

## **WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, March 20, 2017**

### **INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor Christiansen  
Trustee William Barrett  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Administrator Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kelly  
Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman  
DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

**Absent:** Trustee Cheryl Parisi

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Sherman Road – Jackson Avenue parking:
  - Resident complained about looking out back windows to see Meat Market trucks. Has a signed petition showing that no one is happy with the parking lot.
  - Resident stated that this takes 5%-10% off of the property value of their homes.
  - Resident stated that she is sick since the trucks came.
  - Resident said that she didn't expect trucks to park in the lot.
  - Residents stated that there was short term notice that the parking lot was being built.
  - Residents are unhappy about the trucks and cabs. A resident stated that they are noisy and they smell.
- Rich Spanato – Route 109 proposal
- Planning Board – 1 open seat for Alternate Member, appoint Dolores Sullivan
- Eagle Scout Project for Gergras Park – leftover funds: Put extra funds towards Gergras sign replacement, picnic table
- Proposal from Anchored Fence for basement – Need more proposals
- Cablevision Settlement and Release Agreement

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**2017/2018 TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL CHANGES** - Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2017-03-25)**, to make the following changes to the 2017/2018 Tentative Assessment Roll:

- Remove the Veteran's Exemption on 107 Melville Road (Sec 49 Bl 37 Lot 224) due to death.
- Remove the Volunteer Fireman and Senior Exemptions on 187 Thomas Powell Blvd. (Sec 49 Bl 210 Lot 10) due to death.

**TAX CERTIORARIS** - Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2017-03-26)**, to approve the following tax certioraris:

- Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Fairfield Elizabeth, LLC Sec 49 Blk. 1, Lots 2-3, 16: Premises 83 Elizabeth Street, Farmingdale for tax years 2010/11 through and including 2016/17 for a refund of \$4,000 with a reduction in assessed value to \$700,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2017/18 through and including 2019/20, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.
- Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Island Gardens Owners Inc. Sec 48 Blk 447, Lot 289. Sec 49, Blk. 102, Lots 268,252: Premises Fulton Street, Farmingdale for tax years 2010/11 through and including 2016/17 for a refund of \$14,000 with a reduction in assessed value to \$5,000,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2017/18 through and including 2019/20, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.
- Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Seagull Garden Apartment Owners Corp Sec 48, Blk 447, Lot 74: Premises 474 Fulton Street, Farmingdale, for tax years 2003/04 through and including 2016/17 for a refund of \$35,000 to be payable as follows: \$17,500 to be payable within 120 days of the date of the signed Order & Judgment and \$17,500 to be payable one year after the signed Order & Judgment, with no reduction in the final assessed value of \$1,859,000.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Resolution to approve the Renovation Charismatic Catholic Spanish group to have a walk, commemorating the Stations of the Cross, on Friday, April 14, 2017 (Good Friday) – this has been approved but will be formally voted on at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.
- Village Labor Counsel: Bee, Ready, Fishbein, Hatter & Donovan – proposed increase in monthly fee from \$833.33 to \$1,000. To be approved at April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

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- Fancy Free at 248 Main Street would like to have a bake sale outside the storefront on Saturday, March 25. The Board approved.
- Fire Department – Dispatcher hourly rate comparison, front steps have been replaced.

**ELECTRICAL SERVICE AND GENERATORS** - Upon a motion by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2017-03-27)**, to award contract to Baltray Enterprises, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder, for New Electrical Service and Generators at the Ridge Road Plant Site at a cost of \$235,832.00.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- H2M proposal to prepare a Water Conservation Plan as required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Building Department – Clean Energy Communities
- Highway Department
- Code Department
- State Assembly
- 20 Merritts Road

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING** - Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2017-03-28)**, to change the date of the Public Budget Meeting from Monday, April 10, 2017 to Monday, April 17, 2017 due to the Passover holiday.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator