

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, November 27, 2023
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 27, 2023.

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

The following topics were discussed:

- Linwood Avenue update:
 - H2M has been hired to perform a drainage study of the area and to propose options for corrective measures. The Village will continue to monitor weather conditions and anything else that might have an impact in the area while H2M works on solutions. Mayor Ekstrand is arranging for drain cleaning with the Town of Oyster Bay, which is scheduled for the week of December 4th.
- Fire Department:
 - Discussed FFD apparatus floor rehabilitation funding and type of installation.
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development demo permit and building permit have been issued for development at 1 Conklin Street. Demolition is now complete, discussion with NY State DOT for curb cut is being finalized. State DOT approval anticipated soon.
 - 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. Final State DOT comments received by developer.
 - Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction is nearing completion, anticipated opening in late November/early December.
 - Eastern Parkway house in court with derelict garage – after court appearances and discussion, the property owner’s new plan is to demo half of the garage and rebuild to the original size.

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- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway under review in front of and behind 4 family houses. Met with Fairfield's architect and have a tentative agreement for 11 spaces on-site parking in driveways that will be assigned and numbered, and 7 spaces on the street similar to other FF projects (with Board approval). Fairfield has requested contract.
- Paver issue on Cherry Street, resident has submitted plan to come into compliance.
- Both Sterling Green and Robby Lee projects are proceeding. No issues with either project.
- The parking lot at CVS has been repaved.
- Dish Network application has been sent to Dick Comi for review.
- VHB has been contacted about analyzing the Master Plan and the developments that have occurred in the last 12 years – ongoing draft to be completed by year end.
- Waiting for Verizon submission of an application to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer's Shopping Center.
- "The Coop" is now in compliance.
- Lotus Garden should be ready to open by mid-December.
- Proposed 2 lot sub-division on Staples Street was given a Planning Board application. The county reviewed the proposed sub-division and has determined it to local jurisdiction.
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car may be moving into the corner of Route 109 and Route 24. Waiting for application.
- Village Attorney DeBellis to contact Dick Comi regarding the status of the Dish application. Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel to provide Village Attorney DeBellis with T&A account monies available for Comi review.
- Superintendent Fellman to find out the status of curb cut and intersection State approval for 1 Conklin Street development.
- Superintendent Fellman was asked to contact the CVS property owner about parking management and internal stop sign that has been removed.
- Need Lotus Garden status.
- Need more information regarding proposed sporting goods store.

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- Need to contact Staller regarding the façade between SPA and Daler Pizza.
- Administrator Harty needs to complete the Fairfield Parking Agreement for Eastern Parkway.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - The new DPW garage is 95% complete: electrical and plumbing issues are being addressed.
 - Main St. pole removal project Phase 1 with PSEGLI & Altice completed. Verizon has line removals between Prospect Street and Route 109 to complete their work.
 - Main Street reconstruction/widening between Prospect Street and Conklin Street is underway with completion anticipated in 3 weeks.
 - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations in parking lots.
 - A tree on Prospect St. across from Doud St. needs to be evaluated for possible removal – removal on hold.
 - Received plan for new DPW pocket park, approved by the Board. The gazebo has been ordered.
 - Village Green Gazebo brick wall needs repointing.
 - Parking meters are installed.
 - The Board requested that the new landscaper weed and mulch certain locations, and that deep root fertilizing for all parking lot trees and trimming of dead branches in all parking lots be accomplished in the near term.
 - Spoke with homeowner on Park Ave. regarding new guardrail and they have approved installation. DPW will install. Deputy Mayor Barrett and Trustee Parisi do not believe this to be Village responsibility.
 - Deputy Mayor Barrett spoke to Ken Tortoso about new pick-up trucks and asked about the asphalt patch truck.
 - New “no parking here to corner” signs need to be added on Richard St. and Rose St.

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- The new gym at 148 South Front Street is operating and a sporting goods store is being proposed for a Main Street location.
- Request that Superintendent Patanjo contact property owners about removing old utility masts from buildings where wires have gone underground.
- Make sure new poles with upper and lower GFI outlets are properly positioned.
- Need crosswalks at Secatogue Avenue and Melville Road scheduled along with zebra striping on Washington St.
- Need to evaluate lighting at the Melville Road/ Secatogue Avenue intersection.
- Need to follow up on Town of Oyster Bay Vactor machine for the week of December 4th.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - Leaves are in full swing!
 - Fall cleanups are still in progress.
 - Town of Oyster Bay has been in repairing streetlight outages.
 - DPW shop crews have been assisting Trustee Parisi along with the Beautification Committee on Christmas decorations.
 - Monitored Linwood during Tuesday/Wednesday rain storm – No issues.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues with few punch list items remaining.
 - Cell providers completed move to new tank, including NCPD Motorola microwave. Tank removal to start late November/early December with completion anticipated 4 weeks from the start.
 - AOP installation by Philip Ross is complete and testing to meet health department requirements is complete. SCADA system design for this new system is underway by Philip Ross Industries coordinating with Bob Holzmacher & D&B. Eagle Control will be designing and installing the new system.
 - New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 is being ordered.

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- \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be applied for in the near term as paperwork is coming from PRI to make application for reimbursement funding. Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel to follow up with PWGC for reimbursement.
- Plant 2 construction underway with GAC building, roof is now complete and siding will be installed next. Pipe installation to connect into the system is near completion with cut ins to main trunk lines to be done just after peak pumping season and when Well 1-3 is fully operational.
- A new WIIA grant application has been submitted to the State by PWGC.
- PWGC following up on required testing to secure funding from legal settlements.
- The Village is investigating waivers from the NYSDOH relating to contaminants.
- Bonds have been sold to pay for Water Department upgrades.
- Discussed status of various projects with updates coming from PRI on all aspects and Wargo on tank demolition.
- From John Falbo – A few follow-ups:
- The 10 inch check valve at Well 2-3 was replaced and has been operating properly and efficiently after a few adjustments.
- Quarterly samples came back, we are still passing but the numbers are creeping up.
- Well 2-3 had an electrical issue for a full working day which was repaired by PCS. It gave us a reminder of how vulnerable we are without that well. All is good now.
- Valves for 12 inch water main piping and 10 inch drain at the new elevated tank were moved to new location to allow for footing for new AOP building. Merrick Utilities did the work.
- System was run by using the pressure telemetry rather than using elevated tank telemetry and was a success. Good to know for emergency purposes.
- Sidewalks on Main St. – Russ & I made repairs to broken curb boxes and shut offs as work was being done.

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- Merrick Utilities is to move 1 hydrant and move 1 hydrant on Main Street, Both to be mostly hand dug because of underground electric and gas. Completed.
- Lead and copper survey is now in our forefront.
- AOP work at both sites is daily.
- Meters and Well work are on a daily basis as per usual.
- Old water tower demolition due to start on late November/early December.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and day shift on Sunday until 7:00 p.m.
 - Noise issues regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels to be enforced with Notice of Violation and then summons if needed.
 - Trustee Priestley asked if Code could be trained to assist people in using the new parking meters. Code is familiar with the operation of the meters and does assist.
 - The Board approved no parking on Main Street on October 27, 2023, October 28, 2023 and November 22, 2023 after 10:00 p.m. and December 16, 2023 from Noon until 4:00 a.m.
 - Make sure temporary meter parking signs are in place after high winds.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023, after pole removal project is completed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer