

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 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 Tuesday, January 17, 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  
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

**USE OF FACILITIES**, upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-01-11)**, to approve a request by the Mustang & Shelby Club of Long Island to hold a car show in Parking Lot 4 on Saturday, May 13, 2023 (rain date May 20) from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They are expecting 200 cars plus spectators.

**JOHN MIRANDO RESIGNATION**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-01-12)**, to accept John Mirando's resignation as Superintendent of Public Works, effective January 18, 2023 and to approve consulting agreement.

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
  - New LED lights were installed in the rear of the firehouse.
- Building Department:
  - Blue and Gold Development will be bringing final plans for a building permit for development at 1 Conklin Street in the near future, approved for 12 units. Waiting for state DOT sign off.
  - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) - Steel has been delivered and construction is underway.

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- 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.
- Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
  - Building permit has been issued
  - Demo is completed
  - Site work is underway, pilings completed
- Arrow Exterminating has been engaged to solve the rodent problem, abatement is underway.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body – work is proceeding on this project, continues. Brick façade is nearing completion and drainage installed, final site paving underway.
- Application for one home on the south side of the Black Course development has approved by the Planning Board. Awaiting working drawings to issue permit.
- Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction continues.
- New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue.
- Zuzu is under construction, demo is complete.
- Proposed fine arts center for the Village with plans done by Superintendent Fellman has now reached the second round for funding with New York State.
- Eastern Parkway houses are being cleaned up, with one home in court for a derelict garage.
- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized in front of 4 family houses. Awaiting plans from Fairfield.
- 37 Potter Street was shut down by the Nassau County Fire Marshal due to lack of filing plans for a sprinkler system. Illegal occupant of second floor will be removed. This has been reopened and the second floor apartment will be legalized once the sprinkler system is installed.
- The Board asked that someone look into trash being put out on Main Street rather than behind building as required.

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- Application for 250 Conklin St. office building is expected the week of January 16th.
- Stratford Green needs to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car.
- Need to resolve site debris and illegal structure issues at 10 Eastern Parkway.
- New parking areas for Fairfield on Eastern Parkway, and a real garage at 8 Eastern Parkway.
- Notice needs to be given to tenants above Allstate, the Runners Edge and other tenants on Main Street who are using public trash receptacles for household trash. They need to place the trash in the rear of the buildings for pickup by the Town of Oyster Bay.
- Address Kicking Chicken outdoor music.
- Need to contact the “Tap Room” regarding late night club activities.
- The Board indicated not to grant exterior demo permits until plans for redevelopment have been approved.
- Highway Department:
  - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
  - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
  - Ongoing storm prep/planning and debris removal
  - The new DPW garage foundation construction is underway. New fence along property line on south exposure to be installed by highway personnel.
  - Window and door project at Village Hall is complete to date, 6 windows are expected to be delivered in two weeks and then installed. The rear door is installed.
  - The start date for removing poles from Main Street is on hold due to engineering changes and changes in pricing. PSEG will be supplying a phasing of the project in the near term once all contractor issues are resolved. Met with Altice, awaiting final pricing. Verizon meeting is scheduled to finalize construction plans.
  - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations. Need to determine locations.

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- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments from the week of January 9th:
- Shop fleet crew repaired the building inspector’s Durango, the vehicle was diagnosed with a bad alternator. The alternator was replaced with a new one with a \$400 savings for the Village. The shop fleet crew also serviced “oil changes” for 3 Fire Dept. vehicles.
- Crews have been out replacing/repairing Village street signs along the downtown area and Village.
- DPW has started prepping/painting the inside of the DPW building shop area.
- The shop crews have been busy going over plows and sanders.
- All Village snow equipment is ready to go when the flakes fall.
- Stapleton tree was in this week to remove stumps. He will be back next week for removals.
- Both sweepers will be going out next week to sweep the whole Village due to the warm temperatures.
- Capital truck #1 will be going out of service due to a major exhaust leak under the cabin
- Island Wide Energy came in to look at the heating system for the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Fire Dept. headquarters.
- Progress has been made for the new DPW building. Thank you to all involved in making this possible!
- Need to remove “metered parking” sign on Secatogue Avenue and Eastern Parkway until new meters are installed.
- Water Department:
  - Water tower construction continues – electrical work, controls, modem cable for new base station, for billing system and phone line to warehouse and generator installation remain. The tank has been filled and awaiting health department sampling sign off. The generator foundation will be installed and gas service to be installed by National Grid in the near term.
  - Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave. Verizon is the first provider and they will be doing the changeovers in sequence.

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- AOP installation by Philip Ross is underway with foundation and installation of tanks along with health department submittals.
- \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be used to install new pollution control equipment. Documents have been signed and submitted to the state to receive funding.
- New doors and hatch approved for all well locations and are nearing completion. All locks need to be changed on the new door installation as well, Abetta Lock has been contacted.
- Coordinating with Bob Holzmacher to install piping and new valves to enable filling of ground tank at Ridge Road from both wells.
- New site plan and location of equipment has been agreed. PWGC to handle NYS submittals for reimbursement of WIIA grant and legal consulting services only.
- A meeting was held with Bethpage Water District to discuss meter pit and water purchase agreement.
- A meeting was held with South Farmingdale Water District to explore ways of working together.
- From John Falbo – Happy New Year everyone! Just a few things from the Water Department over the past couple of weeks:
- Regular duties of monitoring wells, tank and system treatment and alarms, and monthly reports to the NYS DEC, NYS Board of Health and Nassau County.
- Assisting Village Hall to get readings for quarterly billing and final reads for house closings.
- Weekly bacteria sampling and weekly 1,4 Dioxane sampling at Well 1-3.
- 340 Eastern Parkway had all water services disconnected at water main successfully.
- A hydrant that was out of service on Yoakum St. outside of the DPW gate was replaced.
- A water sample station at 1 Thomas Powell Blvd. was replaced.
- A hydrant flow test for 202 Main St. and curb box work has been completed and paperwork submitted.

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- All disconnects on Main St. and curb box work has been completed for road widening project.
- 203 Staples St. water main break was repaired.
- Water was turned off at 2 unoccupied homes (42 Merokee Pl. and 462 Secatogue Ave.). Both had frozen in-house waterline breaks.
- Synergy Fire Service is being monitored, it is still off due to break.
- Almost every night, there is a communication failure alarm between Eastern Pkwy. and Ridge Rd. which Russ & I come in and clear out which we are getting done as usual. Unfortunately, even with any upgrades I have been told by So. Farmingdale Water that these drop offs still happen. So save our money for now, we got this (lol).
- Eastern Pkwy. facility work – a walkthrough and meeting for all remaining work to be completed will take place on January 11. PJ from D&B will be conducting the meeting. All communication and electric integration will be addressed.
- Tank is running smoothly into system. For the next couple of months both will remain running into system. Sensus communication line was pulled successfully by the Water Department. Integration is being coordinated by our own Deputy Clerk Dan Ruckdeschel. Thank you Brian & Dan for helping me push this part of the project through.
- Thanks also to Teresa, Ann, Lorraine and Bharti for assisting on a daily basis in every part of our transition. A special thanks to everyone for their support over the last month, especially Geary Gerhardt Operator in Charge for his daily counsel to the Water Department.
- All departments need to be acknowledged for their great teamwork from the Mayor & Trustees down to the whole DPW in our little interim transition.
- A lengthy discussion was held with regard to options for handling potential pollution issues in the Water Department including engineering and financial needs and potential solutions. Various meetings with consultants are planned.
- Code Department:
  - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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- Noise issues were discussed regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels.
- New signage ordered for LIRR North parking lot and Howitt “Municipal Parking” signs have been installed.
- The Board requested a review of nighttime personnel as outdoor dining and open windows have changed with the season.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.

**UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-01-13)**, to approve the installation of new underground electrical installations in six locations between Prospect Street and Conklin Street where the property owners will reimburse the Village for these new services.

**MUSIC ON MAIN 2023 DATES**, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-01-14)**, to approve the following dates for “Music on Main” for the 2023 summer season: July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24 with a rain date of August 31.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel is finalizing a \$6,000 CDBG grant payment for St. Kilian’s Outreach.
- Need update from Fire Department: number and type of calls, time of day, day of week. Administrator Harty to follow up.
- Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel is working with the Fire Department to coordinate certain communication services.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer