

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, December 18, 2023
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, December 18, 2023.

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
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

Absent: Trustee Craig Rosasco

PRINCESS BRIDAL CHARITY EVENT– Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-12-10), to reserve 100 parking spaces and waive parking fees in Lot 4 for a Princess Bridal group on Thursday, January 18, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. until midnight at no charge in support of Princess Bridal’s donation to 53 local brides of bridal gowns and other wedding related needs.

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department: Commissioner Mike DiBartolo spoke about the following issues:
 - Crown Management training NYS Fire Prevention and Control.
 - NYS Department of Health requirements for street fairs including bathrooms/port-a-potties, EMS and police. Event sponsor to fill out state required paperwork.
 - DEC 50/50 grant for basic equipment, max grant \$1,500.
 - Gators almost completed.
 - Mentioned NYS Division of Fire and Control, possible grant for radios to coordinate with county communication profiles.
 - Mentioned a possible need for water rescue equipment – cited one instance where waders may have been helpful.
 - Mentioned that the cost of a new fly car with BLS and ALS could exceed \$126,000.

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FIREHOUSE APPARATUS FLOORING – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-12-11), to approve Milburn Flooring proposal #P2322886-3 for the installation of a new epoxy apparatus floor with logo and backup lines per OGS contracts in the amount of \$61,171.00 with a grant of \$40,046.18 from Nassau County.

USE OF FACILITIES – VETERAN FEST – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-12-12), to approve a request from The Long Island Veteran Suicide Prevention Coalition to use the Village Green for a Vet Fest, to be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024 (rain date May 19) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They are expecting approximately 60 vendors. They also plan to ask Main St. businesses to provide food to promote their businesses – if that is not an option, they would like to get a food truck.

USE OF FACILITIES – FARMINGDALE HAWKS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-12-13), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Hawks for the use of the Courtroom from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the following dates: 1/18/24, 2/15/24, 3/21/24, 4/18/24, 5/16/24, 6/20/24, 7/18/24, 8/15/24, 9/19/24, 10/17/24, 11/21/24, 12/19/24.

USE OF FACILITIES – FD SPRING STREET FAIR – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-12-14), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department to hold a street fair on Main Street on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, June 8.

APPROVAL OF TRUCK PURCHASE WITHDRAWN– Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-12-15), to withdraw approval of DPW truck purchase through Boces Contract for non-performance.

USE OF FACILITIES – FD CARNIVAL – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2024-12-16), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department and Craft-A-Fair to host the Annual Columbus Day Street Fair, Carnival and Parade. There will be no fireworks. The Carnival will be held October 10-14, 2024. The Street Fair will be held October 12-13, 2024 with rain dates for the Street Fair only on October 19, October 20 and October 26 (October 19 if only one day is needed). The Parade will be held on October 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., from Northside Elementary School to Grant Avenue. They are also requesting the use of the Village Green on October 12-13, 2024.

CASTRO LANDSCAPING CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-12-17), to approve a contract with Castro Family Landscaping for Snow Clearing, as per attached document.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Linwood Avenue update:
 - H2M has been hired to perform a drainage study of the area and to propose options for corrective measures. A preliminary report is anticipated in mid-January.
 - The Village will continue to monitor weather conditions and anything else that might have an impact in the area while H2M works on solutions.
 - Residents were informed about how to access FEMA/State programs along with contact numbers for Governor Hochul, Senator Rhoads and Assemblyman Blumencranz.
 - Mayor Ekstrand has coordinated with the Town of Oyster Bay for drain maintenance in the area, which is now completed.
 - A resident requested tree trimming on Linwood Ave. to assist in limiting debris during storm events.
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development at 1 Conklin Street is now under construction.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – the ZBA has approved the plans and the Board approved the Special Use Permit, awaiting construction drawings in order to issue building permit. Final State DOT comments received by developer.
 - Eastern Parkway house was in court with derelict garage – after court appearances and discussion, the property owner’s new plan is to demo half

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of the garage and rebuild to the original size. Anticipate re-construction starting within 2 weeks.

- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway under review in front of and behind 4 family houses. Met with Fairfield's architect and have a tentative agreement for 11 spaces on-site parking in driveways that will be assigned and numbered, and 7 spaces on the street similar to other FF projects (with Board approval). Fairfield has requested contract – a proposed contract was sent to Fairfield.
- Paver issue on Cherry Street, resident has submitted plan to come into compliance, with removal of hardscape to be completed in the spring of 2024.
- Both Sterling Green and Robby Lee projects are proceeding. No issues with either project.
- Dish Network application has been sent to Dick Comi for review. D&B is coordinating all related issues with Mr. Comi – D&B to check on reserves for Comi review fees.
- VHB has been contracted to analyze the Master Plan and the developments that have occurred in the last 12 years – ongoing draft to be completed by year end.
- Waiting for Verizon submission of an application to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer's Shopping Center.
- "The Coop" was issued a temporary C/O and will be going back to the Planning Board for exterior approval. They have requested seating modifications to interior for approval by the Board of Trustees.
- Lotus Garden should be ready to open as soon as the natural gas permit is issued.
- Proposed 2 lot sub-division on Staples Street will be sent to NCPC when Planning Board review is complete.
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car may be moving into the corner of Route 109 and Route 24. Waiting for application.
- Superintendent Fellman was asked to contact the CVS property owner about parking management and internal stop sign that has been removed.
- Need more information regarding proposed sporting goods store.

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- Superintendent Fellman to check behind 207 Main St. for obstructions prior to public hearing about apartment. No obstruction found but curb cut is needed.
- The clock tower at Palmers Shopping Center needs to be painted to match the new paint on the building. Verified that they intend to paint the clock tower.
- Change of Tenancy needed for spa in Parking Lot 1 – application has been received.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - The new DPW garage is 99% complete: remaining items are final alarm system connections to fans and Fire Marshal inspection.
 - Main St. pole removal project Phase 1 with PSEGLI & Altice completed. Paving has been completed, new driveway concrete and drain completed. Verizon has line removals between Prospect Street and Route 109 to complete their work (January 2024).
 - Poles for FFD stoplights are ordered, anticipated delivery by January 2024.
 - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations in parking lots.
 - A tree on Prospect St. across from Doud St. needs to be evaluated for possible removal – removal on hold.
 - Received plan for new DPW pocket park, approved by the Board. The gazebo is in and stored at the vendor's facility.
 - Village Green Gazebo brick wall needs repointing (Spring 2024).
 - The Board requested that the new landscaper weed and mulch certain locations, and that deep root fertilizing for all parking lot trees and trimming of dead branches in all parking lots be accomplished in the spring of 2024.
 - Request that Superintendent Patanjo contact property owners about removing old utility masts from buildings where wires have gone underground, in process with JD Faro - completed.

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- Need crosswalks at Secatogue Avenue and Melville Road scheduled (completed) along with zebra striping on Washington St.
- Need to evaluate lighting at the Melville Road/Secatogue Avenue intersection.
- Administrator Harty contacted Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding Main Street landscape architecture and Village-wide tree assessment, meeting scheduled for December 19.
- Mayor Ekstrand contacted National Grid regarding tree grant for Main Street. A meeting is scheduled for the week of December 18.
- A light is out over the sign in Parking Lot 3, parts have been ordered.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - DPW crews have been out in full force vacuuming/removing leaves, nearing completion.
 - DPW crews have been assisting the Beautification Committee with the holiday decorations.
 - Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in repairing streetlight outages and installing new lighting on Main Street.
 - Stapleton has been in trimming and doing removals of dead trees.
 - Fleet maintenance/shop crews are still working on snow plow prep and regular oil changes and services.
 - Crews have replaced a couple of stop signs. Stop signs on order.
 - Castro Landscaping has been in finishing up the fall clean ups, include Rte. 109.
 - Sweeper has been out with the leaf crews.
 - Crews have been assisting Roadwork Ahead with the Main St. project with some items when needed.
 - We need to start talking about a tree planting for this upcoming spring.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction completed, including training on pumping system in tower base.

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- Dish Network is in engineering design review process. Tank removal started by Wargo with completion expected in early January.
- AOP installation by Philip Ross is complete and testing to meet health department requirements is complete at Well 1-3. SCADA system design for this new system is underway by Philip Ross Industries coordinating with Eagle Control who will be installing the new system – installation of Well 1-3 anticipated by early January 2024.
- New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 has been ordered.
- \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul’s budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be applied for in the near term, Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel to follow up. \$4,624,000 in funding has been committed for Phase 2 project at Ridge Road from the New York State WIIA grant for the new GAC installation. PWGC handled the application and narrative for this grant.
- Plant 2 construction underway with GAC building nearing completion. Pipe installation to connect into the system is near completion with cut ins to main trunk lines to be done as arranged by PRI when Well 1-3 is fully operational.
- PWGC following up on required testing to secure funding from legal settlements.
- Bans have been sold to pay for Water Department upgrades.
- Discussed status of various projects with updates coming from PRI on all aspects and Wargo on tank demolition.
- From John Falbo:
 - Street valve box cleaning and maintenance on select valves on Merritt Road, Thomas Powell Blvd., Hamilton St. & Yoakum St..
 - Water main break with Merrick Utilities on Merritt Rd., 8 inch main repair clamp.
 - Well 1-3 Chemical Maintenance
 - Quarterly sampling for all wells.
 - 21 Hamilton St. – replaced shut off valve and curb box in front of house for the homeowner. Completed by our department.
- Code Department:

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- Working until 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and day shift on Sunday until 7:00 p.m.
- Noise issues regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels to be enforced with Notice of Violation and then summons if needed.
- Trustee Priestley asked if Code could be trained to assist people in using the new parking meters. Code is familiar with the operation of the meters and does assist.
- The Board approved no parking on Main Street on December 16, 2023 from Noon until 4:00 a.m.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2024, after pole removal project is completed.

REISSUANCE OF BANS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-12-18), to approve reissuance of Bans for the General Fund and Water Fund in the amount of \$8,375,000.00 with payment due on January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$460,625.00.

- Other:
 - Let the LIRR know about leaking gutters at the train station.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer