

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, June 6, 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, June 6, 2022.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Craig Rosasco  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

**Absent:** Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
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
- Fire Department
- Building Department:
  - 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane Repair Shop:
    - Property maintenance summons issued, in court system
    - Submitted an application for a Special Use Permit for parking on the street – issues with neighbors
  - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) told Mayor Ekstrand that they have finally closed financing.
  - 7-11 and Sunoco – to redesign the site based on feedback from the recent hearing.
  - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
    - Ready for a building permit
  - Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed on Cobb Place, summons has been issued. Awaiting disposition through Village Court.
  - Village Attorney DeBellis to follow up regarding fines daily vs. weekly, fines for illegal apartments and fines for unauthorized signage affixed to poles or lawn signs, hearing set June 6 for change to local law.

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- Working with 317 & The Nutty Irishman to handle waste stream. They are adding an additional dumpster.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body (Schmeltzer) has restarted construction, minimal work has been accomplished.
- Stratford Green rat issues are being addressed solely by Stratford Green, which to date have not been successful. Their vendor has not dealt with the rat issue. Arrow Exterminating visited the site and proposed a comprehensive rat abatement for the entire area at a cost of \$15,000. Additionally, the LIRR has been notified that there is a rat issue.
- Application for one home on the south side of the Black Course development has been submitted and is going to the Planning Board.
- The Postmaster at the Farmingdale Post Office has been given a summons regarding the fence and shed.
- CVS parking lot has many potholes that need repair.
- “Haunted Hamburgers” is coming to the former Friendly’s site on Route 109.
- 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
  - DPW Garage renovations underway, completion is expected in 10 days, end of May subcontractor coordination.
  - Flower pots prepped for Main Street.
  - 55 Clinton Ave. has been boarded up and painted.
  - Stumps are located at 90 Conklin St., 250 Conklin St. (Citibank), Clinton Ave.
  - The PO has been issued to Westar for the new DPW garage. Preliminary site work, including retaining wall, will be done by Roadwork Ahead.
  - The circle at Round Swamp Road need maintenance. Ivy Street also needs maintenance.
  - Trees need to be removed at 154 Prospect Street and 85 Duane Street.

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- Route 109 and Nelson Street needs trimming.
- Comment from Foreman Ken Tortoso: Greetings all, it's been a busy few weeks for the DPW crews. I just wanted to let everyone know that your employees here at DPW have been putting in a great effort to keeping our Village looking beautiful, whether it's planting flowers or picking up garbage, street sweeping to water main breaks, including a bunch of other tasks we handle on a day to day basis. We would like to thank Mayor Ekstrand and the Village Board, including Village Administrator Brian Harty and Superintendent John Mirando for giving us the backing, support, guidance and the infrastructure we need to help accomplish many of our tasks. All of us up here at DPW have great pride in making Farmingdale Village the best place around and will continue doing so.
- All the flower pots are out, still waiting on the hanging baskets.
- Watering unit has been out and on point.
- Crews picked up all 65 light heads and poles for the upcoming Main St. construction later this year. They were able to fit all of the items in the north bay at DPW.
- Mowing the circuit.
- Spraying Village Hall every Tuesday and Thursday.
- Town of Oyster Bay lighting was in this week to make repairs, meeting with them next week to get the flag pole done at 5 Corners Park.
- Power washed the Gazebo and replaced all 16 florescent bulbs inside, would still like to change them to LED in the future.
- The DPW shop is 90% complete, our crews are slowly moving in. It's a huge morale booster for everyone.
- American flags will be going out next week.
- Ravo sweeper is back and all repaired under warranty.
- Speed sign has been out on Melville Road.
- Water tower is getting taller by the day.
- Water Department:

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- Water tower construction continues. The “Pan” for the water tower has been lifted into place and completed, the tank construction has begun. Interior work is underway for the ceiling that will protect the booster pumps.
- Discussion about wireless services move from existing tank to temporary pole has been resolved. Discussion about new tank including NCPD microwave continues. Contract has been received from Verizon.
- \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul’s budget for Improvements WIIA grant. Documents have been signed and submitted to the state to receive funding.
- 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.
- Grant Avenue driveway apron needs to be replaced, Roadwork Ahead has this on their repair list.
- Water bills for February were not received by a number of commercial water customers and subsequently received penalties for non-payment in the May billing. As this was a delivery issue that was widespread, resulting in interest & penalty charges, the Board agreed to waive the interest and penalties accrued.
- Code Department:
  - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer