Hello Alert for cameras for the downtown business district including parking lots and additionally the LIRR parking lots.
- Follow up with H2M regarding Linwood.
- Electrified parking meters are being reinstalled with some remaining to be converted by McKay Meters.
- Anthony Rubino to repoint Gazebo and stoops as needed.
- Forward leaf schedule to Trustee Parisi.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-11-04), to add a stop sign at the corner of Bernard Street and Prospect Street with a stop bar.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Highway Department (continued):
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - DPW leaf crews are out.
 - Castro Landscaping was in performing tree trims and stump grinding.
 - FD apparatus floor cleanup. Moving and packing will take place on Monday.
 - Crews are still watering Jefferson Road sump and Circle Drive.
 - Town of Oyster Bay was in again repairing street lights.
- 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.
 - 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.

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- 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.
- Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel reported that water revenue is up and that more customers are using auto-pay.
- From John Falbo:
 - Well 1-3 at Eastern Parkway is running as lead well 24/7.
 - Well 2-3 was pulled for start of Phase 2 work at Ridge Road, due to emerging traces of contaminants.
 - Well 2-2 to be used on limited emergency use purposes due to emerging traces of contaminants.
 - All interconnect valves with SCWA, Bethpage WD and South Farmingdale WD have been located and are ready to be tested for use.
 - Second phase of Lead and Copper Rule Program is in effect. Letters for homes (customers) with galvanized pipes have been drafted by Brian Harty with Holzmacher Group's assistance. Brita Water Pitchers with appropriate NSF/ANSI certified filters have been purchased for those customers.
 - Lead and Copper Inventory Survey is located at Village Hall counter in a black binder.
 - Mark outs and meter work is ongoing every day.
 - We had our triennial Nassau County Board of Health Sanitary Survey of system on the 26th. As of right now all seems to have gone well. A lot of recommendations and few if any violations. We are waiting on full report and then will update.
- 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. New signage to be installed by DPW.

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- 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 for resolution.
- Have Code observe landscaper regarding leaf removal.
- There will be a “Ball Drop” on New Year’s Eve.
- A fund raiser for the Thomas Powell House will be underway shortly.

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