

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, August 1, 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, August 1, 2022.

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

Absent: Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Deputy Clerk Treasurer Daniel Ruckdeschel

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/Hearings to be scheduled: General discussion and questions were raised for applicants at the public hearing.
- Fire Department
- Building Department:
 - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) told Mayor Ekstrand that they have finally closed financing and are getting on track.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – to redesign the site based on feedback from the recent hearing. The site redesign was presented at hearing. The Planning Board meeting was completed, now proceeding to the ZBA.
 - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
 - Building permit has been issued
 - 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 unauthorized signage affixed to poles or lawn signs.
 - Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body (Schmeltzer) has restarted construction and stopped. Mr. Schmeltzer was in and said that construction will restart beginning June 27 – he has not but says he will be underway this week.

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Work has not started. Mr. Schmeltzer's attorney has been contacted and we are waiting for a status report.

- 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 – their vendor has placed traps and the Building Department has verified that the traps are baited. 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, waiting for Planning Board application.
- The Post Office site has been cleaned up with only fence and shed issues remaining.
- “Haunted Hamburgers” is coming to the former Friendly's site on Route 109. Building permit has been issued, need to come to the Board for more than 12 seats.
- Asplundh has done test holes for pole removal and line burial on Main Street.
- Daler Pizza at 331 Main St. has to come to the Board for more than 12 seats. Building permit has been issued.
- Vacant house at 55 Clinton Avenue needs follow up, with lot condition and possible animals inside, along with status report from Prochamps.
- The Board requested an ownership check of certain commercial properties on Eastern Parkway. They also requested that the Building Department address certain illegal housing issues and to investigate the condition of other Eastern Parkway residences.
- Outdoor dining was discussed for Bagel Hut and the gas station at the corner of Heisser Lane. Outdoor dining is allowed with a permit at no charge.
- A discussion took place regarding exterior noise after Music on Main and on Fridays and Saturdays.
- A discussion took place regarding certain residences in need of repair and maintenance on Eastern Pkwy.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.

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- Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - Ongoing storm prep/planning and debris removal
 - DPW Garage renovations substantially completed, punch list items only.
 - 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, waiting for working plans and foundation drawings. Preliminary site work, including retaining wall, will be done by Roadwork Ahead.
 - Prepping for Movies and Pop Concerts.
 - Comments from Foreman Ken Tortoso: List of DPW job assignments for the week of 7/25:
 - Weekly watering still full steam ahead.
 - Replacing American flags.
 - Crews have been trimming trees.
 - Roadwork Ahead working at DPW in preparation for the new building.
 - Stapleton is coming in on August 1st for stump grinding.
 - Benches have been moved around at 5 Corners Park, still waiting on the 3rd bench to be delivered.
 - Pickup truck #7 still at check point for the new fly wheel.
 - Movies and the Village Pops are still running strong, might run out of popcorn.
 - Water Dept. and Merrick Utilities repaired a water service on Hampshire Dr., underground high pressure gas and electric lines made it tough.
 - TOB Lighting Dept. will be in next week to repair some outages on Lenox & Elizabeth St.
- 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.

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- Discussion about wireless services move from existing tank to temporary pole is desired, including NCPD microwave.
- \$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 and are in the process of being installed.
- Mayor Ekstrand, Administrator Harty and Water Superintendent Geary Gerhardt met with Paul Granger at Hicksville Water to look at 1,4 dioxane treatment installation.
- Meeting scheduled with PWGC to review pollution control measures and approach to solutions. PWGC recommends pre-construction purchase of equipment. WIIA grant money to be used for the purchase of Advanced Oxidation Process and Granulated Activated Carbon Equipment, Peroxide Tank and Computer Interfaces.
- Mayor Ekstrand and Administrator Harty reported on the recent meeting with PWGC and stated that pre-purchasing of pollution control equipment was recommended. Mayor Ekstrand and Administrator Harty had visited Hicksville Water District – they have already installed and are operating the equipment that can be used by Farmingdale to treat for the 1,4 dioxane contaminant.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- Farmingdale Meat Market – they want to sponsor a free event for the community.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m.
- Other:
 - An extensive discussion about noise and compliance by merchants on Main Street. Further discussion is needed regarding decibel noise levels and

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respect for residents in the downtown area and nearby residential neighborhoods.

- Two additions to the agenda were discussed – the approval of a car show and paving various streets in the Village.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer