

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, December 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, December 16, 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

The following topics were discussed:

- Resolution to approve Planning Board recommendations for three Toretta Estates building applications:
 - The Board reviewed the plans for the proposed new homes. Based on the recommendation of Planning Board Chair Joe Staudt, the proposals will be sent back to the Building Department for review of on-site parking/bedrooms and potential changes to the site plan or will forward to the Zoning Board.
 - The height of the homes was to plan as are the retaining wall, berm, fencing and shrub plan on the southerly boundary of the property.

SPECIAL USE/INCENTIVE BONUS RESERVE EXPENDITURES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-15), to authorize expenditures from the Special Use/Incentive Bonus Reserve in the amount of \$13,800.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND TRANSFERS TO GENERAL FUND – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-16), to do the following budget adjustments and transfers to the General Fund as of May 31, 2024:

- To increase the budget by \$415,000 due to unanticipated revenues in fines and forfeitures and to be used for General Fund expenditures as detailed in the attached schedule.
- To increase the budget by \$42,896.24 due to DASNY grant for the purchase of gators and related equipment for the Fire Department.

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- To approve of the budget transfers as detailed in the attached schedule.

BUDGET TRANSFERS TO WATER FUND – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-17), to do the following budget transfers to the Water Fund as of May 31, 2024 as detailed in the attached schedule.

USE OF ARPA MONEY – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-18), to identify and approve the use of ARPA money in the amount of \$287,633.10 as revenue loss to be used for government services specifically for the expenditures related to the burial of the utility poles on North Main St. (Phase II).

VILLAGE AUDITOR – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-19), to approve Nawrocki Smith per the amended contract as Village Auditor for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year at a fee of \$27,000.

BOND AUTHORIZATION – NORTH MAIN STREET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-20), to approve the attached bond resolution in the amount of \$1,300,000:

Trustee Parisi offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED DECEMBER 16, 2024, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,300,000 TO FINANCE A PART OF THE COST OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS ON NORTH MAIN STREET IN THE VILLAGE, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$2,196,886 AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Farmingdale, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance a part of the cost of various improvements on North Main Street in the Village, including burying and underground placement of power and communications utility lines, installation of light poles, lighting and electrical improvements, improvements to roadways and sidewalks, installation and planting of trees and plants, and other ancillary or related work in connection therewith.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$2,196,886 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds of the Village in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 to finance a part of said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. The balance of the cost of the project is to be paid from grants and other funding sources and any such grants or funds from other sources are hereby authorized to be expended to pay a part of the cost of the project.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The periods of probable usefulness applicable to the objects or purposes for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Sections 11.00 a. 20, 24, 32 and 57 of the Law, are equal to or in excess of five (5) years; however, the bonds authorized pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall mature no later than five (5) years after the date of original issuance of said bonds or notes.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

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(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will not exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of agreements for credit enhancements are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in

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summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in the official newspaper of the Village.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Rosasco and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Mayor Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor Barrett
Trustee Parisi
Trustee Priestley
Trustee Rosasco

NOES:

The resolution was declared adopted.

VERIZON PUBLIC HEARING – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-21), to withdraw the public hearing scheduled for January 6th and set a public hearing for February 3, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. for a Special Use Permit for the installation of Verizon cell service at Palmer's shopping center.

BOND & BAN SCHEDULE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-22), to approve bond and ban financing schedule attached.

PHASE 2 LINWOOD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-23), to approve Linwood Drainage Improvements Phase 2 in the amount of \$380,830 to Roadwork Ahead, Inc. under our requirements contract.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

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- Discussed cannabis local law to limit manufacturing to the industrial zone. Village Attorney DeBellis was tasked with drafting a new local law for this use in the industrial zone.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-24), to approve the Special Use Permit fee schedule, as attached.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Discussed parking in residential areas including business related uses and resident parking application. Review of code definition is underway.
- Discussed potential application in the Office Residence district regarding 43 Conklin Street. The Board was unanimous in keeping the site as it is.
- Fire Department:
 - Chief Matt Hammond presented a proposal for a new “Tango-Tango” communication system that will replace almost all pagers in the department. It will be app based for either iPhone or Android users. The new technology was supported by all of the chiefs and the Board of Fire Commissioners.

NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION SYSTEM – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-25), to approve the use of an app for a new “Tango-Tango” communication system for the Fire Department. The initial cost for the first three years is \$6,990.00.

- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – ZBA approved plans and the Board approved a Special Use Permit. Construction drawings received, permit has been issued, waiting for permit to be picked up.
 - Verizon resubmission of plans to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer’s Shopping Center was received and is being reviewed by D&B. Special use permit hearing has been rescheduled for February 3, 2025.

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- The Nutty Irishman & 317, dumpster constructed, needs second dumpster guard – awaiting delivery.
- National Grid grant for street trees and planter boxes has been submitted – approximately \$10,000, awaiting response.
- Toretta Estates – site plans for three building applications for remaining lots will be reviewed for approval this evening.
- Bodega on Conklin St. signage reviewed, remedy proposed.
- L.I. McGrath's is open and operating.
- The Pour Authority (lease executed) will be moving into space adjacent to 335 Main Street (application anticipated).
- Need to review Special Use Permit and fees tonight.
- A seafood restaurant will be moving into the former Creations Pizza location, following up on special use permit.
- Enterprise Rental Car location is under construction and moving well – ongoing, will be ready to open by the end of the year.
- 20 Quaker Lane – moving leader to control rainwater flow.
- Footings have been poured for 215 Prospect Street. Foundation completed and waterproofed.
- Review Casa Stellina for compliance and expansion.
- 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).
 - Need to evaluate lighting at the Melville Road/Secatogue Avenue intersection (Superintendent Patanjo).
 - Altice/LIRR plan for North Main Street - decision to tunnel under the tracks to accommodate Altice. Altice to submit plans to LIRR.
 - Review County easement at Thomas Powell Blvd. for payment (Village Attorney DeBellis).

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- 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 - ongoing. Phase One nearing completion with Phase Two approval tonight.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- Crews are still out with leaves.
- Castro has been in doing his final cleanups and wrapped all the new plantings with burlap.
- Christmas decorations are up and done.
- Watering has halted due to the weather.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in repairing streetlights and outlets for the decorations.
- Shop crews have been busy with oil changes and minor repairs.
- Monitored Linwood area during recent storm event – deployed pump and used/tested on occasion, worked well.
- Stapleton will be coming in the beginning of the new year for removals and trims.
- Water Department:
 - 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 been completed. 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 – underway/ongoing.
 - 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.

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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.
- Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel reported that water revenue is up and that more customers are using auto-pay.
- Lead and Copper letters have been sent to residents with galvanized services.
- From John Falbo:
 - Last couple of weeks have been involved with mark outs at Linwood and Jefferson site, which also includes protecting water services as new drainage goes in ground.
 - Well 1-3 maintenance...and upkeep. Pipes painted, etc.
 - Replaced fittings for caustic piping at Well 1-3.
 - Quarterly and Monthly samples.
 - Planning and organizing for upcoming work at Wells 2-3 & 2-2.
- 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. New signage to be installed by DPW.
 - 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 for resolution.
 - Code observing landscaper regarding leaf removal and permit compliance.

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- Preparing for SantaCon on December 21 and the New Year's Eve Ball Drop.
- Tony Kathreptis from Cara Cara came in to discuss the possibility of meter parking relief during the holiday period. The Board was not inclined to grant such relief due to the ongoing capital cost and maintenance of the business district.

NCPD LT. TROISE RETIREMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2025-12-26), to thank Nassau County PD Lt. Valerie Troise for her ongoing dedication and service to the residents of the Village of Farmingdale and to congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer