

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, February 3, 2025

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, February 3, 2025.

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

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be announced
- Fire Department
- Discuss parking requirements in residential zoning.
- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Construction drawings received, permit has been issued, waiting for permit to be picked up.
 - Verizon resubmission of plans to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer's Shopping Center was received and is being reviewed. Hearing to be rescheduled.
 - The Nutty Irishman & 317, dumpster constructed, needs second dumpster guard, will be installed this week.
 - Toretta Estates – review site plan and parking requirements.
 - Bodega on Conklin St. signage reviewed, remedy proposed.
 - L.I. McGrath's is open and operating, need Special Use Permit.
 - The Pour Authority (lease executed) will be moving into space adjacent to 335 Main Street (application anticipated).
 - A seafood restaurant will be moving into the former Creations Pizza location, following up on special use permit.
 - Barnyard needs a Special Use Permit.

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- 20 Quaker Lane – moving leader to control rainwater flow, needs to be moved.
- Review Casa Stellina for compliance and expansion. Need to file to legalize, architect is working on plans.
- Discussed proposed subdivision at 368 Melville Road. Present the possibility of a circular driveway for the home located in the Village along with payment of the Parkland requirement and ensure that parking requirements are met in both jurisdictions. A public hearing is required along with Planning Board/ARB review.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - New DPW Yoakum St. Park is completed (berm behind park needs completion/spring 2025).
 - Need to evaluate lighting at the Melville Road/Secatogue Avenue intersection (Superintendent Patanjo).
 - Altice/LIRR plan for North Main Street - decision to tunnel under the tracks to accommodate Altice. Altice to submit plans to LIRR.
 - Review County easement at Thomas Powell Blvd. for payment (Village Attorney DeBellis).
 - Work with Hello Alert for cameras for the downtown business district including parking lots and additionally the LIRR parking lots.
 - Follow up with H2M regarding Linwood - ongoing. Phase One completed. Phase Two started 1/6/25 and will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.
 - LIRR pot belly stove was refurbished by Doug Ketchum of the Highway Department, to be installed in the Farmingdale Train Station.
 - Check snow removal by Castro at 5 Corners Park.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - DPW crews assisted the Water Dept. with multiple water main breaks.
 - DPW crews were out plowing and salting during the January 19 snowstorm into the overnight. Crews did a great job!

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- Capital truck #2 had to get sent out for repair due to a cracked leaf spring and an NYS inspection.
- Town of Oyster Bay lighting was notified for streetlight outages.
- Stapleton has been in removing dead trees, he will be coming back to grind stumps.
- Water Department:
 - Sampling and testing of Well 1-3 of AOP/GAC installation by Philip Ross continues with well now fully operational.
 - New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 - construction has been completed. Additional testing costs for newly monitored contaminants at approximately \$16,000 per well.
 - Plant 2 construction – underway/ongoing.
 - Master schedule is being worked on by PRI through completion for all wells, expected to be 5/1/25.
 - PWGC following up on required testing to secure funding from legal settlements and potential federal and county funding. Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel helped finalize all submissions.
 - A grant of \$1 million has been committed through County Legislator John Ferretti to offset costs of the new water treatment systems. A payment of \$500,000 was received.
 - Congressman Thomas Suozzi has informed the Village that a \$1.1 million commitment has been secured in the 2025/2026 Federal Budget. Not a reimbursement grant.
 - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement is underway by D&B.
 - D&B is providing analysis for antennae replacement on elevated tank by AT&T.
 - Lead and Copper letters have been sent to residents with galvanized services.
 - Water main break at the corner of Park Ave. and Jefferson Rd. was fixed by Merrick Utilities on Christmas Eve.
 - From John Falbo:

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- Well 1-3 – Bypass Valve and piping was removed from system and Pressure Stand Pipe was replaced by Village and PRI in order to meet Board of Health requirements.
- Watermain break on Sullivan Road – 6 inch pipe completed by VOF, also includes locating valves that were buried under asphalt years ago.
- Jan. 26 – Watermain break on Oakdale Blvd. on 4 inch pipe, completed by VOF. This also included locating buried valves under asphalt.
- Jan. 27 – Watermain break on Route 109 completed by Merrick Utilities and Village on an 8 inch main. Daleview Nursing Home and multiple apartments were affected.
- Jan. 28 – Watermain break on Soma Place, completed VOF.
- Roadwork Ahead hit service pipe on Linwood Project during Soma Pl. watermain break. This was repaired by Merrick Utilities and Roadwork Ahead due to no staff – all at watermain break on Soma Pl. that we completed.
- Jan. 28 at 12 noon – we had a power outage on Eastern Parkway. Our generator came on and worked efficiently but needed to be monitored due to alarms and due to being on back up power.
- I am done talking about Jan.28th, we got through it all lol.
- Code Department:
 - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card slot).
 - Electrification of all parking meters is underway.
 - Sign posts and signage needs to be placed on Main Street. New signage to be installed by DPW.
 - Noise issues on Main Street will be addressed as noted by code officers. If complaints are received, please forward to appropriate code or building department for resolution.
 - Code observing landscaper regarding leaf removal and permit compliance.
 - All holiday events went well.
 - Code reviewing Main Street security for events with NCPD.

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- Ticketing in CVS shopping center in fire lanes and handicapped spaces to commence.
- NCPD Officer Terraciano reported to the Board that cocaine arrests are up and DWI arrests are down as many are opting for Uber and Lyft as an alternative to driving.

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