

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, December 21, 2020
INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held remotely at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Anthony Addeo
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Steve Fellman

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

The following topics were discussed:

- Bids for the removal of 3 trees from the Village Green:
 - The Board reviewed the arborist's report and determined to remove the three large trees on the Village Green that sustained damage during Tropical Storm Isaias in August. In addition, the report indicated that the trees have significant disease and are a hazard to come down in high winds, and are therefore not salvageable.

VILLAGE GREEN TREE REMOVAL – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was,

RESOLVED (#2021-12-19), to approve Dank, Inc. as the low bidder at \$4,600 to remove the trees and grind the stumps and remove and dispose of all debris.

- The public will be informed through Constant Contact and the Village website, specifying the reasons the trees are being removed and that the area will be cordoned off until the trees are removed, for safety reasons.
- The Board also discussed formulating a new landscape plan for the Village Green and how to accomplish this goal.
- Fire Department:
 - New Chief's car has been ordered
 - New defibrillator is in Village Hall. Training will be arranged for the Village Hall staff as soon as possible.

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- Building Department:
 - Status of 20 Merritts Road
 - Robbie Lee is looking for a new steel supplier
 - Status of the 8' wall/fence at the auto body shop on Route 109
 - Superintendent Fellman suggested that Village Hall be closed to the public due to the recent rise in Covid-19 cases until mid-January to reflect the projected increase in caseload due to family gatherings over the Christmas and New Year holidays. The Board concurred and authorized closing Village Hall to the public until January 19, 2021.
 - The Board asked Superintendent Fellman to check the status of construction for recently approved special use permits where building permits have been issued.
- Highway Department:
 - The Board commended the Highway Department's response to the first large snow/ice storm in some time. They recommended that the Laurel Group be authorized to clear the sidewalks at Five Corners Park in addition to their work on Main Street. Additionally, the Board said to be sure that all Village property is cleared as soon as possible after the snow event ends.
 - Administrator Harty reported that the bid package for the new DPW building will be ready to be distributed in early January and that recent value engineering on the building will save an estimated \$80,000 in construction costs.
 - The roof raising project on 3 bays of the DPW Building at Ridge Road is complete and the doors are being reinstalled with new lighting and electricity to new motors.
 - A letter is to be drafted and sent to Senators Thomas and Brooks that will include Savik and Murray's report on their findings regarding the repaving of the eastbound lane of Route 109.
- Water Department:
 - Status of the new water tank bid was discussed and the bid package is anticipated to be ready to send out in January 2021.
- Code Department

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- Trustee Priestley indicated the Holiday House tour was very popular.
- Trustee Parisi requested a copy of the rendering of the proposed DPW building and raised an issue mid-block on Hallock Street.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2021-12-20), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2021-12-21), to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer