

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, November 7, 2016**

**INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2016.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor Patricia Christiansen  
Trustee William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kelly  
Superintendent of Buildings Steve Fellman  
Public Works Superintendent Andrew Fisch

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 8:04 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

**PRESENTATION** – Eagle Scout Chris Stauber was unable to attend, the presentation has been postponed to a later date.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, December 5th, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 28th and December 5th.
- The Annual lighting of the Holiday Tree on the Village Green will be on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (rain date Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>). Refreshments will be served immediately following in Village Hall compliments of the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society.
- The Gerngras Park tree lighting will take place on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (rain date December 3<sup>rd</sup>).
- The following **resolutions** were passed at the October 24<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - Hired Christopher Walsh as a part time substitute Firehouse Maintainer at a salary of \$12.55 per hour.
  - Changed the parking time in parking lot 1 from 2 hours to 3 hours effective immediately.
  - Approved the purchase of lighting equipment and foundations for installation in the new parking lot 7 on Main Street from Magniflood, Inc. in the amount of \$20,620.

**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2017-11-01)**,

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- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1095 dated November 7, 2016
- September Wire Transfers
- Minutes of Work Sessions of 10/17/16 & 10/24/16 and Regular Public Meeting of 10/17/16.
- Taxi permits
- Parking permit fees will be revised as follows: Resident railroad parking - \$100; Non-resident railroad parking - \$400; 12 hour parking - \$50.
- Use of Village Property:
  - The Farmingdale Fire Department is requesting permission to hold a street fair on Main Street on Sunday, June 11, 2017 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, June 25, 2017.
  - The Farmingdale Fire Department and Craft-a-Fair are requesting to host the Annual Columbus Day Street Fair, Carnival, Parade and Fireworks Show. The Carnival will be held October 5-9, 2017. The Street Fair will be held October 7-8, 2017 with rain dates for the Street Fair only on October 14, 15 and/or October 21. The Parade will be held October 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. They are also requesting the use of the Village Green on October 7-8, 2017.
  - The Chamber of Commerce is requesting to hold their annual Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 12 noon. The parade will assemble at Northside School and continue south on Main Street to the Village Green.
- Tax certiorari's:
  - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Gary W. Paulsen & 399 Conklin Associates, Inc. Sec 49, Blk. 971, Lot 521: Premises 320-328 Main Street Farmingdale, for tax years 2010/11 through and including 2016/17 for a refund of \$2,400 with a reduction in assessed value to \$840,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2017/18 through and including 2019/20, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.
  - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: White Swan Cleaners Sec. 49, Blk. 76, Lot 65: Premises 421 Conklin Street Farmingdale, for tax years 2010/11 through and including 2016/17 for a refund of \$2,250 with a reduction in assessed value to \$300,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2017/18 through and including 2019/20, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.
  - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Anthony Bucci, Richard Bucci/ARB Holding LLC Sec. 49, Blk. 139, Lots 127: Premises 1010 Fulton Street Farmingdale, for tax years 2010/11 through and including 2013/14 and 2015/16 and 2016/17 for a refund of \$2,000 with a

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reduction in assessed value to \$725,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2017/18 through and including 2019/20, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

**BUILDING PERMITS** – The Board of Trustees accepted the listing of the following building permits issued since last month’s meeting:

LOCATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS	ARB
385 Conklin Street Don Miller DB16-00015	Remodel existing bathrooms and fixtures.	N/A
425 Staples Street Michelle Perciballi PP16-00005	Replace underground sanitary pipe as per sketch submitted.	N/A
122 Secatogue Avenue TOA Group DB16-00016	Interior construction of 4,600 square feet for proposed Asian Fusion restaurant with twelve seats as per drawings submitted by Hoffman Grayson Architects dated 10/4/16.	N/A
52 Prospect Place National Grid RO16-00009	One (1) 4 x 4 bellhole.	N/A
824 & 832 Fulton Street Bartone & Pellerito Holdings DB16-00018	Permit to construct 24 townhouse units on .82 acres of land three stories in height with attached one car garages as per civil drawings submitted by Land Management Associates dated March 2015 and architectural and mechanical drawings submitted by Gary D. Cannella Architects dated 6/17/16.	N/A
545 Conklin Street Sai Baba Real Estate DB16-00020	Remove existing underground fuel tanks and replace with new underground fuel tanks as per drawings submitted by Michael Dunn Architect dated 9/23/15.	N/A
280 Oakview Avenue Robert Curylo DB16-00021	Maintain existing rear wood deck approximately 13.6’ x 13.6’.	N/A
236 Prospect Street National Grid RO16-00010	One 4’ x 4’ mac bellhole.	N/A
824 Fulton Street National Grid RO16-00011	One 4’ x 4’ bellhole.	N/A
832 Fulton Street National Grid RO16-00012	One 4’ x 4’ bellhole.	N/A
503 Conklin Street Tian Fa Jiang SP16-00002	Install one composite front wall sign, blade sign, black awning and soffitt lights, as per drawings ARB approved on 10/25/16.	X
499 Conklin Street Fabio Madera SP16-00003	Install front and side wall composite signs, a blade sign, black awning and goose neck lighting as per ARB approval on 10/25/16.	X
1 Park Avenue LCT Plumbing & Heating PP16-00007	Replace oil fired boiler with new oil fired boiler.	N/A
125 Prospect St. Doodyman To the Rescue PP16-00008	Replace 1” water service line.	N/A
824 Fulton Street Hearthstone at Farmingdale DP16-00002	Demolish existing dwelling.	N/A
5 Rose Street Mirna Argueta	Replace existing shed with new 10’ x 10’ x 8’ high shed.	N/A

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL USE AND PARKING ALLOWANCE FOR CHARLOTTE’S YOGURT** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2017-11-02)**, to open the public hearing.

Charlotte’s is requesting an expansion of existing Special Use Permit for a basement party room. The theme of the party room would be a Prohibition timed speakeasy. The basement was a speakeasy during Prohibition and will be restored to that time period. Capacity will be 49. All employees will be dressed in period costumes. It will operate the same hours as Charlotte’s. They will purchase 2 parking spaces at \$10,000 over 5 years for the parking fund.

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

**RESOLVED (#2017-11-03)**, to close the public hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2017-11-04)**, That the Village Board declares itself, pursuant to SEQRA, as Lead Agency in connection with Special Use and Parking Allowance for Charlotte’s Yogurt; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board classifies this application as unlisted actions which will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board issues a negative declaration and notice of determination of non-significance in connection with this application.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the village directs the Village attorney to send this new law to Nassau County Planning.

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

**RESOLVED (#2017-11-05)**, to continue the hearing until December 5, 2016 at 8:00 pm.

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL USE AND PARKING ALLOWANCE FOR MOCA ASIAN BISTRO** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2017-11-06)**, to continue the public hearing until December 5, 2016 at 8:00 pm.

**PROMOTION** - Upon a motion by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2017-11-07)**, to approve the promotion of Geary Gerhardt to Operator of Record at a salary of \$95,000 with the use of a take-home vehicle.

**NEW HIRE** - Upon a motion by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2017-11-08)**, to approve the hiring of Karen Mann as an Account Clerk beginning November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with a salary of \$38,000 per year, replacing Elizabeth Schnier who has retired.

**NEW STREET TREES** - Upon a motion by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2017-11-09)**, to approve the purchase and installation of up to fifty (50) 2 ½ - 3” caliper street trees at \$300.00 each by Louis Barbato Landscaping Inc. Superintendent Fisch stated that they have 50 spots for these trees.

**FOUNDATIONS FOR NEW GENERATORS AND PUMPING SYSTEMS** - Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2017-11-10)**, to approve Speedway Concrete as the lowest responsible bidder to install foundations for new generators and pumping systems for the Water Department at a cost of \$25,882.

**OVERSIGHT OF UPGRADE OF GENERATOR AND BOOSTER** - Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2017-11-11)**, to hire James Woerner at the rate of \$150 per hour or \$1,200 per day for oversight of the upgrade of the generator and booster.

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**BEAUTIFICATION** – Deputy Mayor Christiansen reported that mum plants are doing well and she thanked the DPW Staff for watering and maintaining the plants.

Plans for holiday decorating are in place. Lights on wreaths will be checked on November 17<sup>th</sup> with the help of volunteers and members of the Farmingdale Women’s Club. Wreaths will be hung on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> along with garland on the Village Green Gazebo and pine roping on the perimeter fence at Village Green. Main Street/Melville Road triangle will be decorated on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> along with trees at the Gazebo, ornaments in the fountain and Gergras Park. All decorating will be completed for the Holiday Tree Lighting on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

A sign enlisting the help of volunteers has been put up in Village Green, notice has been placed in the Farmingdale Observer, Facebook and the Village’s website. Many volunteers will be needed.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Letter from East Farmingdale Fire Department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – A discussion began on the following topics:

- Deputy Mayor Christiansen heard that the Halloween parade & party was a huge success.
- A resident asked why Lot 2 wasn’t re-done this summer. Mayor Ekstrand explained that there are legal matters being worked on prior to lots being worked on.
- A resident asked what is going on above Dark Horse. Superintendent Fellman stated that they have looked but can’t locate any problems.
- A resident noted that the Jackson Avenue lot is underutilized and asked if it will be open to the public.
- Frank LiCausi of Farmingdale Music Center thanked the Village for procuring property next to the music store for parking. He asked about plans and plantings.

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

**RESOLVED**, to move to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED**, to reconvene the meeting.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer