

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, June 21, 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 Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

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

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

BLOCK PARTY – NELSON STREET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-06-20), to approve a request from Adam Tabrys of 77 Nelson Street to have a block party on Nelson Street between Harrison Place and Clinton Street, on Saturday, August 13, 2022 (rain date August 14) from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

BLOCK PARTY – JEROME DRIVE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-06-21), to approve a request from John Anastasiadis of 63 Jerome Drive to have a block party on Jerome Drive between 51-63 Jerome Drive and 92-100 Jerome Drive, on Saturday, July 2, 2022 (rain date July 4) from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

2020/2021 AUDIT REPORT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-06-22), to accept the 2020/2021 audit report as submitted by Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPAs. A general discussion was held to inform the Board about timing of budgets, accounting procedures and audit requirements.

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

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RESOLVED (#2023-06-23), to approve a request from the Cultural Arts Committee to use the Court Room for a Bonsai class on Sunday, July 24, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
 - Dispatcher's pay rate – held over until mid-July
 - Cleaning service – held over until mid-July
 - General discussion regarding purchasing needs. Administrator Harty to review with BOFC Chairman Bill Reilly and Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel/
 - Review of grants for gators, ambulance and hydraulic stretchers.
- 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
 - A 6 month Special Use Permit was granted.
 - 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. The site redesign was presented at hearing, referred to the Planning Board.
 - 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. The new local law was approved.
 - Working with 317 & The Nutty Irishman to handle waste stream. They are adding an additional dumpster.

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- Need to talk to The Nutty Irishman about blocking the sidewalk with stacked chairs.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body (Schmeltzer) has restarted construction, minimal work has been accomplished. Need direction from the Board as reconstruction has stalled. Mr. Schmeltzer was in and said that construction will restart beginning June 27.
- 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. The issue is being addressed piecemeal.
- 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 with an additional summons for high grass. It continues to be a problem.
- CVS parking lot has many potholes that need repair – repairs have been completed.
- “Haunted Hamburgers” is coming to the former Friendly’s site on Route 109. Awaiting submission, demo is underway.
- Asplundh has done test holes for pole removal and line burial on Main Street.
- Awaiting submittal of proposed office building at 250 Conklin Street.
- New windows and rear door approved for Village Hall.
- Obtaining bids for the Sign, Light and Awning program.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Drainage finished on Dale Drive.
- Prepping for Movies and Pop Concerts.
- Comments from Foreman Ken Tortoso: Weekly job assignments from the week of June 5th-June 12th – it's been another busy week.
- Our new loader was just delivered, waiting to be registered. Thank you to the Board for making it happen.
- Hanging baskets are up and looking beautiful.
- All the watering systems seem to be working well.
- Swapping out the large flower pots with the extras, the past heavy rain storms have been flooding them out. Keeping an eye on them.
- Memorial Day was a success. We power washed the monuments and the flower fountain on the Green.
- Stapleton will be in on June 15th to do some takedowns if weather permits. He will be in next month for stumps.
- Town of Oyster Bay lighting has been in repairing fixtures around the Village. If you see any lights that are out, please let me know.
- DPW has moved into our new offices, just waiting on racks from Grainger so we can move the parts into the new parts room. Racks should be in by early July.
- Pothole crew was out last week repairing some spots in the area of the railroad.
- Roadwork Ahead has been in the Village repairing some issues on Main Street.
- Jim Bacon has been doing a great job with the watering of the flowers.
- The men's toilet in Village Hall was repaired.

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- The Pride parade prepping was ongoing, we utilized all DPW personnel to make it a great success!
- DPW used 74 barricades and the use of all our capital trucks and other equipment. The crews did a terrific job during and the clean up after the event. A big thank you goes out to Village Administrator Brian Harty and Code Officer Dave Rodenburg and his code department. The 2 departments worked hand in hand to make it happen! Without them the event would not have been possible. Thanks go to them!
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues. The tank is now complete. Interior work is underway for the ceiling that will protect the booster pumps. Insulation will be added to the walls of the booster pump room along with covering.
 - Discussion about wireless services move from existing tank to temporary pole is desired, including NCPD microwave. D&B is following up.
 - \$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.
 - New doors and hatch approved for all well locations.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Pride event went smoothly.
- Other:
 - Whiskey Down Diner approved for license extension on North Side of walkway. Board members will look at South Side for determination of continuance.
 - St. Kilian's will have festivities on Friday, July 8th.

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- Superintendent Mirando will contact Nassau County DPW regarding 5 Corners Park grant and widening of Main Street.
- Trustee Parisi discussed improvements to Balcom Triangle, to Circle Drive with new spruce tree and a hydrangea bush to be planted in Gergras Park as a memorial with plaque. She believes that new benches have been delivered for installation at 5 Corners Park.
- Movie nights will have free ice cream and popcorn. Pops nights will have free ice cream. Farmingdale Fire Dept. Juniors may sell water as a fundraiser at these events.
- Trustee Parisi asked who is paying for Village Music on Main St. event signage. Trustee Priestley said that the BID will pay up to \$1,000 toward the signage.
- A review of the Pride event was positive. Future events will be required to have funds deposited before approval.
- A bar fight was reported outside Burgerology at approximately 3:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Two arrests were made and one police officer was injured.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-06-24), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-06-25), to reconvene the meeting.

SALARY INCREASE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-06-26), to approve an increase in base salary for DPW Foreman Kenneth Tortoso Jr. to \$82,500.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer