

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, September 23, 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 23, 2024.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

Absent: Deputy Mayor William Barrett

PUMP PURCHASE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-09-20), to approve the purchase of a trailer mounted Pioneer Prime Pump model 44S10 pump to use in flooding conditions in the amount of \$48,700 from United Rentals.

Pump rented until permanent replacement is approved and delivered.

JEFFERSON ROAD SUMP PLANTINGS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-09-21), to approve certain labor and materials to install plantings along the streetscape of the Jefferson Road sump in the amount of \$18,750 by Castro Family Landscaping.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-09-22), to hire Luke Rosenthal as a Part-Time Cleaner for the Fire Department at a rate of \$21 per hour.

The following topics were discussed:

- Discuss letter from Thomas Powell Blvd. residents to State Parks Department regarding new driving range poles and netting at Bethpage State Golf Course – More information needed, explore options. Meet with Bethpage State Park personnel – Mayor Ekstrand to schedule.

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- Discuss location of Coldwell Banker Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 26 – Use Farmingdale Fire Dept. rear parking lot as the Fire Department is operating from the DPW yard while their floor is being refurbished.
- Fire Department

NEW FIRE COMMISSIONER – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-09-23), to approve Will Merrins as Fire Commissioner to complete the unexpired term of Commissioner Frank Romano who has recently resigned. Term expires April 2026.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development at 1 Conklin Street “The Enclave” is virtually complete and nearing C/O. New state mandated light is in and is operational.
 - 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, TCO issued. Demo of adjacent house approved.
 - The Carlyle completed, C/O issued. LIHP to conduct electronic lottery for workforce units.
 - 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 (to be adjourned until November).
 - 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.

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- 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 (discussed and will conform to coverage limits) and bodega on Conklin St.
- 217 Main Street to be renamed L.I. McGrath's - will be an Irish pub. Working with the Building Department for a Special Use Permit.
- The Pour Authority will be moving into space adjacent to 335 Main Street.
- Building Inspector Ron DeMarris has resigned.
- Personnel working on 1, 2, & 3 family inspections.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - New DPW Yoakum St. park is completed.
 - 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 – Hinke, Wellsbach & TOB.
 - Check Parking Lot 3 Blue Spruce trees to provide electric for holiday decorations.
 - Schedule tree removal & trimming in Zone 1 – partially underway with DPW personnel.
 - Notify NCDPW as traffic light at 5 Corners Park is malfunctioning.
 - Crack sealing will start in September by RWA along with paving of 9 roads.
 - Waiting for Altice plan for North Main Street. Deposit to be paid to PSEG for pole removal by September 30.

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- Review Lenox Court for potential paving.
- Castro Landscaping is donating labor to install all fall mum & kale plantings.
- Drain piping ownership has been questioned.
- 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.
- 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.
- Crews have been in filling potholes.
- Water Department:
 - 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 on 9/26 with building to be finished by 11/15/24. 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).
 - Master schedule to complete all work on Wells 1-3, 2-2 & 2-3 has been requested from 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.

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- A grant of \$1 million has been committed through County Legislator John Ferretti to offset costs of the new water treatment systems. A 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.
- Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement is underway by D&B.
- D&B is providing analysis for antennae replacement on elevated tank by AT&T.
- From John Falbo:
- A significant amount of sampling was done this week by our Water Department for the 3rd quarter requirement of wells & tanks. We should be finished Monday. All that is left is Well 1-3 which we will coordinate with South Farmingdale due to new testing with AOP and GAC.
- Running Well 1-3 to system has ramped up significantly. We are tackling bugs in AOP & GAC weekly. It is getting smoother every week by still in initial stages. This process was not unexpected.
- As usual daily and weekly maintenance at all wells and tanks.
- An uptick in street water main and service mark-outs for our system due to projects in our Village, including Linwood drainage project and traffic light at Melville Rd. & Main St.
- 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.

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LENOX COURT PAVING – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-09-24), to approve milling and paving of Lenox Court under the Requirements Contract with Roadwork Ahead at a cost of \$75,000.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	not present
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	recused
Trustee Craig Rosasco	aye

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

RESOLVED (#2025-09-25), to accept the resignation of Building Inspector Ron DeMarrais.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Newsletter/landscaper info
- Wall of Honor ceremony for former Mayor Butch Starkie and former Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.
- Review county easement at Thomas Powell Blvd. for payment.
- Clarify dispatcher booth funds.
- Tree issue on Sullivan Road
- Linwood Avenue easements for hose
- Speak to Chief Hammond and flooring contractor regarding Trunk or Treat Halloween event in FFD parking lot. There are 20 spaces in that lot.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer