

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, February 5, 2007, 7:30 PM

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 7:30 PM on Monday, February 5, 2007.

Present: Mayor George Graf
Deputy Mayor Joseph Rachiele
Trustee Thomas Langon
Trustee George H. Starkie
Trustee Patricia Christiansen
Village Administrator David Smollett
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Kaye
Building Superintendent Ronald Craig
Public Works Superintendent Fred Zamparelle
Claudio DeBellis, Esq.

Absent:

Mayor Graf opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the pledge to the flag led by Trustee Starkie followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Graf invited Marissa Tully to the dais and presented her with a proclamation of appreciation to Tully Construction for lending the Village an asphalt paving machine. Mayor Graf then appointed Mrs. Tully to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to end April, 2008 and administered the oath of office.

It was moved by Trustee Christiansen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, to approve the minutes of January 2, 16, 2007, as corrected. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Langon, to approve Abstract #978, with the exception of a few vouchers held for further review. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Mayor Graf announced the next board meeting to be held Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Trustee Starkie, to approve the following taxi permits:

- John Carlenas
- Anthony Soler
- Timothy Reale
- Achilles Maccarone
- Saif Ur Rehman
- Jamie Moynahan
- Daniel Cutolo
- Krista Bang
- Lewis Fagiola
- James Meek
- Bradly Valdez
- Steven Boyce

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Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Langon, to authorize the Court Clerk to attend the annual Court Clerk's conference in New York City on February 19th and 20th, 2007. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to authorize disposal of court records from February, 1999 to February, 2000, as recommended by the New York State Office of Court Administration. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, to defer decision on the Jewish War Veteran's request to use the rear parking lot for Memorial Day weekend. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Langon, to approve the Farrell Fritz Relay to be held September 9, 2007. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Langon, to defer decision on the request by Concerned Citizens for the Environment to hold a 5K walk/run through the Village on April 22, 2007, pending receipt of additional information. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Langon, to approved St. Luke Church's request to hold a Mardi Gras Parade along Prospect Street on February 11, 2007 commencing at 12:00 pm. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to declare Fire Truck #922 -1984 Pumper (American La France) as surplus. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Administrator Smollett presented the Warrant of Unpaid Taxes to the board (copy appended to these minutes) for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2006. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Langon, to accept the Warrant of Unpaid Taxes and to set the tax lien sale date for Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 11:00 am. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Building Superintendent Craig reviewed the new building permits issued since the last meeting. It was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Langon, to approve the following building permits:

Girimonte 47 Merokee DB 07-01	Maintain existing gable dormer
Fairfield Conklin 675 Conklin St.. DB 07-02	Interior renovations to apartment 25A
Palma 40 Jefferson Rd. DB 07-03	Maintain garage conversion to enlarge den and create finished storage space room
Chernakoff 33 Anita Place DB 07-04	Construct an 18'6"x10'0" (1) story rear addition to extend kitchen

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Gavin 190 Bethpage Rd. DB 07-05	Demolish existing entrance area and relocate kitchen entrance
Gavin 147 Hillside Rd. DB 07-06	Install central air conditioning
Gavin 190 Bethpage Rd. DB 07-07	Install central air conditioning
Boyce 82 Nelson Street DB 07-07	Maintain finished basement – recreational use only – no sleeping. State variance obtained for ceiling height
Girimonte 47 Merokee DB 07-09	Demolish existing rear deck

Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Langon, seconded by Trustee Starkie, to adjourn discussion of the building moratorium to Work Session. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to set the public hearing for March 5, 2007 at 7:30 pm, to amend the Code for the establishment of a Park Land Fund and an Architectural Review Board. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Public Works Superintendent Zamparelle discussed a proposed local law related to prohibiting illicit discharges, activities and connections to separate storm water systems. It was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Langon, to set the public hearing for March 5, 2007 at 7:30 pm for the proposed law. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

The Mayor announced the continuation of the public hearing to amend Zoning Code Section 105-58 regarding office/residential use for properties fronting on Conklin, Fulton and West Streets.

Mr. Weinstein, Hillside Road inquired about the proposed law in connection with the Visioning Plan. Deputy Mayor Rachiele indicated office/residential use was a recommendation made in the Visioning Plan.

Mr. Izzo, Prospect Street, asked if the zoning change to office/residence would affect the assessed value. Deputy Mayor Rachiele indicated that there is no differentiation between classes of property in the village.

Trustee Starkie spoke in opposition to the proposed zoning change for West Street, indicating that 1 West Street is more in keeping with the residential character of Prospect Street.

Mr. Gosline, Linwood Street, inquired about parking requirements in the office/residence zone. Building Superintendent Craig responded.

Mr. Ahern, Conklin Street, requested confirmation that office/residential dwelling be owner-occupied. Attorney DeBellis commented that the existing Code is not clear.

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Mr. Wilson, Normandy Drive, asked whether an existing non-owner occupied dwelling would be grandfathered under the proposed law. Attorney DeBellis confirmed that this would be the case.

It was moved by Trustee Christiansen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rachiele, to adopt Local Law 2 of 2007 which adds provision (D) to section 105-58 of the Zoning Code and reads:

Office/Residential use for properties fronting on Conklin Street, Fulton Street and West Street provided the owner satisfies the conditions set forth in Article XIA Office/Residential District.

Trustee Christiansen added that the property be owner occupied either as the business or as the resident. Local Law 2 of 2007 was adopted upon the following vote:

Deputy Mayor Rachiele	Aye
Trustee Langon	Aye
Trustee Christiansen	Aye
Trustee Starkie	Nay

Mayor Graf opened the Good & Welfare portion of the meeting.

Mr. Gosline, Linwood Avenue, expressed approval of the cross-walk signs placed on Main Street.

Mr. Wilson, Normandy Drive, expressed appreciation for the village's participation in the safety committee meetings at Howitt School.

Mr. Barrett, Prospect Street, inquired about the status of the Traffic Calming project. Mayor Graf indicated that Traffic Calming will be addressed at another meeting.

Mr. Gosline, Linwood Street, asked if the board would consider forming committees to work on certain issues. Mayor Graf indicated that the board often receives legal counsel on many issues and such advice would not be available at the committee level. Trustee Starkie commented that Mr. Gosline is interested in a committee on housing issues.

Mr. Weinstein, Hillside Road, asked if the Visioning report would be on the village's website. Mayor Graf confirmed this.

Mayor Graf discussed the purchase of a new ambulance for the Fire Department and the improvements to the Public Works facility at Ridge Road.

At 9:05 pm, it was moved by Trustee Starkie, seconded by Trustee Christiansen, to, to close the meeting and adjourn to Work and Executive Session. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Mayor Graf