

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, May 6, 2024**

**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, May 6, 2024.

**Present:** 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:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-05-01)**, to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-05-02)**, to reconvene the meeting.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Linwood Avenue: Ongoing.
- Fire Department: Proposed Casino Night on August 31, 2024. Need to address SLA issues.
- 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. Request for extension of Special Use Permit at a fee of \$2,500 at tonight's public meeting.

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- The Sterling Green project is proceeding. Sterling Green is 90% complete with applications now available. Completed applications are due for submission by June 25 for a lottery that will take place on July 9. Occupancy will begin in August. No issues with the project moving to completion.
- The Robby Lee/Carlyle project is also proceeding and is 90% complete. No issues with this project.
- Dish Network building permit issued with installation by June 1 per Dick Comi and D&B.
- Waiting for Verizon submission of an application to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer's Shopping Center.
- Lotus Garden should be ready to open soon, range hood issues and Fire Marshal remain.
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car has submitted an application and is coming to the Board tonight for a Special Use Permit for rental location at the corner of Route 109 and Route 24.
- Met with owner of property at 502 Main Street (across from law offices). Discussed proposed changes and will present to the Planning Board/ARB.
- CVS lot will now be a managed/ticket lot as local law was passed and notice of filing was received from the Department of State. "No parking" signage to be installed.
- Fading signage on parking lots, Bullseye Signs quote for approval tonight.
- Zuzu nearing completion on or about August 1.
- Discussed waste stream with the ownership of the Nutty Irishman and 317 – very high estimate for new dumpster, need to discuss options – needs follow up.
- The Villager – status on rear enclosure, no application to date, plans are being prepared for submission.
- National Grid grant for street trees and planter boxes. Planter boxes have been ordered and trees/plantings need to be selected.
- D&B has contract to identify ownership of pipe infrastructure connecting to catch basins.
- 174 Staples Street apartment has been removed.

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- Toretta Estates has submitted requests for three building permits to complete the subdivision, need to go to the Planning Board.
- Two lot subdivision on Staples Street – building permits have been issued.
- Highway Department:
  - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
  - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
  - Main St. pole for FD traffic light delivered. Foundations need to be poured and set for 28 days.
  - 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. Work is in review and will start on or about April 2.
  - 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.
  - Need to evaluate lighting at the Melville Road/Secatogue Avenue intersection.
  - Mayor Ekstrand contacted National Grid regarding tree grant for Main Street. Need to contact National Grid regarding status, anticipated grant will be between \$5,000 and \$10,000.
  - Rte. 109 – to replace one no parking sign by Hearthstone, sign ordered.
  - Plan for 8 - 15 minute parking spaces on Main Street and no parking on the east side after 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday except for pick-up and drop-off, Uber, Lyft and Taxi use.
  - Rehabilitate all trash cans on Main Street and outer areas.
  - LIRR trestle painting completed.

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- Move HVAC thermostat and remove electrical outlets & prep for painting (fill in with sheetrock/spackle/tape) on south wall in the courtroom as directed.
- Don't water 5 Corners Park as ground is wet and spongy.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
  - Town of Oyster Bay lighting was in replacing some LED lights and replaced a photo cell in the north railroad lot, and PSEG repaired the fuse on the pole so the lights will now turn on and off automatically.
  - Castro Landscaping was in landscaping around the Village.
  - DPW installed new flag pole holders on Main St., American flags will be going up in two weeks. Also purchased all new flags with metal poles for Main St., the old wooden ones were warped and cracked.
  - DPW has been out continuing with pothole repair.
  - DPW has been mowing and cleaning up our grassy areas in the Village.
  - Had the fuel pump serviced behind fire headquarters.
  - Crews have been running loads of wood chips and tree debris out of Jackson Ave. and taken to Oyster Bay landfill.
  - Fence was ordered for the Yoakum Street park.
  - Crews have been painting light pole bases around the downtown area and Village parks.
  - Getting flower pots ready for the upcoming planting season.
  - Fleet maintenance crews have been getting our 2 water tanks ready for the upcoming season.
  - Fleet crews have also been doing inspections on DPW and Fire Dept. vehicles.
  - Main St. garbage cans have been painted.
- Water Department:
  - Training on pumping system in water tower base.
  - Well 1-3 is out of service will be ready to go through start-up testing shortly.
  - AOP installation by Philip Ross is complete to the testing stage in order to meet health department requirements along with the SCADA system.

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- New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 is on site, awaiting final foundation plans. Piping rearrangement to accommodate new steel building is completed.
- \$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. PHASE ONE WIIA Grant Contract just received. 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 with cut ins to main trunk lines to be done as arranged by PRI when Well 1-3 is fully operational and with peak pumping season coming this task will be done when peak season is over (agreed to with PRI).
- PWGC following up on required testing to secure funding from legal settlements and potential federal and county funding.
- Bans have been sold to pay for Water Department upgrades.
- Discussed status of various projects with updates coming from PRI on all aspects.
- Contract with South Farmingdale Water District - Inter-Municipal agreement for certain management and operational services is now in place. Insurance will be in place this week.
- A grant of \$9.6 million has been applied for through Senator Chuck Schumer to offset capital cost of treatment systems.
- A grant of \$1 million has been committed through County Legislator John Ferretti to offset costs of the new water treatment systems.
- A grant request of \$5 million was applied for through the office of Congressman Thomas Suozzi.
- Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel reported that we have received the final contract from the State for the first WIIA grant and will be able to begin reimbursement process.
- From John Falbo:
- Lead and Copper survey is being conducted on a weekly basis.

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- Meter monitoring work and updating MXUs is conducted weekly between Village Hall and Water Department in order to efficiently bill each quarter.
- Well 1-3 was fully reassembled, waiting for testing and small sanitary seal work.
- New hydrants on Main Street were painted.
- Eastern Parkway site – major cleanup with DPW help, including weed whacking, mowing and garbage pickup. PRI is to do the rest of their cleanup.
- Code Department:
  - Working on signage for lots with court and admin office
  - New prototype signage has been installed for clarity of metered parking and free parking times.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2024, after pole removal project is completed. All signage and brackets are being ordered for Main Street.
- The Board is proceeding with refurbishment of the Court Room and hallway with other rooms on the street level to be added. The Board agreed with an \$1,800 landscaping expenditure at 5 Corners Park.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer