

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, June 7, 2021

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held remotely at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 7, 2021.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Anthony Addeo
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Steve Fellman

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, July 12th, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, June 14th, 2021, Monday, June 28th, 2021 and Monday, July 12th, 2021. All meetings will be held virtually, look at the Farmingdale Village website at www.farmingdalevillage.com for further details.
- The following resolutions were approved at the May 17th Work Session:
 - Approved Mayor Ekstrand to sign the 2021/2022 Tax Warrant.
 - Approved a salary increase for Parking Meter Attendant David Rodenburg from \$18.54 per hour to \$21.00 per hour.
 - Amended Bereavement Leave to include three (3) days of bereavement in the event of the death of a grandparent of an employee. This resolution passed by a vote of 4-1.
 - Approved Roadwork Ahead, Inc. as the successful bidder on the Miscellaneous Roadway Improvements Requirements Contract for one year in the amount of \$1,797,000 after analysis and recommendation of Village Engineer Savik and Murray. This contract can be renewed for two additional years with the agreement of both parties.
- The following resolutions were approved at the May 24th, 2021 Work Session:
 - Approved the new contract with Total for monthly managed services at a cost of \$82 for each of the 18 workstations including dark web monitoring and open DNS to safeguard our web usage;

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Further resolved to contract to add Datto to the Village Hall’s server (does not include the Fire Department), at a cost of \$500 for the unit, \$350 per month for the cloud storage and licensing, and installation of \$750. This will allow the Village to get a quick recovery in the case of hacking or data encryption. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Kelly reported that the Datto was installed and a clean backup has been saved.

- Approved Fire Department EMS Medical Director Agreement contract for Dr. Jack Geffken at a price of \$3,939.28.
- Resolved to remove a street tree at 17 Ridge Road per the request of the homeowner, on the west side of the driveway.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Addeo, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2022-06-02)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1150 dated June 7, 2021.
- April & May Wire Transfers
- Minutes of Work Sessions of 5/3/21, 5/17/21, 5/24/21 as amended
- Use of Village Property:
 - None
- Block Party Applications:
 - Darlene Hawes, 51 Jerome Drive, Sunday July 4th from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Jerome Drive closed between 51-67 Jerome Drive and 88-104 Jerome Drive.
- Tax certiorari’s:
 - None

BUILDING PERMITS – The Board of Trustees accepted the listing of the following building permits issued since last month’s meeting:

DATE	LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS	ARB	C/R
4/23/21	55 Hillside Rd. National Grid RO21-00004	55 x 1 trench (4) 4 x 4 bellhole		N/A R
4/23/21	23 Puritan Lane National Grid RO21-00005	4 x 4 bellhole.		N/A R
4/23/21	30 West St. Miracle Plumbing PP21-00012	Install new water main		N/A R
5/3/21	5 Sherman Rd. Paul Iannotta DB21-00042	Rear patio and roof as per drawings submitted by Michael Franco Architect dated 4/1/21.		N/A R

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5/4/21	23 Puritan La Richard & Liz Duda PP21-00013	New gas line	N/A	R
5/4/21	254 Prospect St. Jamil Paktik DB21-00043	Replace existing window and install handicap accessible ramp in rear of dwelling and brick paver rear patio	N/A	R
5/4/21	170 Bethpage Rd. Paul Cutter DB21-00044	Install new 228 s.f. deck in rear yard as per drawings submitted by Michael Franco Architect dated 4/12/21	N/A	R
5/4/21	170 Bethpage Rd. Paul Cutter FP21-00008	6' PVC fence	N/A	R
5/4/21	30 West St. Rajesh Ramjeawan PP21-00014	New boiler and hot water heater	N/A	R
5/6/21	122 Staples St. Thomas Nasso FP21-00009	6' and 4' PVC fence.	N/A	R
5/10/21	182 Grant St. Barry Potavin FP21-00010	6' and 5' PVC fence	N/A	R
5/10/21	207 Melville Rd. Tom Volberg SWR21-00001	Sewer connection.	N/A	R
5/10/21	25 Sherman Rd. Jennifer Renneisen DB21-00045	Pool deck as per drawings submitted by ASB Engineering dated 3/22/21.	N/A	R
5/10/21	25 Sherman Rd. Jennifer Renneisen DB21-00046	12' x 18' semi inground pool as per drawings submitted by ASB Engineering dated 3/22/21.	N/A	R
5/11/21	140 Hillside Rd. J & R Trudden PP21-00015	Gas Generator	N/A	R
5/11/21	385 Main St. Rosemary Trudden DB21-00047	Replace existing parking lot.	N/A	C
5/17/21	85 Conklin St. Laura Priestley DB21-00048	Install gravel parking lot as per drawings submitted by Green by Design Land Surveyors PLLC dated 8/20/16.	X	R
5/19/21	503 Conklin St. Sesame Chinese Kitchen Inc. SP21-00007	Sesame Chinese Kitchen signs as ARB approved 3/23/21.	X	C
5/24/21	115 Thomas Powell Diana Vanegas SW21-00003	Replace sidewalk.	N/A	R
5/25/21	18 Hamilton St. Ralph Boral DB21-00049	Interior alterations of first floor kitchen and basement storage as per drawings submitted by Carmelhill Architects dated 5/24/21.	N/A	R
5/25/21	497 Main St. David Kluepfel DP21-00002	Remove existing interior walls.	N/A	C
6/1/21	147 Hillside Rd. Iris & Joseph Gavin SW21-00004	Replace sidewalk	N/A	R
6/1/21	14 Roxbury St. Christopher Vaughan	6' high white PVC fence.	N/A	R

