

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, September 16, 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, September 16, 2024.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley (arrived 7:10)
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

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

RESOLVED (#2025-09-08), to approve a request from the Cultural Arts Committee for the use of the Courtroom for Open Mic Nights, all to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2024, Tuesday, November 19, 2024 and Thursday, December 5, 2024.

Trustee Priestley arrived.

H2M SURVEY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-09-09), to approve H2M to provide survey work that is needed to make plans for the Linwood drainage issue.

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 Romano has resigned and is moving to California. Chairman Reilly is waiting for confirmation on a replacement.
 - The apparatus floor coating will take place the week of Oct. 21, finishing 7-10 days later.
 - \$100,000 grant has been secured for new windows in the Firehouse from State Assemblyman Blumencranz.

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- 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.
 - The Carlyle completed, C/O to be issued soon.
 - 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 for October 7, 2024.
 - Enterprise Rent-A-Car – Special Use Permit has been approved, construction has started.
 - Ownership of the Nutty Irishman & 317, dumpster under construction, needs second dumpster guard and container.
 - 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.
 - Caribbean fusion restaurant – no permit submitted as only cosmetic improvements are being made. Check number of seats in restaurant.
 - Mike’s Barber Shop nearing completion with hanging sign and window work to be done.
 - Look into window signage at CBD store and bodega on Conklin St.
 - 217 Main Street will be an Irish pub.
 - The Pour Authority will be moving into space adjacent to 335 Main Street.
 - Check status of C/O’s on Carlyle and Sterling Green.
- Highway Department:

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- Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
- Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
- 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.
- 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 September by RWA.
- Nassau County CDBG program will be awarding an additional \$150,000 for reimbursement of South Main St. utility pole burial project, would leave approximately \$20,000-\$30,000 to be paid by reserve fund.
- Waiting for Altice plan for North Main Street. Deposit to be paid to PSEG for pole removal by September 30.
- Review Lenox Court paving.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- DPW crews are out painting stop lines and crosswalks.
- Crews have started power washing Main Street and the Gazebo.
- Plaque dedication at Gertrude Park this Saturday.
- Stapleton is coming in to do some tree removals around the Prospect Street area.
- Town of Oyster Bay has been in to repair street lights.
- Shop crews are preparing equipment for the upcoming leaf season.
- Heads Up Sprinklers have completed the water system for the Yoakum Park.

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- Crews have been in filling potholes.
- Art in the Park is this Sunday, September 15th from 11-3 on the Village Green.
- 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 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 with building to be finished by 11/15/24. Pilings and 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. The initial payment of \$500,000 was received.
 - 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 – Running to system 2 cycles each day for a week, all going well.
 - 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

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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. Inspection completed, just a few minor details to be worked on in house.
- Water main break on Van Cott Ave. & Grant Ave., repairs completed by VOF Water Dept.
- Code Department:
 - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card slot).
 - Electrification of all parking meters is underway.
 - Sign posts and signage needs to be placed on Main Street. Sign posts received, Roadwork Ahead to install.
 - 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.
- Other:
 - Harley's music on Wednesday evenings
 - Tables in government strip in front of 317.
 - Can portable cell sites be added to the area to handle anticipated increased demand for cell phone use during the Ryder Cup?

NEW HIRE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-09-10), to hire Anthony Tarricone as a Part-Time Substitute Firehouse Maintainer at a rate of \$21.00 per hour.

YOAKUM STREET PARK LANDSCAPING – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-09-11), to approve Castro Family Landscaping to furnish all labor and planting materials for the new Yoakum Street Park at a total cost of \$32,069.05. (Need comps on plant materials)

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ROAD PAVING – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-09-12), to approve Roadwork Ahead, under our requirements contract, to pave and crack-seal (included in 10% contingency in estimate) Powell Place (from Main St. to Normandy Dr.), Dale Drive, Hallock Street, Staples Street (from Secatogue Ave. to Conklin St.), Oakview Avenue (from Secatogue Ave. to Conklin St.), Hudson Street, Elizabeth St. (LIRR to Secatogue Ave.) and Secatogue Avenue (from LIRR to Melville Rd.) as directed by the Superintendent of Public Works in the amount of \$512,048.00. Paving to start September 26.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Discuss State Parks proposal for new driving range poles and netting. State parks to provide neighbor approvals.

NUTTY IRISHMAN WAY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-09-13), to approve a proposal to name the entrance to Parking Lot 4 “Nuttty Irishman Way” for one month.

OCTOBER 6 ART CRAWL – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-09-14), to approve the following changes for the Sunday, October 6 Art Crawl on Main Street: Closing the entrance to Parking Lot 4 from Main Street where a Vitamin Water truck and a Coca Cola truck will park in support of give-away of product and other items from two 10 x 10 canopy tents in front of the Recovery Room. Additionally, there will be children’s games available in the closed entrance. No parking on the east or west side of Main Street between the access-way and Conklin Street.

HALLOWEEN PARADE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-09-15), to approve the Farmingdale Business Improvement District’s request to hold a Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 26th at 1:00 p.m. (Rain date: October 27th). The parade will assemble at Moby Way and continue south on Main Street to the Village

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Green. Family activities to follow (pony rides, petting zoo, costume contest) on the Village Green until approximately 4:00 p.m.

Two exec sessions were held:

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

RESOLVED (#2025-09-16), to move to Executive Session at 7:58 p.m.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-09-17), to reconvene the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-09-18), to move to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-09-19), to reconvene the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer