

REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF TRUSTEES November 29, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held in Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York at 7:30 PM on November 15, 2005.

Present: Mayor George Graf
Deputy Mayor Joseph F. Rachiele
Trustee Thomas A. Langon
Trustee Benjamin Giminaro
Trustee Theodore Dorfmeister
Barbara Griffith – Senior Clerk/Typist
Village Attorney - Gregory W. Carman, Jr., Esq.
Building Superintendent – Ronald Craig
Superintendent of Public Works – Fred Zamparelle
Glenn Norjen

Absent: Deputy Village Clerk –Treasurer Barbara Canonico

The Mayor opened the regular meeting at 7:38PM with the pledge to the flag led by Trustee Dorfmeister followed by a moment of silence.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Trustee Dorfmeister to approve the following building permits:

DB 05-132	323 Main St	Establish Occupant Load
DB 05-133	415 Secatogue	Maintain finished basement
DB 05-134	147 Hillside Rd	Open Front Porch Addition
DB 05-135	25 Hillside Rd	In ground pool, one and two story additions, rear yard grade level deck and patio
DB 05-136	11 Normandy Dr	In Ground Pool

Motion carried, all voting “Aye”.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rachiele to approve the taxi permit for Saif Ur Rehman. Motion carried, all voting “Aye”.

At this time Mayor Graf recognized that Cub Scout Pack 57 and Boy Scout Troop 261 were present in the audience.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Langon to approve the following tax certiorari settlements as recommended by Village Tax Counsel:

Section: 48 Block: 447 Lot(s): 268,279,295	refund: \$27,000.00
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Section: 49 Block: 106 Lot(s): 165,211,411	refund: \$8,700.00
Section: 49 Block: 113 Lot(s): 307 & 309	refund: \$11,000.00
Section: 49 Block: 443 Lot(s): 28	refund: \$12,000.00

Motion carried, all voting “Aye”.

Superintendent of Public Works Fred Zamparelle briefed the board on the bids received for a Fixed Base Radio Read Water monitoring System. It was moved by

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Trustee Dorfmeister, seconded by Trustee Langon to accept the bid of Sensus Water in the amount of \$58,000.00. Motion carried, all voting “Aye”.

A discussion ensued regarding a proposal to spend up to \$15,000.00 on new holiday street decorations. Deputy Mayor Rachiele remarked that the present decorations were old and weathered and that the Village needed new lights to improve Main Street’s appearance. Deputy Mayor Rachiele also pointed out that the decorations can be purchased at a 30% savings after December 31st. Pat Christiansen of Weiden Street commented that something different would be nice. Trustee Giminaro stated that the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce has historically purchased these decorations and they should be contacted prior to any decision being made. It was decided to table this item until December 13th meeting to allow input from the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Graf opened a Public Hearing to discuss a proposal to add a Floor to Area Ratio (FAR) to the Zoning Regulations of the Code of the Village of Farmingdale. Building Superintendent Ron Craig handed out copies of the proposed new law to members of the audience and discussed the merits of instituting a FAR. He stated that a FAR will limit the size of a dwelling that can be built by using a ratio between total floor area of the dwelling and accessory structures and the size of the lot on which it is situated. He also pointed out that the Village of Farmingdale is one of the few municipalities on Long Island that does not currently have a FAR.

Pat Christensen of Weiden Street inquired if this new FAR would include both construction of new homes and additions on existing homes. She was informed that it would.

Nick Ezzo of Prospect St inquired if there was any land still available to build new homes. Ron Craig stated that there are still a few locations in the Village where development of new homes could occur and that the new FAR would restrict the size of any new home proposed if passed.

A decision was made to hold open the public hearing on a new floor to area ratio (FAR) until the December 13, 2005 meeting in order to give the public a time period to give input.

Mayor Graf opened a Public Hearing to discuss a proposal to amend the Village regulations dealing with Street and Sidewalk Obstructions. Copies of the proposed revision were handed out to the audience. Superintendent of Public Works Fred Zamparelle discussed the need for changing the language of the law to better address the placement of dumpsters in the public roads and on sidewalks. He pointed out that dumpsters that had been placed in streets had done considerable damage to the new roads. In answer to a question Ron Craig stated that if it was impossible to put the dumpster on the home owner’s property they would have to get a permit and be regulated to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community. Regulations would include the location of the dumpster, reflective markings or road cones and insurance from the dumpster company. Trustee Giminaro asked if this regulation would cover the display of merchandise on Main Street. Ron Craig answered that it would. Trustee Giminaro asked if stipulations could be put into the law to allow for the merchant to put things out on the sidewalk. A decision was made to hold open the public hearing to look into the placing of merchandise on Main Street and to allow for public input.

The Public Hearing on the revision of the Village of Farmingdale Noise Ordinance was tabled until more information could be obtained.

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Superintendent of Public Works Fred Zamparelle discussed the progress that he has made in the last year of examining all the roads and curbs in the Village and identifying what work needs to be done on the roads that had not been done under the previous Road Bond. He stated that he was making a priority list based on the condition of the roads and their relative importance, with high traffic roads near schools and churches, and major cut through roads being given precedent.

Mayor Graf opened the meeting to questions and comments from the audience.

A resident from 35 Hillside inquired whether a noise ordinance would prohibit him from mowing his lawn on Sundays. He was informed that the current Village Noise Ordinance prohibits landscapers from doing work on Sunday but does not prohibit homeowners from mowing their own lawn.

Chief Salerno of the Farmingdale Fire Department addressed the Board about putting something in a future newsletter about CO detectors going off in homes now that the colder weather is here. He stated that the public should be made aware that if their CO detector goes off they should leave the house immediately but should not open the windows to air out the house. By opening the windows they make it impossible for the Fire Department to use their CO meters to determine if there truly is a CO problem in the house.

Kevin Kaiser of Cut Scout Pack 57 questioned whether there would be any regulations on what a homeowner could put in a dumpster. He was informed that the company that supplies the dumpster usually regulate what can be put in the dumpster and it could not be hazardous material.

Rich Gosline of Linwood Rd inquired whether leaf pickup was going to be discontinued and asked about filters for the catch basins. Fred Zamparelle explained that as long as the DEC does not prohibit the curbside collection of leaves the Village will continue to provide this service. He explained that over the past few years the Storm Water collection process has been being overhauled by the DEC and requirements have been being put in place, such as the cleaning of catch basins and the next step will be the stenciling of the catch basins and the placing of filter material in the catch basins.

Nick Ezzo inquired about the new street sweeper. Fred Zamparelle explained that the new sweeper that people have seen is just a demo unit that the Village is trying out in anticipation of future purchase. He explained that the current Village street sweeper is nearing the end of its life and a new one will cost approximately \$140,000.00

Brian Healy of Sherman Rd inquired about the street lighting on Lenox Court and the planting in the Lenox Court development. Ron Craig explained that the shields for the streetlights that direct 85% of the light onto the street are back ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive. He also explained that all the plantings required in the Lenox Court Subdivision have not yet been completed and that all landscaping that is required by the approved plans will be complied with.

Nick Ezzo of Prospect St inquired about the driveway apron for the new house located at 927 Fulton St. He stated that it appears that the driveway apron will go right out into a catch basin. Ron Craig explained that the builder has made application to the NYS DOT to install a flat catch basin and until approval is received no Certificate of Occupancy will be issued to this home.

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At 9:02 pm, it was moved by Trustee Dorfmeister, seconded by Trustee Langon to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel issues and legal matters. Motion passed, all voting “Aye”.

At 9:45 pm, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Dorfmeister to reconvene the open meeting. Motion carried, all voting “Aye”.

It was moved Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Langon to pass a resolution to allow the Village Attorney to enter into a agreement with Francesca D’Angelo to pay no more than \$1,500.00 to cover medical bills due to a trip and fall accident in which she was injured. A stipulation being that the Village receives a waiver for any future claims in this matter. Motion passed, all voting “Aye”.

At 9:48 pm, as there was no further business to address a motion was made by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Dorfmeister to close the meeting. Motion carried, all voting “Aye”.

Mayor