

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, December 19, 2022

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 19, 2022.

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
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman

USE OF WALKWAY BY WHISKEY DOWN – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-12-07), to approve Whiskey Down Diner to use the south side of the walkway for 12 seats and 24 seats on the north side of the walkway with license fees to be proportional with the current north side agreement.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

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

The following topics were discussed:

- Proposed updated outdoor music code: Discussed numerous issues to regulate music/noise in the downtown business district. Administrator Harty will work with Village Attorney DeBellis to develop new code language.
- Fire Department:
 - Trustee Priestley is coordinating with the Fire Department for the “Ball Drop” on New Year’s Eve at 9:00 p.m. Hot chocolate will be provided.
- Building Department:

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- Blue and Gold Development will be bringing final plans for a building permit for development at 1 Conklin Street in the near future, approved for 12 units. Waiting for state DOT sign off.
- The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) told Mayor Ekstrand that they have finally closed financing and are getting on track. The Mayor contacted the new owners, structural steel has been ordered and will be delivered the week of Dec. 19.
- 7-11 and Sunoco – the ZBA has approved the plans and the Board approved the Special Use Permit, awaiting construction drawings in order to issue building permit.
- Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green):
 - Building permit has been issued
 - Demo is completed
 - Site work is underway, pilings nearing completion
- LIRR was contacted about removing rat habitat along the tracks from Merritts Road to Stratford Green. LIRR has completed brush removal and Arrow is in the process of abatement. Also on Cobb Place, summons (rodents, property maintenance) has been issued. Awaiting disposition through Village Court.
- Rte. 109 & Conklin St. auto body – work is proceeding on this project, continues. Brick façade is nearing completion and drainage installed, final site paving underway.
- Application for one home on the south side of the Black Course development has approved by the Planning Board. Awaiting working drawings to issue permit.
- Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street is in full construction mode.
- New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue.
- Zuzu is under construction, demo is complete.
- Proposed fine arts center for the Village with plans done by Superintendent Fellman has now reached the second round for funding with New York State.
- Eastern Parkway houses are being cleaned up, with one home in court for a derelict garage.

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- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized in front of 4 family houses. Awaiting plans from Fairfield, expected after the 1st of the year.
- 37 Potter Street was shut down by the Nassau County Fire Marshal due to lack of filing plans for a sprinkler system. Illegal occupant of second floor will be removed. This has been reopened and the second floor apartment will be legalized once the sprinkler system is installed.
- The Board asked that someone look into trash being put out on Main Street rather than behind building as required.
- Prochamps may have a change in status in tracking foreclosed properties.
- Stratford Green needs property maintenance in way of Rte. 109 & Rte. 24 intersection.
- Awaiting application for 250 Conklin St. office building.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - Ongoing storm prep/planning and debris removal
 - DPW Garage renovations substantially completed. The new DPW garage foundation plans are being evaluated and should be done by mid-November.
 - Window and door project at Village Hall – to discuss at work session/exec.
 - Stumps are located at 90 Conklin St., 250 Conklin St. (Citibank), Clinton Ave.
 - The PO has been issued to Westar for the new DPW garage, foundation plans completed and specs are out to bid. Preliminary site work, including retaining wall, is substantially complete. New fence along the property line on south exposure to be installed by highway personnel.
 - A tree stump was noticed in front of 140 Prospect Street for removal.
 - The start date for removing poles from Main Street is on hold due to engineering changes and changes in pricing. PSEG will be supplying a phasing of the project in the near term once all contractor issues are resolved.

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- Need quote from Magniflood for electric fixture to parking lot and to finish installation of lighting on sign at 5 Corners Park.
- Lights are out on Village Green/Lights need reset at 5 Corners Park.
- Administrator Harty and Village Engineer Jeff Patanjo will meet with Westar for updates on various projects.
- Contact Magniflood regarding retrofitting parking lot lights with GFI outlets for holiday decorations.
- From Ken Tortoso – list of DPW work assignments for the week of Dec. 12-16:
- DPW crews are finishing up for this 2022 leaf season. The men are doing an outstanding job, we need to sit down and talk about the 2023 leaf season and discuss rules and regulations with landscapers.
- Town of Oyster Bay lighting has been in fixing outages and replacing damaged poles in the downtown area.
- The shop crew and I have been getting our winter equipment (sanders, plows, snow blowers) ready for this winter season. Our salt barn at the Aggie School is stocked with salt.
- Capital plow truck #2 is at Dependable Hydraulics getting some rusted parts replaced, should be back this Friday.
- I've been prepping and making room at our Ketcham Road yard for the upcoming new building construction.
- Still spraying Village Hall offices.
- Gina Electric installed new LED lighting in the shop. The previous lights were old and needed a good amount of electric to run, so these new LED lights will help reduce our electric bill. Most of our shop has been converted over during the past 2 years.
- Can we look into getting solar panels for the current DPW shop?
- Would like to have a meeting after the new year to talk about DPW truck replacements and retiring some of our old fleet. We're going to need a new capital truck body for the 2023-24 budget.
- The DPW crew and I would like to wish the Mayor and the Village Board a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

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- The Board requested a status report on electrification for decorations on poles in the parking lots.
- Water Department:
 - Water tower construction continues – electrical work, controls, modem cable for new base station, for billing system and phone line to warehouse and generator installation remain. Garage door for tower has been ordered. The tank has been filled and awaiting health department sampling sign off. The generator installation is being relocated, saving over \$55,000 in construction cost, and is underway with the gas manifold installed. The foundation will be installed and gas service to be installed by National Grid in the near term.
 - Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave.
 - \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be used to install new pollution control equipment. Documents have been signed and submitted to the state to receive funding. Pollution equipment to be installed by Philip Ross Industries.
 - New doors and hatch approved for all well locations and are in the process of being installed. Wells 2-2 and 2-3 are completed, waiting for delivery and installation of doors for well 1-3 and waiting for the double doors on the well house from Westar. All locks need to be changed on the new door installation as well.
 - Coordinating with Bob Holzmacher to install piping and new valves to enable filling of ground tank at Ridge Road from both wells.
 - Philip Ross is proceeding with engineering and necessary Health Department submittals. Philip Ross has also started site work with foundation poured and tanks to arrive the week of Dec. 19. New site plan and location of equipment has been agreed. PWGC to handle NYS submittals for reimbursement of WIIA grant and legal consulting services only.
 - The Board requested an update on status with Bethpage Water District meter pit and rates - ongoing.

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- A meeting with Philip Ross will take place this week for updates on the schedule for pollution control equipment. Work is ongoing with estimated completion date of May 15, 2023.
- Code Department:
 - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Noise issues were discussed regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels.
 - New signage ordered for LIRR North parking lot and Howitt “Municipal Parking” signs have been installed.
 - The Board requested a review of nighttime personnel as outdoor dining and open windows have changed with the season.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.
- Village Attorney DeBellis will be the point of contact to negotiate with the LGBT Network for a proposed parade on June 11, 2023.
- Contact FBS regarding stickers for parking management.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-12-08), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-12-09), to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer