

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, November 18, 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, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustee Walter Priestley
DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

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

NEW HIRE - Upon a motion made by Trustee Addeo and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2020-11-12), to hire Peter Mastrandrea as a Part-Time Dispatcher at a salary of \$15.00 per hour.

The following topics were discussed:

- Winter Wonderland - Margaret Barrett provided an update
- List of things happening around the Village:
 - Southeast section scarifying and paving to be completed by November 22.
 - A water main break on NE Maple St. was repaired.
 - Signage changes in Parking Lot 5 to indicate that Village permit is required.
 - Drainage culvert between Ridge Rd. and Jefferson Rd. has been substantially cleaned by JMI Associates.
 - JMI to finish landscape installation with parking lot signs.
 - The recent water billing quarter was 18 days longer than normal due to maintenance required on the billing system.
 - 64 street trees have been installed throughout the Village

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- Contract has been executed with Rosemar, Inc. to reconstruct Parking Lot 4.
- Installation of new fueling station behind the firehouse has been delayed until Spring 2020 due to weather conditions and the inability to house the ladder truck at an affordable price.
- Obtaining prices for renovations to the existing DPW building at Ridge Road.
- Obtaining prices for DEMO of existing DPW building at 299 Eastern Parkway.
- Valero gas station at the corner of Secatogue Ave. and Conklin St. must repaint to the original approved color.
- Generator for the new elevated water tank is under analysis – the Board wants dedicated 300KW natural gas.
- The Mayor’s Column should be placed in Constant Contact.
- Meetball Place:
 - Hearing on December 2 for lower level room use
 - Noise issues and sign on top of building to be removed
- Regional Planning Council to conduct an economic study of Farmingdale’s renaissance.
- Magniflood is cutting new lighting fixtures purchased for parking lot signage lighting to meet installation requirements.

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.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED, to reconvene the meeting.

AUDIT REPORT – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2020-11-13), to accept the 2018/2019 audit report as submitted by Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPA’s.

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OPIATE LAWSUIT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2020-11-14), to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to retain Tate Grossman Kelly & Iaccarino, LLP to prosecute any legal claim against manufacturers and distributors of opioids arising out of the manufacturers’ and distributors’ fraudulent, negligent and otherwise wrongful conduct.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees (“Village Board”) of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale (“Village”) upon due consideration have determined that the Village has suffered and will continue to suffer significant adverse effects as a consequence of the opioide crisis; and

WHEREAS, Village Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Village to join the Multi-District Litigation brought by various municipalities and seek to recover for the damages caused by various opioid manufacturers and distributors litigation currently pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Mayor is hereby authorized to retain Tate Grossman Kelly & Iaccarino, LLP to prosecute any legal claim against manufactures and distributors of opioids arising out of the manufacturers’ and distributors’ fraudulent, negligent and otherwise wrongful conduct.

The following vote was recorded in connection with this matter:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy William Barrett	aye
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	absent
Trustee Anthony Addeo	aye

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

RESOLVED (#2020-11-15), to direct Village Attorney DeBellis to communicate with the various fiber optic providers and distributors, to advise said entities that they require a license and to negotiate a license permitting each entity to maintain their equipment and facilities in the Village rights of way for a reasonable fee and in accordance with a written agreement.

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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Trustees (“Village Board”) of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale (“Village”) upon due consideration have determined that various fiber optic providers and distributors have installed their equipment and facilities in the right of way within, and without the permission of, the Village without any remuneration to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board desires to communicate with that various fiber optic providers and distributors and grant each a license to maintain their equipment and facilities in the Village rights of way for a reasonable fee and in accordance with a written agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Counsel is directed to correspond and otherwise communicate with the various fiber optic providers and distributors, to advise said entities that they require a license and counsel is directed to negotiate a license permitting each such entity to maintain their equipment and facilities in the Village rights of way for a reasonable fee and in accordance with a written agreement.

The following vote was recorded in connection with this matter:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy William Barrett	aye
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	absent
Trustee Anthony Addeo	aye

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department: Insurance/accident & sickness policy – Inform Salerno not to opt in on the counseling portion.
- Building Department:
 - 20 Merritts Road – retaining wall and current development status discussed
- Highway Department:
- Water Department
- Code Department
- New server – to be resolved at the December 2nd Board meeting, funding through technology reserves and grants approximately \$20K.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator