

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, December 20, 2021**  
**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 20, 2021.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Anthony Addeo  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Attorney Claudio DeBellis

**ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CONTRACT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-12-18)**, to approve and award contract to Bensin Contracting, as the lowest responsible bidder for the total three year period, for Electrical Maintenance and Repair at a cost of \$11,250.00 for the initial service period through May 31, 2022.

**NEW HIRE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-12-19)**, to hire Reilly Fellman as a Temporary Part-Time Administrative Intern at a wage of \$15.00 per hour.

**DOG WARDEN SERVICE AGREEMENT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-12-20)**, to accept and approve the Town of Oyster Bay’s Dog Warden Service Agreement effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.

The following topics were discussed:

- Permit fees for containers/pods:
  - A public hearing will be set at the January 6, 2022 meeting that will change the current code to reflect that all properties that have pods must obtain a permit if the anticipated time for the use of the pod is more than seven days with a 90 day limit.
  - Permit fees for pods/containers over 7 days will be \$100 and will be set by resolution of the Board of Trustees from time to time.
- Fire Department:

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- Mayor Ekstrand followed up with Chief Buser regarding the increase in cancer coverage.
- The Fire Department will supply a list to Salerno Insurance reflecting those who will be insured for full cancer coverage.
- Building Department:
  - 20 Merritts Road report received from Savik and Murray regarding the Toretta Road dedication:
    - 4 issues need to be remedied before acceptance
    - Mr. Vilardi has been notified
    - Road acceptance should be delayed until all homes are built out
    - Needs estate fencing
  - 60 SE Maple St. – shed needs to be moved to three feet from the property line.
  - Kick’N Chicken C/O issued:
    - A question was raised about the proposed buildout, not using the entire former Ubaldo’s space – historic photos have been supplied and will be placed in those windows.
  - 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane has submitted building permit:
    - A denial letter was issued, enabling application for a Special Use Permit to be filed to operate a repair shop and provide adequate parking.
    - Property maintenance summons issued
  - Robbie Lee is contacting the new owner regarding the site, which has been cleaned up and in the process of finalizing financing. Will get underway in approximately one month.
  - Assisted living on Route 109 is negotiating for final tenant
  - 7-11 and Sunoco are waiting for Southland approval
  - Burgerology has filed seating for 80 people which will require 3 parking spots if the Board waives 90%. Public hearing to be set December 6.
  - Route 109 towing has responded with an application. They received a denial letter and will submit an application to the Board for a Special Use Permit for a wall exceeding 6 feet on January 3, 2022.

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- Peter Florey/D&F Development have received approval from New York State and have submitted plans and a building application.
- New DPW garage – expect some pricing information by December 15. Have had discussions and will meet in near term with vendor.
- 505 Conklin Street, formerly a taco store, will be coming in for a Special Use Permit as they have a permit for 12 seats.
- A ladies boutique is a possibility for 223 Main Street.
- Highway Department:
  - Leaf program is in progress
  - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
  - Magniflood lighting testing continues in DPW garage.
  - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
  - Ongoing storm planning and debris removal
  - Savik & Murray working on 5 Corners Park, contract signed December 3.
  - Village Hall disinfectant spray on two occasions in December.
  - Street light needs to be replaced at Whiskey Down Diner.
  - Two lights that needed repair on the Village Green have been completed.
  - Speed sign deployed on Staples Street, removed December 9.
  - Capitol truck repair of item discovered during inspection prep for snow season will be sent to Syosset Truck.
  - Awaiting pricing for DPW garage.
  - Received \$230,000 from National Grid for street repaving where National Grid installed new gas mains.
  - December 11 – light tower & assisted with St. Kilian’s ceremony.
  - Richard St. & Rose St. – street lighting and landscaping being installed, to be paid for using CDBG funds.
  - Tree in front of Jaylors is not lighting, need electrician.
- Water Department
  - Water tower construction continues.

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- Discussion about wireless services, move from existing tank to temporary pole and then on to new tank, including NCPD microwave continues and is being resolved.
- Water testing with PWGC continues and WIIA Grant submitted with follow up.
- Trustee Parisi requested that D&B forward a rendering of the new water tank for publication in the newsletter.
- Code Department:
  - Diane Menig resigned, Dave Rodenburg is taking her place.

**SALARY INCREASE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-12-21)**, to approve a salary increase for Dave Rodenburg to \$25.00 per hour.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	abstained
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Anthony Addeo	aye

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Other:
  - An extensive discussion about Santa Con took place. The Board is opposed to Santa Con and is reviewing options to stop future Santa Cons in the Village.
  - 141 Division St. is being pursued for purchase by the Village.
  - The Marijuana law is with the Secretary of State and is not ready to be implemented and is not ready to be implemented until it is authorized.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer