

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, April 4, 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, April 4, 2022.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Elect Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled:
 - General discussion regarding hearings and adding salary increases for Board members – hearing to be scheduled.
- Fire Department:
 - Discussed texts of Farmingdale Fire Dept. calls to non-members.
 - Vouchers for new tablets and installation of the tablets. SCM software, Adept IT will provide IT support.
- Building Department:
 - 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane Repair Shop:
 - Property maintenance summons issued, ongoing
 - Submitted 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. Financial issues are causing the delay.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco are waiting for Southland, approval filed and denial letter issued and amended.
 - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
 - Received approval from New York State and have submitted plans and an application for a building permit.

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- The review has been completed by H2M, the building permit will be issued in May 2022.
 - Received final approval from the Nassau County IDA.
 - 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, summons has been issued.
 - 94 Grant Street has been cited as an illegal 2 family residence, summons has been issued. Court date has been delayed until April.
 - 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, to be done by Island Digital.
 - Racanelli DPW Garage pricing has been received, other proposal is being sought. Foundation soil test is underway to determine if a different foundation can be used at a lower cost.
 - Working with 317 & The Nutty Irishman to handle waste stream/dumpsters.
 - Prochamps is now operational. The Village is receiving \$2,000 from Prochamps for fees collected managing foreclosure information.
 - Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body (Schmeltzer) will restart construction on April 11, according to their attorney.
 - The Building Dept. needs to speak with That Meetball Place to get them to turn off the bass in the evening.
 - The Building Inspector needs to speak to businesses who have music outside other than at approved times.
- Highway Department:

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- 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 project has a few items left for completion.
 - Street light needs to be replaced at Whiskey Down Diner and Conklin Street. (Magniflood poles delivered, installation completed by the Town of Oyster Bay.)
 - Received \$230,000 from National Grid for street repaving where National Grid installed new gas mains.
 - Final estimate for DPW Garage was received from Racanelli. Investigating soil condition to see if different foundation can be used as foundation costs are high. Another quote is being requested as an option for the building, based on Carlos Calla plans.
 - Parking Lot 3 – damaged tree and stump were removed, will be replaced in the spring. An orange barrel has been placed there for safety.
 - DPW Garage renovations underway, completion is expected in 4 weeks.
 - Light & pole on Lenox Rd. (between Bethpage Rd. and Hillside Rd.) ordered from Magniflood, replaced by the Town of Oyster Bay.
 - Boarded up 285 Secatogue Ave. and painted the boards white – squatters had been in the abandoned home.
 - Plaques installed at Sven Brost sculptures.
 - Flower pots prepped for Main Street.
 - Peat moss in flower pots, 8' fence section replaced in Parking Lot 2.
 - Removed signage from poles.
 - Reinstalled benches in Gerngras Park.
 - 55 Clinton Ave. is being boarded up.
 - DPW computers are now being backed up weekly.
 - Stumps are located at 90 Conklin St., 250 Conklin St. (Citibank), Clinton St.
- Water Department:

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- 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.
- 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.
- Service line leaking on Grant Ave. has been repaired.
- Driveway apron needs to be replaced.
- Progress meeting scheduled for April 6 at 2:00 p.m.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Additional shifts for Ramadan.
- Other:
 - Meeting scheduled with LGBT Network regarding their June 12 event on April 18.
 - Discussed Total Computing costs and questioned if there is enough technical support provided in the meeting resolution.
 - Labels are needed for BID mailing. Lorraine will provide the labels to Trustee Priestley.
 - The Board of Trustees meeting schedule was changed.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer