

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, August 26, 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, August 26, 2024.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley (arrived 7:03)
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis (arrived 7:03)

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

RESOLVED (#2025-08-21), to move to Executive Session to discuss legal issues.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-08-22), to reconvene the meeting.

The following topics were discussed:

- Resolution to approve the purchase of a XXXXXXXX trailer mounted pump and related equipment to use in flooding conditions – Ongoing search for the correct pump. A pump has been rented until a permanent replacement is found.
- Fire Department:
 - Commissioner meeting September 26
 - Casino Night August 31
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development at 1 Conklin Street is nearing completion. New state mandated light is being installed and will be operational by mid-September. The owner indicated that the location will be known as “The Enclave”.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – ZBA approved plans and the Board approved a Special Use Permit. Awaiting construction drawings in order to issue building permit. Special Use Permit was extended.

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- The Sterling Green project is nearing completion with occupancy expected to begin in August of 2024.
- The Carlyle project is nearing completion. No issues with the project moving toward C/O.
- Dish Network building permit issued with installation started.
- Verizon submission to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer's Shopping Center has been received.
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car – Special Use Permit has been approved, construction to begin soon.
- Zuzu completed, C/O issued.
- Discussed waste stream with the ownership of the Nutty Irishman & 317, dumpster under construction.
- The Villager – status on rear enclosure, will wait until autumn of 2024 for application submission.
- National Grid grant for street trees and planter boxes has been submitted – approximately \$10,000, awaiting response.
- Toretta Estates waiting for three building applications for remaining lots.
- Two lot sub-division on Staples Street is under construction.
- The proposed two lot sub-division on Melville Rd. may be sold.
- Caribbean fusion restaurant – no permit needed as only cosmetic improvements are being made. Check number of seats in restaurant.
- Check aluminum window surrounds at Mike's Barber Shop, keep neon scissors.
- Look into window signage at CDB store.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - Main St. poles for FFD traffic light installed. Superintendent Patanjo is obtaining quotes and delivery schedule for traffic lights.
 - New DPW Yoakum St. park is nearing completion.

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- Village Green Gazebo brick wall needs repointing.
- Need to evaluate lighting at the Melville Road/Secatogue Avenue intersection.
- GFI units for holiday lighting to be supplied by the Town of Oyster Bay.
- Check Parking Lot 5 entrance sign – left light out.
- Check schedule for FFD traffic lights.
- Check Gazebo repointing.
- Check Parking Lot 3 Blue Spruce trees to provide electric for holiday decorations.
- Schedule tree removal & trimming in Zone 1.
- Notify NCDPW as traffic light at 5 Corners Park is malfunctioning.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- DPW crews put out sandbags in the Linwood area.
- DPW crews responded to Sunday storm keeping rainwater from flooding homes.
- Crews have been assisting with moving furniture with the painter in Village Hall.
- Crews addressing line striping.
- Town of Oyster Bay lighting is coming in to put up a new deco street light in Gino's alleyway and repair a couple of outages.
- Stapleton will be coming in to do a bunch of tree trimming.
- DPW crews have stored movie screens and related equipment.
- Thanks to everyone involved with the Village Movie Nights.
- DPW fleet maintenance has been busy doing services.
- Water Department:
 - All communication going well with the new contract with the South Farmingdale Water District.
 - Sampling and testing of Well 1-3 of AOP/GAC installation by Philip Ross continues. Trojan to calibrate the AOP to reflect contaminant level. SCADA

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system to be set to reflect the AOP contaminant level, all need to meet health department requirements.

- New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 is on site, scheduled to start construction in two weeks. Need to get information about testing costs.
 - Plant 2 construction currently on hold. 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 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.
 - 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.
 - Congressman Thomas Suozzi has informed the Village that a \$1.1 million commitment has been secured in the 2025/2026 Federal Budget. Not a reimbursement grant.
 - From John Falbo:
 - Well 1-3 – All AOP project testing is underway. At this point South Farmingdale and VOF are monitoring and changing all set points for both well and AOP for our system. This work is being done during working hours until we are comfortable with its production and efficiency.
 - This has been a very heavy pumping season with just Well 2-3 and the boosters at Ridge Road. Our Water Department has been performing maintenance to the 2 wells at Ridge Road. Our proactive approach has kept chemical output consistent and in good standing.
 - Yearly inspection of caustic chemical bulk storage tanks which is required by the DEC and was performed by H2M on Aug. 12. Waiting on their report which should take a couple of weeks.
 - A broken water service at the corner of Cherry St. & Route 109 was repaired by the Village crew.
- Code Department:

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- Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card slot).
- Section 375 of the NYS VTL indicates that flyers placed on cars is illegal.
- Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel reported that electrification of all parking meters is underway.
- Sign posts and signage needs to be placed on Main Street. Sign posts received.
- Noise issues on Main Street will be addressed as noted by code officers. If complaints are received, please forward to appropriate code or building department.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation summer 2024. All signage (received) and brackets have been ordered for Main Street.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-08-23), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Soccer Club to use the Courtroom for a meeting on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

POWELL HOUSE TITLE SEARCH, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-24), to approve Blackstone Land Title Agency to do a complete title search on the Thomas Powell House at an approximate cost of \$15,000.

MAYORAL COMMITTEE – POWELL HOUSE, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-25), to establish a Mayoral Committee for various purposes in support of the Thomas Powell House whose initial members are Trustee Cheryl Parisi, Debbie Podolski, Laura Coletti, Lorraine Stanton, Margaret Barrett and a member of the school district. .

PAINTING IN VILLAGE HALL, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2025-08-26), to hire Phoenix Wall Covering and Painting to paint various doors and door jambs at a cost of \$1,400.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer