

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, April 8, 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, April 8, 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

The following topics were discussed:

FD REFRIGERATOR – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-04-19), to approve a bid for surplus Fire Department walk-In Refrigerator via Auctions International for \$1,000.

MAIN STREET PLANTERS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-04-20), to approve the purchase of planters for Main Street from Artistic Statuary at a cost of \$8,900.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Water Budget:
 - The Board reached consensus to dedicate cell tower revenue, moving it from the General Fund to the Water Fund. They also agreed to add a category of surcharge for mandated water pollution equipment costs and to lower the amount of annual use to 175,000 gallons above which a water conservation penalty rate will be applied. Adjustments to the General Fund budget were agreed to in fines and forfeitures to reflect the changes. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel was tasked with making the budget adjustments. Additionally, Deputy Mayor Barrett advocated to increase non-union employee contributions to healthcare plan costs. The Mayor suggested that the BOT discuss a state plan with reduced benefits and higher co-payments. The Board decided not to make any changes to Village employee healthcare.
- Other:

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- A resident of Paine Avenue complained about water in his basement and speculated that this occurred due to Jefferson Road drainage basin maintenance that is currently underway by Nassau County. He also said that the Jefferson Road basin was not draining. The first charge was disputed by staff, saying that it is counterintuitive as the water from the basin would have to be going uphill to reach his basement. The second point was subsequently inspected by the building inspector who said that the basin is draining, as witnessed by the lowering of the water level which was indicated by residue on the concrete structure leading to the basin south of the LIRR tracks.
- A discussion was held regarding the method of payment for a new Farmingdale Fire Department Chief's vehicle. The cost is \$46,500 with additional outfitting of \$25,000 for lights, siren, decals and new radio. The consensus was to pay cash for the new vehicle instead of leasing as there is a large General Fund balance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer