

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, May 20, 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 20, 2024.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

Absent: Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty

The following topics were discussed:

- Discuss EV charging – Woodhollow Energy Group: Getting proposals from Woodhollow and Johnson Controls.
- Linwood Avenue: Ongoing – Notice of Claim sent to Village, also to Nassau County and Town of Oyster Bay. Our insurance carrier said there is no claim/no case. There was a discussion about the H2M report (system not designed to handle that rainfall).

2024 LANDSCAPING CONTRACT - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-05-13), to award to Castro Family Landscaping the 2024 contract for landscape services and additional services at a cost of \$26,455.

2024/2025 TAX WARRANT - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-05-14), to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign the 2024/2025 Tax Warrant, as annexed to these minutes.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
 - LOSAP – funding
 - Manny Alvarez Lozada saved the life of an FDNY co-worker/firefighter in the Bronx.

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- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development at 1 Conklin Street is now under construction, going well. Was the curb cut approved by the DOT?
 - 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. When can the Board see plans – Superintendent Fellman will follow up. Special Use Permit was extended and payment was received.
 - 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 the 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 – Special Use Permit has been approved.
 - 502 Main Street (across from law offices) - Discussed proposed changes and met with 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 was installed.
 - Fading signage on parking lots, Bullseye Signs has completed this.
 - Zuzu nearing completion on or about August 1 (possibly sooner).
 - 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.

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- National Grid grant for street trees and planter boxes. Planter boxes were delivered with some breakage. Trees need to be selected.
- D&B has contract to identify ownership of pipe infrastructure connecting to catch basins.
- 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 – 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.

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- Rehabilitate all trash cans on Main Street and outer areas – nearing completion.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- Castro Landscaping has been in mulching all the parks and garden areas in our parking lots.
- DPW crews have been prepping for Memorial Day.
- The annual Village flower planting led by Trustee Parisi and the Beautification Committee will be Saturday, May 18th up at Ketcham Lane.
- DPW crews have started the new chain link fence for the Yoakum St. pocket park, should be completed by next week if the weather is dry.
- Stapleton has been in removing trees and stumps in preparation for the Village sidewalk program.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been repairing lights and installing the new meters on Main St.
- DPW crews assisted the Village Water Dept. with a service leak in front of 17 Fairview Road.
- DPW fleet maintenance crews have been busy with inspections on the Fire Dept. and DPW vehicles.
- American flags on Main St. will be put up next week.
- Flower pots will be put out Monday, May 20th.
- Water Department:
 - South Farmingdale Water District is now the operator in charge as forms have been submitted to the Health Department and approval has been received. All communication going well with the new contract. Geary is on board until mid-June.
 - 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.
 - New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 is on site, awaiting final foundation construction start. Piping rearrangement to accommodate new steel building is completed.

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- \$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, payment request made to DASNY by Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel in the amount of \$2,250,000. 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 and has been submitted by the Congressman to the House Appropriations Committee.
- From John Falbo:
- Lead and Copper survey is being conducted on a weekly basis.
- 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 and sanitary seal work is done, Eagle to come in to work on communications.

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- Jeep destroyed a hydrant on Secatogue Ave. & Maple St. New hydrant installed all operating with minimal disruption to residents. Police report received and submitted to insurance carrier. Merrick Utilities contracted for this repair.
- One inch service line break, which was right on the main, in front 17 Fairview Rd. was repaired by our crew.
- 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.
- A leak in the roof over the conference room in Village Hall has been fixed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer