

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, May 22, 2023**  
**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, May 22, 2023.

**Present:** 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

**Absent:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand

**LOSAP 2022** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-26)**, to approve the 2022 Firefighter Records lists as submitted by the Village of Farmingdale Fire Department (LOSAP).

**COLUMBIA STREET HANDICAP SPOT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-25)**, to approve a request to remove handicapped parking space in front of 29 Columbia Street as it is not used.

**USE OF FACILITIES – KIWANIS CLUB** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-27)**, to approve a request from the Kiwanis Club of Farmingdale for the use of the Village Green for a Summer Festival fund raiser on Saturday, August 26, 2023 and Sunday, August 27, 2023. Until 5:00 p.m. with the Farmer’s Market on Sunday.

**BLOCK PARTY** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-28)**, to approve a request from Toni Anastasiadis of 63 Jerome Drive to hold a block party on Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Jerome Drive will be closed between 51-67 Jerome Drive.

The following topics were discussed:

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- Discuss noise code: After lengthy discussion, Village Attorney DeBellis has been tasked with the developing new code for a public hearing on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. Special thanks to Code Chief Dave Rodenburg for attendance and input.
- Fire Department
- Building Department:
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction continues. Natural gas easement completed. Permit received from Nassau County.
  - New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue.
  - LIRR has announced that trestles at NY 24 and Merritts Road will be rehabilitated starting in mid-April and finishing by end of August 2023.
  - Eastern Parkway house in court with derelict garage. Permit issued for roof repair.
  - New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized in front of 4 family houses. Need agreement to move forward.
  - New application for 250 Conklin St. office building has been received and new public hearing will be announced on April 3 for hearing on new plans for May hearing. On schedule for hearing May 1.
  - Stratford Green nearing completion (final with new trees anticipated in two weeks) to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car. Insurance settled, permit to repair condo has been issued and repairs are underway.
  - Noise code review
  - New ice cream parlor in Palmer’s shopping center needs a Special Use permit for 24 seats.
  - Eagle Scout project for Gergras Park plans and location approved.

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- Highway Department:
  - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
  - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
  - The new DPW garage foundation construction is completed and construction of the steel building is complete. New fence along property line on south exposure to be installed with increases to block wall and backfill. Construction started and plantings ordered for screening of new facilities for neighbors.
  - New blinds have been installed in Village Hall.
  - Main St. pole removal project Phase 1 complete, with the exception of the NY24 crossing – waiting for NYS permit. Waiting for one property owner to sign Altice access agreement to be able to proceed with Altice/Verizon installation.
  - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations.
  - A tree on Prospect St. across from Doud St. needs to be evaluated for possible removal.
  - A request to remove a tree in front of Burgerology was approved & completed.
  - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for past week:
    - DPW is getting ready for Memorial Day weekend.
    - Crews were out weed trimming Main St. and the downtown areas.
    - Sweeper #2 is out getting repaired.
    - Highway light duty truck #17 is out for warranty work at Dodge in Amityville.
    - Installed a sign light at Gergras Park, waiting for the Town of Oyster Bay to wire it up.
    - Roberto Landscaping is currently mulching at multiple locations.
    - Waterfalls are being prepped and should be flowing next week.
    - DPW is prepping flowers for planting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
    - DPW will be putting out barricades for this weekend's car show.

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- Water Department:
  - Water tower construction with few punch list items remaining.
  - Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave. Under construction. All cell providers will be on the new tank by April 30, 2023.
  - AOP installation by Philip Ross is underway with foundation and installation of tanks along with health department submittals. Anticipated completion mid-May 2023 with testing and NCDOH approvals to follow.
  - \$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.
  - Coordinating with Bob Holzmacher and the Health Department to install piping and new valves to enable filling of ground tank at Ridge Road from both wells - completed.
  - 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.
  - A meeting was held with Bethpage Water District to discuss meter pit and water purchase agreement.
  - A meeting was held with South Farmingdale Water District to explore ways of working together.
  - Met with Philip Ross Industries to develop Plant 2 treatment. Initial site plan is in working phase. Excavation has begun at Plant 2 site with foundation nearing completion.
  - Meeting was held with SCWA.
  - Need update from D&B regarding wireless providers.
  - From John Falbo – Recent work as of May 15:
  - Overseeing AOP projects, weekly and monthly sampling as usual.
  - A lot of progress with our development with treatment plant.

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- Had a lot of alarms over the past week. These alarms were expected, mostly telemetry and communication, all due to work being done. We responded to all calls as usual, everything is working properly.
- All progress! No other special projects were done this week due to AOP progress and work.
- Code Department:
  - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
  - Noise issues were discussed regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels to develop new Village Code.
  - The Board requested a review of nighttime personnel as outdoor dining and open windows have changed with the season.
  - Contacted FBS for rollout and administration of parking meter policy.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.
- Other:
  - Rodent damage to vehicle is not the Village's responsibility
  - Stew Leonard's invited the Village Board to attend Memorial Day services where meals will be donated to veterans on Friday, May 26. Trustee Parisi and Trustee Rosasco will attend.
  - A general discussion was held regarding metered parking issues. The Board said that all merchants need to be treated the same; Administrator Harty reported that no special treatment is granted in the Village or Rockville Centre or the Village of Babylon.
  - Trustee Priestley presented the BID minutes and budget to the Board and discussed BID funding targets.
  - The Board rejected the use of a TV-like sign in the Village.
  - Need to speak to Charlotte's about tenant refuse placement.
  - Discussed need for Outdoor Dining and Music permits.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer