The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022.

**Present:** Deputy Mayor William Barrett

Trustee Cheryl Parisi Trustee Walter Priestley Trustee Craig Rosasco

Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty

Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

**Absent:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand

Deputy Mayor Barrett opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**2022/2023 TAX WARRANT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED** (#2022-05-16), to approve Deputy Mayor Barrett to sign the 2022/2023 Tax Warrant, as annexed to these minutes.

**USE OF FACILITIES** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED** (#2022-05-17), to approve a request from the Cultural Arts Committee to use the Court Room for a presentation by the Long Island Chrysanthemum Society on the growing and showing of Exhibition Chrysanthemums on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**FLAIL MOWER PURCHASE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED** (#2022-05-18), to approve the purchase of a new Befco Flail Mower H40-S72 from All Island Equipment Corp., as the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost of \$6,222.00.

The following topics were discussed:

- Business Improvement District May 12 meeting agenda: General discussion regarding the BID budget and activities, including needed changes on Main Street, sidewalk snow removal, advertising, partial payment for security on Friday and Saturday nights.
- Fire Department:

- Chief Walter Buser reported on Firematic and EMS plans for the upcoming Pride event:
  - Over 100 fire department personnel from the Farmingdale, East Farmingdale and South Farmingdale Fire Departments will be available to serve the community in the event of a fire or EMS emergency.
  - All planning has been done in coordination with the Nassau County Police Department. The FD command center will co-locate with the NCPD on June 12.
  - The Fire Department approved moving the Farmer's Market to the front apron of the firehouse on June 12.
- Chief Buser is working with Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel to review this fiscal year's budget and to encumber surplus funds for bunker gear if available.
- o Stryker stretchers will be delivered soon.
- Chief Buser is working with Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel to facilitate DASNY grants to purchase power loaders and new ambulance.
- Building Department:
  - o 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane Repair Shop:
    - Property maintenance summons issued, ongoing
    - Submitted an application for a Special Use Permit for parking on the street – issues with neighbors
  - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) will restart construction in the near term, ordered steel for superstructure. Financial issues are causing the delay.
     Mayor Ekstrand will check with the property owner.
  - o 7-11 and Sunoco coming before the Board of Trustees
  - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
    - Ready for a building permit
  - o Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed on Cobb Place, summons has been issued. Awaiting disposition through Village Court.
  - o Grocer on Rte. 109 has been repeatedly advised that window lighting surrounds are not allowed, summons has been issued. Elyssa has been working with them to find a solution.
  - o 94 Grant Street has been cited as an illegal 2 family residence, summons has been issued. Kitchen has been removed, no longer a 2 family.

- O Village Attorney DeBellis to follow up regarding fines daily vs. weekly, fines for illegal apartments and fines for unauthorized signage affixed to poles or lawn signs, hearing set June 6 for change to local law.
- General poster to be placed on properties for public notification, to be done by Island Digital – completed.
- Working with 317 & The Nutty Irishman to handle waste stream. They are adding an additional dumpster.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body (Schmeltzer) has restarted construction, minimal work has been accomplished.
- Stratford Green rat issues are being addressed with Arrow Exterminating.
  They have visited the site and will make an ongoing maintenance and baiting proposal.
- o Application for one home on the south side of the Black Course development has been submitted and is going to the Planning Board.
- o Postmaster has been given a summons regarding the fence & shed.
- o CVS parking lot has many potholes that need repair.
- Building Superintendent Fellman has met with Arrow Exterminating and Stratford Green personnel to quell a rodent problem.
- Homeless issues persist in two locations in the Village. Will follow up with the Nassau County Police and the Nassau County Dept. of Social Services.
- o Need to get a second dumpster for 317 & Nutty Irishman waste streams.
- o Need to develop list of two-family homes in the Village.
- o Need to install signs in parks regarding the leash law.

#### • Highway Department:

- o Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
- o Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
- Ongoing storm prep/planning and debris removal
- o DPW Garage renovations underway, completion is expected in mid-May.
- o Flower pots prepped for Main Street.
- o 55 Clinton Ave. has been boarded up.

- o Stumps are located at 90 Conklin St., 250 Conklin St. (Citibank), Clinton St.
- The PO has been issued to Westar for the new DPW garage. Preliminary site work, including retaining wall, will be done by Roadwork Ahead.
- Stump at 88 Melville Rd. Roadwork Ahead. Jeff Patanjo will coordinate for small repairs and current projects including driveway apron on Grant Ave.
- Need to research electric back pack blowers.
- Lights for sign and flag poles at 5 Corners Park to be done by the Town of Oyster Bay.
- Sent email for Stapleton "stump list"
- o Painted plywood board at 55 Clinton Ave.
- o Huntington generator was in on May 2 for the yearly service on all 3 units.
- o Repaired a leaning street light in Parking Lot 2.
- o Sent Manny & Christian to tighten down all street light bases in all lots.
- o Picked up 65 light heads and brackets from Magniflood, stored at DPW.
- Speed sign out on Melville Road in between Main St. and the Clinton St. crossing.
- Crews unloaded flowers at DPW for the potted plants, hanging baskets are not ready yet.
- o Sent street light outages up to Town of Oyster Bay lighting.
- o Shop bay door broke, Ed Mojica Installations came to repair it the same day.
- Water tank is ready to go for watering.
- o The crew is set and ready to work for the Fire Department's craft fair on June 4 and the Pride parade on June 12. 55 gallon garbage pails and Village barricades will be used and put out the day before.
- Crews are out doing their regular duties, grass cutting, pot holes ad the regular garbage routine.
- Looking to add an extra watering shift on the weekend when the hot weather comes.

- Kenny was called in Monday evening at 6:30 to repair a water leak on the Green. A valve was hung up on one of the zones, which was repaired. He advised John Iaboni to give the sprinkler guy a head's up.
- o Hanging baskets will be put up as soon as they come in.
- Both sweepers will be back out doing the final spring sweep this week and next week.
- Ravo sweeper is back in service, thought to be an electrical/hydraulic issue which is covered under warranty and still working on the issue.
- o DPW planted the flowers in the old water fountain on the Green.
- o DPW will have 4 men assisting the Beautification Committee this Saturday for the planting of the flowers.

#### • Water Department:

- Water tower construction continues. The "Pan" for the water tower has been lifted into place.
- Discussion about wireless services move from existing tank to temporary pole has been resolved. Discussion about new tank including NCPD microwave continues. Contract has been received from Verizon.
- \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. Documents have been signed and submitted to the state to receive funding.
- New gas line arranged with National Grid
- Mayor Ekstrand requested a review of the number of cell providers that can be placed on the new water tank.
- o Grant Avenue driveway apron needs to be replaced.

#### • Code Department:

o Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

#### Other:

 Trustee Parisi has raised \$5,500 in sponsorships from the local business community for ice cream and popcorn at all Pops concerts and Movies on the Green for the summer 2022 season.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,	
Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer	