

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, January 4, 2021
INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held remotely at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2021.

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

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcement:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, February 1st, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021, Monday, January 25th and Monday, February 1st, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2021-01-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1145 dated January 4, 2021.
- November Wire Transfers
- Minutes of Work Sessions of 12/7/20, 12/21/20 with revision
- Use of Village Property:
 - None

PUBLIC HEARING DATES – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2021-01-02), to set the following public hearings for Monday, February 1, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.:

- To revise the Workforce Housing District Zoning
- To subdivide property located at 368 Melville Road.

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PUBLIC HEARING ON SPA 79 E.L.P. SPECIAL USE PERMIT – Trustee Addeo stated that many people sent emails who wanted to move the hearing until it can be done in person. Trustee Parisi agreed. Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Mayor Ekstrand, a vote was taken to adjourn the hearing until February 1, 2021:

This approval is denied by a vote as follows:

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

Motion to be discussed in Exec Session after Public Comment.

RESIDENTIAL REHAB – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was,

RESOLVED (#2021-01-03), to approve the Residential Rehab project for a resident to replace the front stoop and railing for \$5,365 to be paid for by Nassau County CDBG grant funds.

STREET POLE BANNERS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2021-01-04), to approve Sign Max, as the lowest responsible bidder, to supply 125 street pole banners, hardware to hang them and installation at a cost of \$12,537.32. Banners are to be paid from the \$150,000 grant received from Nassau County for signage in the downtown area.

NEW WATER RATES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2021-01-05), to approve new water rates as attached with 250,000 conservation rate.

BEAUTIFICATION – Holiday decorations are up and next year they are looking to put up wreaths in the parking lots. Pricing the wreaths now since they would be on sale.

OLD BUSINESS – 20 Merritts Road – Superintendent Fellman reported that they are working again, sod is going in, they got more retaining wall block and need to install guard rail. It's looking better – if they keep working, they should be close to completion in 2-3

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months. They will not be putting in a sidewalk north of the roadway due to the hazard from the blind curve.

CORRESPONDENCE – Two letters from Butch Starkie and Pat Christiansen and 24 emails concerning the Staller application.

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- Michael Broxmeyer – Mayor Ekstrand stated that his project at Fairfield Plaza was approved. Mr. Broxmeyer thanked the Board. After a reminder by Administrator Harty that the resolution was not made during the public meeting, a motion was made by Trustee Parisi to formally approve it.

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

RESOLVED (#2021-01-06), to approve the Fairfield Plaza with the original fountain and the additional greenery that Superintendent Fellman requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT – The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Joe Staudt made the following comments:
 - The light at Moby Way has still not been replaced
 - The light outside the post office has not been working for several years
 - Paving on Main Street wasn't completed to the curb. Mayor Ekstrand said that the State is responsible and he will reach out to our Senators to ask for the completion of the work.
 - Complaints about the Route 109 paving job – parts of the new road are degrading already. Mayor Ekstrand had our engineers write a report on the road work, which was sent to the State.
 - Fairfield project will look great
 - Feels that the Staller project (which he will probably support) should be delayed until the public can attend.
 - Feels that the water increase should be delayed until the May billing since they had no chance to conserve water.
- Steve Wilson made the following comments:

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- Should look into having a meeting in Howitt Middle School to maintain social distance for the Staller project.
- Wants to know if any decision is made after exec to have it disseminated
- Wants to know the law that talks about in person meetings by exec order
- Alex Lapidus made the following comments about the 20 Merritts property:
 - Asked Village Attorney DeBellis if he prepared an agreement concerning the maintenance of the wall at 20 Merritts.
 - Spoke about a drainage ditch that doesn't drain anywhere.
- Chuck Gosline made the following comments:
 - Workforce Housing District – wants to know what's changing
 - Questions about new water rates
 - Where is the Fulton Street project located? Mayor Ekstrand replied 924 Fulton Street.
 - Offended by the comment of being called a malcontent or a complainer in the minutes.
- Jeanne and Mike Zeigler made the following comments:
 - Loves the Village and how the Board runs the Village
 - Concerned about the sale of properties on Eastern Parkway and Franklin Place by Fairfield and are concerned that they will tear them down and build bigger buildings. Mayor Ekstrand answered that they are looking to improve the homes so that their luxury apartments won't have to look at blighted homes.
 - The Christmas decorations were great, thank you Trustee Parisi.
- Ann Crawford made the following comments:
 - Concerned about the Fairfield purchases of apartment buildings that they will develop a bigger apartment building.
 - Not happy with being called a malcontent. She attends a meeting to bring up her concerns about the Village and doesn't appreciate the condescending attitude.
- Joe Staudt said that the water rate increases during the pandemic is wrong – it is a difficult time for people.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

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RESOLVED (#2021-01-07), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2021-01-08), to reconvene the meeting.

333 MAIN STREET STALLER APPLICATION – After an Executive Session to discuss legal matters, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2021-01-09), to cancel the public hearing on February 1, 2021 on the 333 Main Street Staller application.

FURTHER RESOLVED, to duly notice any future application on said site.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer