

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, March 7, 2022**  
**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, March 7, 2022.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Anthony Addeo  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

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

**SPANISH TRANSLATOR FOR ELECTION** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-02-22)**, to appoint Thelma Alvarez as a Spanish translator for the Village Election for a stipend of \$150.

The following topics were discussed:

- Upcoming public hearings:
  - Expansion of Nutty Irishman
  - Hearing for new restaurant at 319 Main Street to be scheduled at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**USE OF FACILITIES** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-02-23)**, to approve a request by the Cultural Arts Committee to use the Court Room for an Open Mic Night on Friday, March 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. A maximum of 30 people are allowed in the room.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
  - Mayor Ekstrand contacted Chief Buser regarding East End Financial \$2,000 scholarship
  - The Fire Department will discuss the budget with Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel.

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- Building Department:
  - 20 Merritts Road:
    - Potential legal action has been resolved, no action to be taken.
  - 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane Repair Shop:
    - Property maintenance summons issued, ongoing
    - Needs to submit an application for a Special Use Permit for parking on the street – issues with neighbors
  - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) will restart construction in the near term, ordered steel for superstructure.
  - 7-11 and Sunoco are waiting for Southland, approval filed and denial letter issued.
  - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green) have received approval from New York State and have submitted plans and an application for a building permit. The first stage of review has been completed by H2M, addressing issues and making corrections to plans.
  - 505 Conklin St. (formerly taco store) will be coming in for a Special Use Permit as they have a permit for more than 12 seats.
  - Ladies boutique possible for 223 Main Street.
  - 52 Maple Street has heating and occupancy issues. Summons was issued, no response from the property owner.
  - Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed on Cobb Place, summons has been issued.
  - Grocer on Rte. 109 has been repeatedly advised that window lighting surrounds are not allowed.
  - 94 Grant Street has been cited as an illegal 2 family residence, summons has been issued.
  - Discuss fines daily vs. weekly, needs follow up.
  - Realtor advertising fines for illegal apartments, fines for unauthorized signage affixed to poles or lawn signs.
  - Need a general poster to be placed on properties for public notification.

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- A general discussion was held regarding Governor Hochul's elimination of single family zoning. The Board is opposed and will work with NCVOA to let the governor know that this type of proposal will not only be detrimental to neighborhood quality of life but to traffic, infrastructure that is already stressed and air quality.
- Racanelli has delivered the new DPW Garage pricing. (see Highway & Other)
- Announce public hearing for the former Frankie's Pizza conversion to an Italian restaurant.
- Expansion of The Nutty Irishman into adjacent space and the former Subway to "Street", a street food take out establishment.
- High Point Engineering is leaving and a replacement tenant will be occupying the space.
- Two illegal apartments were found in a converted garage.
- 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
  - Savik & Murray working on 5 Corners Park:
    - The balance of the project is on hold until the weather breaks.
  - Street light needs to be replaced at Whiskey Down Diner and Conklin Street. (Magniflood poles delivered, to be installed by the Town of Oyster Bay.)
  - Received \$230,000 from National Grid for street repaving where National Grid installed new gas mains.
  - Richard St. & Rose St. – street lighting and landscaping completed.
  - Tree in front of Jaylors is not lighting, need electrician. Gina Electric has been notified and it was repaired, but went out again.
  - Pricing is in for the DPW Garage, based on mechanical drawings being provided to Racanelli by Carlos Calla. Will meet with Racanelli this week for clarifications/changes.

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- Parking Lot 3 – damaged tree and stump were removed, will be replaced in the spring. An orange barrel has been placed there for safety.
- Removed Christmas/Holiday decorations from the Village Green fountain. Wreaths were removed on Main Street.
- Vehicle maintenance – Truck #5 returned from Syosset Truck, brake job on medium duty truck #9.
- Power washing all trucks to minimize salt damage.
- Pothole repair
- Removed snow from parking lots to Jackson Avenue.
- Checked all lights on Main Street – one is loose, reported to Town of Oyster Bay lighting.
- Loose lamp behind firehouse completed
- Sweeping to remove garbage
- 75 tons of salt were delivered
- Tree removal and stump grinding was done by Stapleton at 5 Corners Park and 88 Melville Road.
- 78 Sullivan Road tree was trimmed and 3 stumps removed.
- Wreaths need to be removed in Parking Lot 3 and on the east side of Main Street.
- Repair is needed for lighting for tree in front of Croxley's.
- Pole in front of Parking Lot 6 needs to be repaired.
- Water Department:
  - Water tower construction continues.
  - Discussion about wireless services move from existing tank to temporary pole has been resolved. Discussion about new tank including NCPD microwave continues.
  - Water testing with PWGC continues and WIIA Grant submitted with follow up.
  - D&B forwarded a rendering of the new water tank for publication in the newsletter.

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- Location for new generator for emergency support of new tank has been determined
- New gas line arranged with National Grid
- Mayor Ekstrand requested a review of the number of cell providers that can be placed on the new water tank.
- Discussed letter sent to contractor regarding contract delays.
- Code Department
- Correspondence – NYS DOT CHIPS, Leonard Cascone
- Other:
  - Renovations to existing DPW Garage:
    - Jeff Patanjo is designing and obtaining quotes
    - He is meeting with contractor to discuss the renovation of the offices
    - The offices will be renovated and relocated
    - The size of the break room will be increased
    - New locker room will be created
    - An extension will be added to the rear of the existing DPW building to relocate materials displaced by the increase in size of the new locker room and break room.
  - Jeff is also reviewing the DPW Garage quote with Superintendent Fellman and value engineering the proposal. He will meet with Racanelli to discuss clarifications and changes.
  - Jeff is also finalizing contracts for the Water Department (electrical & controls).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-02-24)**, to move to Executive Session.

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

**RESOLVED (#2022-02-25)**, to reconvene the meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer