

## **WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, September 3, 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 Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

**Present:** 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  
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

**Absent:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be announced
- Coldwell Banker American Homes – “Trunk or Treat” event in Parking Lot 4 on Saturday, October 26, 2024 (rain date October 27).
- 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:
  - Shelf for soda system will be installed the week of Sept. 3 and rear door painted. Front door to be sanded, stained and sealed.
  - Prep for new floor on apparatus floor including diamond plate and removal of Scott pack equipment.
- 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.
  - The Sterling Green project is nearing completion with occupancy expected to begin soon.

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- 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, setting public hearing for Special Use Permit.
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car – Special Use Permit has been approved, construction has started.
- Discussed waste stream with the ownership of the Nutty Irishman & 317, dumpster under construction.
- 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.
- The proposed two lot sub-division on Melville Rd. may be sold.
- Caribbean fusion restaurant – no permit submitted 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 and deli on Conklin St.
- 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. Traffic lights are here, waiting for internal electrical components.
  - New DPW Yoakum St. park is nearing completion.
  - Village Green Gazebo brick wall evaluated, one joint needs replacement.
  - 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.

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- Check schedule for FFD traffic lights.
- 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.
- Crack sealing will start in mid-September.
- Pothole at Doud St. and Prospect St. needs to be filled.
- Check for overwatering at 5 Corners Park.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> Art in the Park – need two canopies set up and Village Green marked out for vendor stalls for the event per/plan.
- Review wi-fi technology for sprinkler systems.
- Check Parking Lot 2 light on west side for shield to neighbor.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- DPW crews are currently painting stop bars and crosswalks in the Village.
- Crews are prepped for the last Music on Main.
- Fleet maintenance crews have started prepping for the upcoming leaf season.
- Flowers are still getting watered every day, are slowly swapping flowers from the parking lot to the Main St. and downtown area.
- Crews have been filling potholes.
- Crews have been clearing out debris down at Jackson Ave.
- A couple of faded stop signs have been replaced with new ones.
- Stapleton was notified to come in and remove and trim some trees on Conklin Street and the Prospect Street area.
- Meeting with Roberto Castro Landscaping along with Trustee Parisi and Superintendent Patanjo for the Yoakum Street Park plantings.
- Water Department:
  - All communication going well with the new contract with the South Farmingdale Water District.

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- 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 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. Pilings for foundation complete. Additional testing costs for newly monitored contaminants at approximately \$16,000 per well.
- 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 pumping 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.
- First WIIA grant monies of \$2.2 million has just been received for Well 1-3.
- 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.

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- 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:
  - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card slot).
  - 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.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer