

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, November 7, 2022
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 7, 2022.

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 Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/Hearings to be scheduled: A general discussion took place regarding both of tonight's scheduled public hearings.
- Fire Department: Discussed general fire department policies.
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development will be bringing final plans for a building permit for development at 1 Conklin Street in the near future, approved for 12 units. Waiting for state DOT sign off.
 - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) told Mayor Ekstrand that they have finally closed financing and are getting on track. The Mayor contacted the new owners, structural steel has been ordered.
 - 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.
 - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
 - Building permit has been issued
 - Demo is completed
 - LIRR was contacted about removing rat habitat along the tracks from Merritts Road to Stratford Green. LIRR claims to have a large back-up in clearing and removing vegetation and it may be some time before they are able to address this issue. They have been notified that we may contact the NCDOH and NYSDOH. Also on Cobb Place, summons (rodents, property maintenance) has been issued. Awaiting disposition through Village Court.

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- Stratford Green rat issues are being addressed solely by Stratford Green, which to date has not been successful. Their vendor has not dealt with the rat issue – their vendor has placed rat traps and the Building Department has verified that the traps are baited. Arrow Exterminating has been engaged to work with the LIRR to solve this problem in all discussed locations. In the interim, they have treated USA Gas and around the warehouse in parking lot 2.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body – work is proceeding on this project, continues.
- Application for one home on the south side of the Black Course development has been submitted and is going to the Planning Board. The Planning Board held a work session to address issues raised at a hearing.
- “Haunted Hamburgers” coming to Friendly’s on Rte. 109. CO has been issued, they are open with large crowds.
- Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street is in full construction mode.
- Friday & Saturday noise issues on Main Street are being addressed by Code Enforcement.
- New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue. It was noted that the LIRR needs a general cleanup of litter along the tracks at various locations.
- Zuzu will be coming in for special use permit on November 7.
- Proposed fine arts center for the Village with plans done by Superintendent Fellman has now reached the second round for funding with New York State.
- Eastern Parkway houses are being cleaned up, with one home in court for a derelict garage.
- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized.
- 37 Potter Street was shut down by the Nassau County Fire Marshal due to lack of filing plans for a sprinkler system. Illegal occupant of second floor will be removed.
- Application for a building at 250 Conklin Street is anticipated.
- It was reported that 317 has installed a tent in the rear of their property without permit/permission.

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- The Board requested that the Building Superintendent look into certain Office Residence properties for compliance with R/O zoning.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - Ongoing storm prep/planning and debris removal
 - DPW Garage renovations substantially completed. The new DPW garage foundation plans are being evaluated and should be done by mid-November.
 - Window and door project at Village Hall – to discuss at work session/exec.
 - Stumps are located at 90 Conklin St., 250 Conklin St. (Citibank), Clinton Ave.
 - The PO has been issued to Westar for the new DPW garage, foundation plans are being done by the engineering company. Preliminary site work, including retaining wall, is substantially complete. New fence along the property line on south exposure to be installed by highway personnel.
 - A tree stump was noticed in front of 140 Prospect Street for removal.
 - The start date for removing poles from Main Street is on hold due to engineering changes and changes in pricing. PSEG will be supplying a phasing of the project in the near term once all contractor issues are resolved.
 - Need quote from Magniflood for electric fixture to parking lot and to finish installation of lighting on sign at 5 Corners Park.
 - From Ken Tortoso:
 - Hello all, your DPW crew again has been very busy the past couple of weeks. Leaves are going to be DPW's main objective for the next couple of weeks. We are using all of our resources in our fleet to try and collect all the leaves in a timely manner, just need some more help from Mother Nature to drop them. The leaf schedule is on the Village web site.
 - TOB lighting has finished up wiring the 5 Corners Park and are all on. TOB has also been in fixing outages and reinstalling light poles that were taken out by accidents: Main St. next to Rte. 109 and Eastern Pkwy. & Secatogue Ave.

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- DPW still has to install the Gergras light sign which I'm hoping will be next week. TOB has already looked at the wiring for the installation.
- Leaf season is in full effect using all DPW employees including both pay loaders and our large debris truck.
- John Iaboni has been a great help trimming trees around the Village, DPW has also been trimming trees when we have the manpower available.
- Stapleton has been in removing dead trees and trimming and also stump grinding. DPW assists them so they can get more done.
- Island Energy was into VH-FD replacing filters and getting the units ready for this upcoming winter.
- DPW fixed the bench that was broken during Columbus Day weekend and put back in front of Charlotte's.
- Winterizing all of the Village sprinklers are almost done, about 80%, I've been working with Iaboni and Heads-Up.
- All of the flowers, hanging baskets and pots have been removed. I still have to return all the brackets/hangers to the Nursery.
- I've started to gather all the Christmas lights for the upcoming season. The Christmas lights on the Village Green look good, just have to add more lights on the tree at Gergras Park. I will be in touch with Trustee Parisi for further decoration instructions.
- Halloween parade was a success.
- DPW crews are out every morning walking the lots collecting garbage before going out on their regular assignments.
- DPW are still doing weekly spraying inside Village Hall.
- Fall clean ups are just about finished.
- Thank you and if anyone has any questions or would like to come up to DPW and see our operation/fleet please feel free to call me!
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues – electrical work, controls, modem cable for new base station, for billing system and phone line to warehouse and generator installation remain. Garage door for tower has been ordered. The tank has been filled and awaiting health department sampling sign off.

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The generator installation is being relocated, saving over \$55,000 in construction cost, and is underway with the gas manifold installed. The foundation will be installed and gas service to be installed by National Grid in the near term.

- Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave.
- \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be used to install new pollution control equipment. Documents have been signed and submitted to the state to receive funding. Pollution equipment to be installed by Philip Ross Industries.
- New doors and hatch approved for all well locations and are in the process of being installed. Wells 2-2 and 2-3 are completed, waiting for delivery and installation of doors for well 1-3 and waiting for the double doors on the well house from Westar. All locks need to be changed on the new door installation as well.
- Coordinating with Bob Holzmacher to install piping and new valves to enable filling of ground tank at Ridge Road from both wells.
- Philip Ross is proceeding with engineering and necessary Health Department submittals. New site plan and location of equipment has been agreed. PWGC to handle NYS submittals for reimbursement of WIIA grant and legal consulting services only.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Noise issues were discussed regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels.
 - The Board wants Code to stay until 11:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday to make sure all doors and windows are closed so that music can be heard inside only.
 - New signage ordered for LIRR North parking lot and Howitt "Municipal Parking" signs have been installed.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m.
- Other:

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- Chiddy's Cheesesteaks requested a location for a food truck on Thanksgiving Eve.
- Holiday lighting ceremony refreshments will be hosted by the Farmingdale Village Merchants.
- Recommendation to call Scott Stone regarding potential surge in tax certs.
- Trustee Priestley will organize a New Year's Eve "Ball Drop".
- The NCPD reported that drug arrests were down (The NCPD narcotics unit had a major arrest breaking up a fentanyl ring) and other infractions were at very low levels in the 3rd quarter of 2022.
- Catalytic converter theft mostly happens in residential neighborhoods between 2 and 5AM.
- NCPD is working with the School District to address issues as they arise.
- A "SWATTING" incident was reported on Jerome Drive on November 7th. It proved to be a hoax, no injuries.

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