

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, October 21, 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, October 21, 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

HOLIDAY PARADE, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-10-18), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 23, 2024 starting at 12 Noon. The parade will assemble at Northside Elementary School and continue south on Main Street to the Village Green.

The following topics were discussed:

- Resolution to approve the supply and installation of 3 dual ports and 1 single port EV charging stations in Parking Lot 3 by INF Associates at a cost of \$52,571.50. \$50,000 will be paid through a NYSERDA grant. Moved to the next meeting for clarification on certain issues.
- Winters Center for Autism Transition Work Experience Program – All Board members were supportive and would like to find a way to work with this organization.
- Stop sign and stop bar at the east bound corner of Jefferson Road & Park Ave.

STOP SIGN ADDITIONS, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-10-19), to approve the addition of stop signs at the southbound intersections of Lafayette Road & Jefferson Road and Park Avenue & Jefferson Road.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

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Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	nay
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	aye
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Craig Rosasco	aye

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
 - Apparatus floor – temporary move of all equipment to DPW. All went well.
- Building Department:
 - Preliminary plan for 924 Fulton Street, proposing 6 townhouses. Denied by the Board of Trustees, not permitted in B Zoning.
 - Blue and Gold Development at 1 Conklin Street “The Enclave” is complete with C/O pending.
 - 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 completed.
 - The Carlyle completed, C/O issued. LIHP to conduct electronic lottery for workforce units.
 - Dish Network building permit issued with installation nearing completion.
 - Waiting for Verizon resubmission of plans to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer’s Shopping Center. Public hearing for special use permit adjourned until November.
 - Enterprise Rent-A-Car – Special Use Permit has been approved, construction is well underway.
 - 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.

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- Caribbean fusion restaurant – no permit submitted as only cosmetic improvements are being made. Check number of seats in restaurant – (Superintendent Fellman to check).
- Mike's Barber Shop nearing completion with hanging sign and window work, including neon, to be done.
- Window signage at CBD store to be cut back to required 25%.
- Bodega on Conklin St. signage to be reviewed.
- 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 (lease executed) will be moving into space adjacent to 335 Main Street (application anticipated).
- Personnel working on 1, 2, & 3 family inspections.
- Building Department needs to follow up on window signage on Main Street and the Downtown Business District for percent of coverage of storefront windows, ATM signs, digital and rolling message signs, signage not approved by the Planning Board and "open" signs. Illuminated/framed "open" signs are permitted, an example of one was indicated.
- 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 (berm behind park needs completion).
 - Village Green Gazebo brick evaluated, one joint needs replacement (to be done by handyman ASAP) along with repointing of Fire Department and Courtroom stoops.
 - Need to evaluate lighting at the Melville Road/Secatogue Avenue intersection (Superintendent Patanjo).
 - GFI units for holiday lighting to be supplied by the Town of Oyster Bay, 50 units at DPW prepped by VOF staff, now ready for installation.
 - Check schedule for FFD traffic lights – Hinck, Wellsbach & TOB.
 - Check Parking Lot 3 Blue Spruce trees to provide electric for holiday decorations.

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- Schedule tree removal & trimming in Zone 1 – partially underway with DPW personnel, to start the week of October 7 for remaining trees.
- Crack sealing completed by Roadwork Ahead along with paving of 9 roads.
- Waiting for Altice plan for North Main Street. Deposit paid to PSEG for pole removal.
- Drain piping ownership has been questioned.
- Review County easement at Thomas Powell Blvd. for payment (Village Attorney DeBellis).
- Holiday lighting of two evergreens in Parking Lot 3 is requested. Please check with TOB to see if this is possible.
- Work with Hello-Alert for cameras for the downtown business district including parking lots and additionally the LIRR parking lots.
- Follow up with H2M regarding Linwood.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - The DPW crews did an outstanding job during the Columbus weekend fair.
 - Castro Landscaping was in removing and stump grinding trees in the Prospect area.
 - Heads Up Sprinklers were in, turning off and blowing out all the parking lot drip systems. They will be back in early November to winterize the parks and Village Green.
 - Crews have been in watering plantings.
 - Parking field outlets for the light poles have been painted and ready to be mounted for the holiday lights.
 - Fire house apparatus floor access plates have been painted.
 - DPW crews have moved all fire apparatus and other equipment to the temporary fire station up at the DPW yard.
 - Crews have started the removal of all the downtown flower pots and hangers.
 - Leaf season will begin next week.
- Water Department:

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- Sampling and testing of Well 1-3 of AOP/GAC installation by Philip Ross continues with well now fully operational.
- New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 construction has started with building to be finished on or about 11/15/24. Additional testing costs for newly monitored contaminants at approximately \$16,000 per well.
- Plant 2 construction to re-commence on or about 11/6/24.
- Master schedule is being worked on by PRI through completion for all wells, expected to be 5/1/25.
- 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. 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:
 - Well 1-3 at Eastern Parkway is running as lead well 24/7.
 - Well 2-3 was pulled for start of Phase 2 work at Ridge Road, due to emerging traces of contaminants.
 - Well 2-2 to be used on limited emergency use purposes due to emerging traces of contaminants.
 - All interconnect valves with SCWA, Bethpage WD and South Farmingdale WD have been located and are ready to be tested for use.
 - Second phase of Lead and Copper Rule Program is in effect. Letters for homes (customers) with galvanized pipes have been drafted by Brian Harty with Holzmacher Group's assistance. Brita Water Pitchers with appropriate NSF/ANSI certified filters have been purchased for those customers.

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- Lead and Copper Inventory Survey is located at Village Hall counter in a black binder.
- Mark outs and meter work is ongoing every day.
- 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.
 - Make sure that QR code information is removed from any parking meter – it's a scam.
 - Report kids on bikes creating hazards to NCPD.

TRAFFIC LIGHT INSTALLATION, upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-10-20), to approve Hinck Electrical Contractors, Inc. for the installation of two traffic lights (supplied by the Village) for the use of the Farmingdale Fire Department on Main Street through the Town of Brookhaven Traffic Signal Maintenance & Construction Contract at a cost of \$7,096.88.

TRAFFIC LOOP INSTALLATION, upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-10-21), to approve Hinck Electrical Contractors, Inc. for the installation of traffic “loops” at three locations in the Village necessitated by recent paving of roads. The locations are as follows: Staples Street at Conklin Street, Powell Place at Melville Road, and Powell Place at Main Street, through the Town of Brookhaven Traffic Signal Maintenance & Construction Contract at a cost of \$7,285.00.

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

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RESOLVED (#2025-10-22), to approve the hiring of Justin Rogus as a seasonal employee from Monday, November 4, 2024 until Friday, January 31, 2025. His duties will include working on the leaf crew, snow plowing (pick-up truck only), filling in for DPW workers during the holiday period and general DPW work as assigned at \$18.00 per hour.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer