

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, June 17, 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, June 17, 2024.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
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

The following topics were discussed:

- A detailed presentation about possible solar arrays proposed to be located in Parking Lots 3, 4 & 5 was presented to the Board by Johnson Controls. To take this to a complete financial analysis, a contract with Johnson Controls would have to be signed. The Board did not want to make the changes to these lots as it would necessitate radical changes to the aesthetic of the Village. However, the Village is interested in pursuing the north lot at a the LIRR that is owned by the MTA if arrangements could be made at a future date.
- Linwood Avenue: Ongoing

SET PUBLIC HEARING - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-08), to set a public hearing to consider a Local Law amending Chapter 375 “Noise” for Monday, July 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

BUILDING PERMIT EXTENSION - Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-09), to approve a two month extension on the building permit for the 860 Fulton Street project (Sterling Green).

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

RESOLVED (#2025-06-10), to approve a request from the Women’s Club to use the Courtroom for their monthly meetings on the following dates: 9/19/24, 10/17/24, 11/21/24, 1/16/25, 2/20/25, 3/20/25, 4/17/25, 5/15/25.

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HELLO ALERT PHONE CONTRACT - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-11), to approve a contract with Hello Alert for a new Avaya Phone System for Village Hall and the Fire Department at a total cost of \$24,112.96.

NEW TRUCK PURCHASE WITH SANDER - Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-12), to approve the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Ram D28L62 3500 Tradesman Reg. Cab 4x4 with a sander for \$69,806.88 for the Dept. of Public Works from Robert Green Truck Division, Rock Hill, New York using a piggy-back provision in a purchase contract from Onondaga Cty #0010808, to be paid for using funds from Unrestricted Fund Balance.

NEW TRUCK PURCHASE WITH LIFT GATE - Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-13), to approve the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Ram D28L62 3500 Tradesman Reg. Cab 4x4 with a lift gate for \$72,113.88 for the Dept. of Public Works from Robert Green Truck Division, Rock Hill, New York using a piggy-back provision in a purchase contract from Onondaga Cty #0010808, to be paid for using funds from Unrestricted Fund Balance.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-06-14), to declare the following vehicles as surplus: 2007 Chevy 3500 VIN #1GCHK34U77E147280 and 2012 Ford F350 Pick Up Truck VIN #1FTRF3B6XCEC99772.

NEW HIRE - Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-15), to hire Kyle Dunn as a Part Time Laborer in the Highway Department at a rate of \$16 per hour.

BLOCK PARTY - KELLER - Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2025-06-16), to approve a request from Kimberly Keller of 77 Nelson Street to hold a block party on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Nelson Street will be closed from Clinton Street to Harrison Place. Fire Department will be notified.

BLOCK PARTY - FABER - Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-17), to approve a request from Kevin Faber of 34 Sullivan Road to hold a block party on Sunday, September 1, 2024 (rain date September 2nd) from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sullivan Road will be closed from Secatogue Avenue to Pinehurst Road and Manetto Road will be closed from Sullivan Road to Pinehurst Road. Fire Department will be notified.

OUTDOOR DINING – NUTTY IRISHMAN & 317 - Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-18), to approve Outdoor Dining permits for The Nutty Irishman (323 Main St.) and 317 Main Street.

OUTDOOR DINING – NUNZI’S - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-19), to approve Outdoor Dining permit for Nunzi’s Restaurant (125 Secatogue Ave.) and to have a singer or band on their outdoor patio on certain nights.

VILLAGE HALL CARPETING - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-20), to approve Kelley Floor Covering to carpet the Courtroom at a cost of \$4,896.33 and the Main Floor offices at a cost of \$8,101.45.

VILLAGE HALL PAINTING - Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-21), to approve Phoenix Wall Covering and Painting, Inc. to paint the Main Floor offices at a cost of \$5,050.00, Wood Doors at a cost of \$3,065.00 and the Firehouse front door and trim at a cost of \$875.00.

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VILLAGE HALL CEILING TILES - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-22), to approve Best Quality Ceilings to replace ceiling tiles in the hallway and the clerk's office at a cost of \$1,500.00.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SODA SYSTEM - Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-23), to approve Long Island Soda Systems to provide a new system for the Fire Department at a cost of \$4,426.50.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Proposals for Main Street planters – identified locations for DPW to install.
- Bird alert technology – need pricing from Arrow Exterminating.
- Fire Department
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development at 1 Conklin Street is now under construction, going well.
 - 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. Superintendent Fellman called them, they are still waiting for drawings from the architect. Special Use Permit was extended but was not paid, Howard Avertine is following up.
 - 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. Check on status with D&B.
 - Waiting for Verizon submission of an application to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer's Shopping Center.

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- Lotus Garden should be ready to open mid-June.
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car – Special Use Permit has been approved. The palm tree shop that is on the property was given a temporary month lease by the property owner, will be gone by the end of June.
- 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. Warnings have been issued and tickets to begin on June 1st.
- Fading signage on parking lots, Bullseye Signs has completed this.
- Zuzu nearing completion, to open in mid-June.
- 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. Superintendent Fellman spoke to them, they’re not starting work until the fall.
- 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, work is underway.
- Two lot sub-division on Melville Rd. needs to go to the NCPC. Public hearing to be announced in July for an August hearing.
- Some Main Street apartments are using trash cans for household garbage.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations

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- Main St. pole for FD traffic light delivered. Superintendent Patanjo is obtaining quotes for traffic lights. 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. Trustee Parisi to review locations.
- 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.
- Rehabilitate all trash cans on Main Street and outer areas – nearing completion.
- Need to remove all ribbons on poles.
- Per Trustee Parisi, CJ Flag will have new lighting on Main Street in the fall of 2024.
- It was agreed to raise the minimum grass cutting fee from \$250 to \$300 for basic service on abandoned and overgrown properties.
- Discussed evaluating the removal of parking on the east side of Main Street between Conklin St. and So. Front St. in order to widen sidewalks and improve traffic flow.

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- Follow up on No Parking signs on Route 109 as well as shrubs blocking the sidewalk at 68 Jefferson Road.
- Look into “cupping” drain grates to install on streets with significant grades.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- DPW crews cleaning up vacant properties in the Village.
- Flower maintenance/watering every Monday, Wednesday & Friday. The whole watering route takes about 3 hours and just under 800 gallons of water.
- Flowers had their first feeding last week with a water soluble fertilizer 20-20-20.
- DPW workers have finished the new Yoakum St. fence and have removed the old fence.
- Crews have been working on parking lot maintenance, pulling weeds, blowing out corners and sweeping.
- Castro Landscaping has been in trimming hedges in parking lots 2 & 3.
- Heads Up Sprinklers has been in to replace a solenoid in Lot #4 along the St. Kilian side.
- Crews are getting ready for the upcoming events, Pops, Movie Nights and Music on Main.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in fixing street lights and working on Main St.
- Stapleton was in doing trimmings.
- DPW crews have been out painting stop lines.
- Our Village mechanic has been out with a severe case of poison ivy.
- Meeting with Trustee Parisi about the tree planter placements for Main St.
- 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.

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- Well 1-3 was just turned on, will be doing blowoff and 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.
- \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant, Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel submitted for reimbursement in the amount of \$2,250,000. The remaining 25% to be requested when the job is completed. \$4,624,000 in funding has been committed for Phase 2 project at Ridge Road from the New York State WIIA funding for the new GAC installation. PWGC is working on Phase 3 project and will handle 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. Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel helped finalize all submissions last week.
- 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 for certain management and operational services is now in place.
- 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. The contract was signed, Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel is following up on grant requirements for reimbursement.

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- 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 90% complete.
- Fountains at Gergras Park and Village Hall were removed.
- Summer pumpage Well start times were monitored by John Falbo on multiple overnights over the last 2 weeks, in order to meet daily peak demands due to sprinkler usage and homeowners filling pools. This needs to be done due to the first time using the elevated tank by itself, in the summer season.
- Well 1-3 sampling has begun...it's about time.
- 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.
 - Meters on Main St. are hardwired and always on, to help with any confusion. Weekly inspections of the meters are done for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card).
 - Section 375 of the NYS VTL indicates that flyers placed on cars is illegal.
- 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 (received) and brackets have been ordered for Main Street.

MARKETING MASTERS - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-06-24), to increase Marketing Masters monthly fee to \$1,800.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer