

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, March 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, March 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

Absent: Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be announced: discussed CDBG Year 51 application
- Thomas Powell House discussion: discussed cleaning out the house and grounds with Trustee Parisi and Margaret Barrett
- Fire Department
- Waste stream requirements for D-MU and Business-D zoning districts.
- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit has been issued, waiting for permit to be picked up. Spoke to attorney, awaiting response for start date – mark outs for demo are underway.
 - Verizon resubmission of plans to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer's Shopping Center was received and is being reviewed. Hearing rescheduled to April 7.
 - Bodega on Conklin St. signage reviewed, remedy proposed.
 - The Pour Authority 335 Main Street - application received, will have 114 seats. Need Special Use Permit, denial letter issued. Permit issued for interior build-out.
 - A seafood restaurant, Captain Ihab, will be moving into 193 Main Street, following up on special use permit – nothing filed.
 - Barnyard needs a Special Use Permit.

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- 20 Quaker Lane – moving leader to control rainwater flow, needs to move the roof gutter to connect to the drywell. Notice of violation sent.
- Review Casa Stellina for compliance and expansion. They need to file to legalize, architect is sending a full hard copy of plans/building expansion. Building Dept. should receive the week of March 3.
- Proposed subdivision at 368 Melville Road. Presented 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. Meeting scheduled with applicant for clarifications.
- Special Use Permits need follow up & completion.
- Vintage is being taken over by a new tenant, need to follow up with new owner for Special Use Permit.
- The barbershop next to Mer's Pub needs to go to the Planning Board for a new barber pole.
- Preliminary meeting was held with JPD/owners of Synergy Gym property for an upgrade.
- 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.
 - Follow up with H2M regarding Linwood - ongoing. Phase One completed. Phase Two was also completed.
 - LIRR pot belly stove was refurbished by Doug Ketchum of the Highway Department, to be installed in the Farmingdale Train Station.
 - Main Street needs to be swept and pails on Main Street and Village Green need to be emptied when Rosie is on vacation.

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- 5 maple trees will be added to 5 Corners Park in the spring of 2025 with one additional maple being removed.
- National Grid \$9200 grant in process.
- Discussed establishing 2 year cycle for drain cleaning/maintenance.
- Looking at Planters Parking Catalogue for installation on the Village Green.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- DPW crews still filling potholes around the Village.
- Stapleton was in to do a tree removal at 5 Jefferson Rd. and will be coming back to do a tree removal at 5 Corners Park.
- Sweeper is out and will be sweeping all zones and the regular early downtown routines Monday and Friday.
- Crews are replacing and fixing street signs.
- Crews used the floor cleaner on the apparatus floor of Fire headquarters.
- DPW crews assisting the Water Department when needed.
- Shop crews are continually doing vehicle services and NYS INS.
- 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.
 - Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel helped finalize all submissions and is finalizing the collection of the remainder of the first WIIA grant (\$750,000).
 - 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 & Sen. Chuck Schumer have informed the Village that a \$1.1 million commitment has been secured in the 2025/2026

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Federal Budget. Not a reimbursement grant. The Village has requested to repurpose this grant toward the installation of a new ground tank.

- 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 along with CMS.
- Lead and Copper letters have been sent to residents with galvanized services.
- Requirements contract bids have been awarded for Distribution, Well Maintenance and Electrical needs.
- From John Falbo:
 - Fixed broken injector and cleaned chlorine chem line at Well 1-3.
 - Watermain break on Conklin St. & Oakview Ave.... VOF and Merrick Utilities.
 - Watermain break on Bethpage Road by Merrick Utilities and VOF. Side note: Needed Merrick due to gas main and electric pipe placement at both breaks.
 - WORK AT WELL 2-3 and 2-2 has picked up. We are need for knowledge and direction.
 - Replaced meter at 45 Barberry Court.
- 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 new signage are being 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 reviewing Main Street security for events with NCPD.
 - Planning for LepreCon with no parking on the east side of Main Street.
 - Set meeting with FBS to discuss contract.

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- Work has started on a new website.

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