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	FP21-00011			
6/1/21	46 Oakview Ave Maria Randazzo-David FP21-00012	6' PVC fence	N/A	R
6/1/21	36 Powell Pl. Scott Aleis FP21-00013	6' PVC fence	N/A	R
6/2/21	65 Hill Rd. Agostino Distefano DB21-00050	Rear one story addition and patio as per drawings submitted by Brian Fiore Architect dated 3/25/21.	N/A	R

PUBLIC HEARING DATES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-06-03), to set the following public hearings for Monday, July 12, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.:

- The Lofts at 333 Main Street, SPA 79 E.L.P. for a 36 unit apartment building with retail

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	aye
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	nay
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Anthony Addeo	nay

Trustee Parisi and Trustee Addeo want to have the hearing in person.

PUBLIC HEARING TO SUBDIVIDE THE PROPERTY AT 368 MELVILLE ROAD
– Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-06-04), to adjourn the hearing until Monday, July 12, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. as the requirements of the code have not been met and their application is now pending the additional information.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE PROHIBITED NOISE SECTION OF THE VILLAGE CODE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-06-05), to open the hearing.

The following public comment was made:

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- Joe Staudt asked if this replaces time limits in the code. Mayor Ekstrand replied that there was no limit to music in the past.
- Dom Zito is opposed to the noise coming from the Main Street establishments. They have called the police many times due to the noise coming from the businesses. Not acceptable to have music outdoors.
- Ann Crawford said that she can hear the Nutty Irishman after 9:00 p.m., who should she call to enforce it? Mayor Ekstrand said the Nassau County Police will enforce it.
- Randi Zito said the Nutty Irishman is taking advantage since they are doing line dancing outside in the parking lots. She feels that businesses are getting priority and the residents are not being considered.

The Board discussed setting the time limit for residents' parties to 11:00 p.m. and set the limit at 9:00 p.m. for businesses downtown.

The Board wants to add to the law to control the amplification of the music.

Trustee Priestley asked to try it out and if they are not respectful to the neighbors they will be shut down. He asked to go forward to see how it works out.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-06-06), to close the hearing.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-06-07), to amend the prohibited noise section of the Village Code to address music at establishments in the business districts: limits music from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sunday (acoustic music, unamplified on Sunday), with the following changes: limits are for businesses only, residents are allowed to go until 11:00 p.m.; penalty for violating the time and/or volume can be suspended and the Board can decide how long they are suspended; a permit for any music (inside or outside) is required which demonstrates their acknowledgement of the time/volume restriction and penalty for non-compliance.

RESERVE ACCESS TAX LEVY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Addeo and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2022-06-08), to create a Reserve Excess Tax Levy which will be funded with the \$24,077.78 in excess PILOT payments over the estimate provided for in the 2021/2022 Budget. This reserve will be funded as the payments are made by Nassau County. This reserve with accumulated interest will be used to reduce the 2022/2023 Tax Levy.

HACH CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-06-09), to approve a multi-year contract with HACH to provide certain services to the water department for ongoing maintenance of chlorine and PH analyzers and controllers. HACH is a manufacturer certified company. The first year the contract amount is \$4,887 with 2% increases annually in the following two years. Trustee Parisi believes this will save the Village money in the long run.

SALARY INCREASES – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-06-10), to approve the 2021/2022 budgeted salary increases for full-time employees.

STOP SIGNS & STOP BARS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Addeo and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-06-11), to approve the installation of stop signs and stop bars at the intersection of Harrison Place and Maple Street creating a three way stop intersection.

NEW HIRE - SEASONAL – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-06-12), to hire Reilly Fellman as a Seasonal Typist-Clerk at a wage of \$15 per hour.

NEW HIRE – FIRE DEPARTMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-06-13), to hire Sean Rasdall as a Part-Time, Substitute Firehouse Maintainer at a wage of \$15 per hour.

BEAUTIFICATION – Spring planting is done and DPW is watering them. Thanks to the volunteers for all of their help.

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Trustee Parisi asked about the DPW bids – they are due on June 17th.
- Deputy Mayor Barrett asked about the windows at Village Hall – we haven't seen a proposal yet.
- Deputy Mayor Barrett asked about a leaking window by the court office.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- Joe Staudt said the beautification looks great.
- Mr. Staudt asked when will Village Hall have in person meetings. The response was that Village Hall has space restrictions since the Governor requires 6 feet of space between participants.
- Dom Zito wants the music to be acoustic every day of the week and not only on Sunday. He also doesn't like that the new code is being less restrictive. Mayor Ekstrand said that the law has already been passed. Mr. Zito said that the law needs to be changed.
- Pat Christiansen:
 - Asked if the Village is going to prohibit marijuana in the Village.
 - Commented on beautification, she said the flowers look amazing.
 - Hopes in person Board meetings come soon.
- Ann Crawford:
 - Asked if there is a schedule for the street sweeper, she hasn't seen one in her neighborhood in three years.
 - There is a dead tree across from 209 Prospect Street, near Weiden Street.
 - Staller plans – can they be seen before the meeting?

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-06-14), to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

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RESOLVED (#2022-06-15), to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer