

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, November 26, 2018

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 26, 2018 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 7:05 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Bernard Street triangle: The Board discussed findings from 1982 BOT Minutes which indicated the New York State requirement that Bernard Street could be either a two way street or a one way street northbound. The state has intersection control to 100 feet from the state roadway. The Board is waiting for opinion letters from Dunn Engineering verifying that the state has these rights and from the Farmingdale Fire Department regarding the dead end on Bernard Street.

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

RESOLVED (#2019-11-25), to approve VHB to develop a survey and finalize a report at a cost of \$2500 to contact Triangle residents to develop a consensus of concerns to present to the State Department of Transportation for their consideration.

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

RESOLVED (#2019-11-26), to accept the 2017/2018 audit report as submitted by Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPA's.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

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- Fire Department: Recent request for new equipment is on hold per Fire Commission Chairman Bill Reilly.
- Personnel policy and CDBG budgeting to be discussed mid-December
- Building Department:
 - Public hearings – Proposed building moratorium in the DMU Zoning district, High Tide Taco (La Bottega), 453 Main Street, 332 Fulton Street (Car Wash), Star Transmission, Whiskey Down
 - It was reported that the Tanning Salon has closed and that an applicant has scheduled a meeting with the building department on December 10.
 - Vacancy at Fancy Free
 - Status of Ubaldos/Lomanto buildout and desire for a bakery
 - Revisit Fuchs, Mears and Capital One cross access agreements
 - Status of the Black Course Development and to make sure that the road and all infrastructure are completed prior to issuance of any CO's.
 - Status of a possible 3 lot subdivision
 - Status of potential property aggregation on Route 109
 - Status of applicant who may request a zone change
 - Use of overlay district as a planning/development tool
 - Superintendent Fellman will write a letter to realtors indicating that no new 2 family houses or accessory apartments are permitted in the Village as realtors are advertising that basements can be converted into new apartments.
- Highway Department:
 - Discussed leaf pickup, drain cleaning and a plan for next year to include crack sealing
 - The consensus after discussion of the leaf program is to price and purchase a second leaf-vac machine to facilitate leaf pickup.
 - Lights are out in Parking Lot 2 – Superintendent Fisch will investigate and arrange repair
- Water Department – Melville Road water main installation has begun and is expected to be completed in 3 weeks.

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- Code Department – The Board requested that Code open the gate at Gerngras Park at 8:00 a.m. and close the gate at 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and to make sure the gate is closed on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

NEW HIRE (CODE DEPARTMENT) – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was approved 4-0 (Deputy Mayor Barrett abstained),

RESOLVED (#2019-11-27), to hire David Rodenburg as a Parking Meter Attendant at a salary of \$16.00 per hour during his 6 month probationary/training period with a salary increase to \$18.00 per hour upon successful completion of his probationary period.

NEW HIRE (HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT) – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2019-11-28), to hire Brian Bretana as a part time laborer in the Highway Department at a salary of \$15.00 per hour.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Mayor Ekstrand reported that the LOSAP program is now 70% funded and is anticipated to be at 90% within 5 years according to our Financial Advisor. Deputy Mayor Barrett will follow up with a scholarship offer for a fire department member from LOSAP financial advisor East End Financial.
- A request was made to contact “Cracker Barrel” about a potential Village of Farmingdale location.
- Discussed skating rink on the Village Green during Holiday week at the end of December.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator