

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, August 2, 2021

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 2, 2021.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Steve Fellman
Public Works Superintendent Andrew Fisch

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, September 13th, 2021 instead of Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, August 16th, 2021, Monday, August 30, 2021 and Monday, September 13th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Farmer’s Market is being held every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Village Green until November 21, 2021.
- Movie Nights will be held on the following Tuesdays: August 3rd, August 10th, August 17th and August 24th.
- Music on Main will be held on the following Thursdays: August 5th and August 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a rain date of August 26th.
- The following resolutions were approved at the July 26th Work Session:
 - Accepted SEQRA for the 5 Corners Park. Please note that the proposed project is estimated to cost \$125,000: the Village portion will be \$12,500 with the balance to be paid using a grant from Nassau County.
 - Hired Bryan Gosline as a Parking Meter Attendant at an hourly rate of \$18.00.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2022-08-03)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1152 dated August 2, 2021.
- Minutes of Work Sessions of 7/12/21, 7/26/21 as amended

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- Use of Village Property:
 - The Farmingdale Fire Department and Craft-a-Fair are requesting to host the Annual Columbus Day Street Fair, Carnival and Parade. The Carnival will be held October 7-11, 2021. The Street Fair will be held October 9-10, 2021 with rain dates for the Street Fair only on October 16 and October 17 (October 16 if only one day is needed). The Parade will be held on October 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., from Northside Elementary School to Grant Avenue. They are also requesting the use of the Village Green on October 9-10, 2021.
 - The Farmingdale Breakfast Rotary Club is requesting to hold a Doggie Runway Show & Blessing on Saturday, October 9, 2021. The Rotary Club has requested the use of the Gazebo and Village Green (front) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Runners Edge is requesting to hold their 17th annual Main Street Mile running event on Saturday, September 4, 2020 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Powell Cemetery and ending on Main Street near Village Hall. The course will need to be closed by 7:00 a.m. for set-up and will end at approximately 10:30 a.m.
- Block Party Applications:
 - Adam Tabrys, 77 Nelson Street, Saturday, August 28th, 2021 (Rain Date August 29th) from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Nelson Street closed from Harrison Place to Clinton Avenue.
- Tax certiorari's:
 - None

BUILDING PERMITS – The Board of Trustees accepted the listing of the following building permits issued since last month's meeting:

DATE	LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS	ARB	C/R
7/9/21	1 William St. Andrew & Lisa Popeil FP21-00018	Permit to install 6' high fence in front yard setback as per ZBA decision of 7/8/21. Fence must be set back minimum of 2' from sidewalk on William Street.	N/A	R
7/12/21	Milind Patel 8 Vernon St. DB21-00067	Construct second floor addition as per drawings submitted by Paul de Silva Architect dated 5/9/21.	N/A	R
7/12/21	All Island Paving Co 125 Main St. DB21-00068	Remove and replace existing asphalt parking lot.	N/A	C
7/13/21	Patricia & Steven Kirk 25 Laurel St. DB21-00069	Install replacement air conditioning system.	N/A	R
7/13/21	Scott Alers 36 Powell Pl	Proposed detached shed/bar as per drawings submitted by Jafet Tavarez dated 6/17/21.	N/A	R

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	DB21-00070			
7/16/21	Saltrano Realty Corp 342 Main St DB21-00071	Interior alterations for a 40 seat restaurant as per drawings by Spaces Architecture dated 2/2021.	N/A	C
7/16/21	Thomas Volberg 207 Melville Rd. PP21-00023	Oil to gas conversion	N/A	R
7/20/21	Patricia Phillips 55 Jerome Dr. PP21-00024	Oil to gas conversion	N/A	R
7/20/21	Joseph Scuereb 54 Hill Rd. FP21-00019	6' PVC fence	N/A	R
7/20/21	Kenneth Kobel 311 Melville Rd. FP21-00020	6' PVC fence	N/A	R
7/20/21	Jay Baumgartner 43 Quaker La DB21-00072	Construct 47.5' x 18.0' rear deck as per drawings submitted by Bernard Rodgers Architect.	N/A	R
7/26/21	Alfred & Lynn Temps 9 Prospect St DB21-00073	Maintain converted porch to habitable space.	N/A	R
7/26/21	Brian Gelber 189 Oakview Ave DB21-00074	Replace A/C Unit	N/A	R
7/28/21	BK Fire Suppression 342 Main St. PP21-00025	Install fire suppression system as per drawings submitted by BK Fire Suppression and Security Systems dated 7/22/21.	N/A	C
7/28/21	Laura Priestly 202 Lenox Ct. DB21-00075	Construct wood deck around existing hot tub as per drawings submitted by Ray Doner Architect dated 6/25/21.	N/A	R

PUBLIC HEARING DATES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-08-04), to set the following public hearings for Monday, September 13, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.:

- To enact a new “Farmingdale Marijuana Local Law”
- For a code change to the definition of a commercial vehicle

PUBLIC HEARING TO SUBDIVIDE THE PROPERTY AT 368 MELVILLE ROAD – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-08-05), to open the hearing.

Keith Archer, attorney for the applicant, described the proposed sub-division. No variances are required and the lots meet all requirements in order to sub-divide.

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The Nassau County Planning Commission has indicated by letter that this application is for local determination.

Additionally, Mr. Archer stated that each site have 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath single family homes constructed on the site similar to the renderings put forward in the plan package.

Mr. Archer indicated that the applicant needs to submit plans for approval through the building department in order to obtain permits.

There being no public comment, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-08-06), to close the hearing.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-08-07), to approve the subdivision as submitted on the plan Carll Drive, LLC 368 Melville Road Farmingdale New York 11735 Plan SP-1.0 from Grammas Consultants Architects and Engineers.

PUBLIC HEARING TO ENACT A NEW LOCAL LAW TO REGULATE AND OVERSEE VACANT, ABANDONED AND FORECLOSED PROPERTIES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-08-08), to adjourn the hearing until Monday, September 13, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

NEW HIRE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-08-09), to hire Daniel Ruckdeschel, CPA, as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer at a salary of \$95,000 per year.

NYCOM FALL TRAINING (DEPUTY MAYOR) – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-08-10), to approve Deputy Mayor William Barrett to attend the NYCOM Fall Training school in Saratoga Springs from September 20th-September 22nd for all costs associated with the trip not to exceed \$1500.

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This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	abstained
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Anthony Addeo	absent

NYCOM FALL TRAINING (DEPUTY CLERK) – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-08-11), to approve Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Daniel Ruckdeschel to attend the NYCOM Fall Training school in Saratoga Springs from September 20th-September 24th for all costs associated with the trip not to exceed \$2500.

SALARY INCREASE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-08-12), to approve a salary increase for Account Clerk Hannah Meyer of \$5,000 per year.

BEAUTIFICATION – Watering has improved and mums will be placed in pots in September.

OLD BUSINESS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Ekstrand stated that the State DOT had responded to his letter regarding line-of-sight issues at the corner of Route 109 and Bernard Street. The State indicated that they will study the issue and contact the Village with their conclusion. Mayor Ekstrand also said that the State will pave the remainder of Route 109 to the end of the road.

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- Mike Daly said that youths were trespassing on vacant warehouse property on Eastern Parkway, just east of the Village line, and may be in a hazardous situation. Administrator Harty will notify the SCPD 1st precinct.
- Butch Starkie questioned the FAR on the Staller project and asked if there may be a need for a new denial letter. Superintendent Fellman stated that the Building Department has not received CAD drawings of the proposed Staller project, and

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once they are received and analyzed by Village engineering consultants, they will be made available.

- Carmela Schott commented that moving the Staller building back away from Main Street is a good idea.
- Mrs. Schott asked if there was any change to the proposed “incentive bonus” of \$120,000 for the Staller project. Trustee Priestley replied that Staller has agreed to move sewer and water lines at his expense (\$200,000-\$300,000) in order to accommodate the Village request to move the building back, and that expense should be considered as incentive payment.
- The Village is addressing Mrs. Schott’s driveway issue, as her vehicles are bottoming out since the repaving of Prospect Street.
- Tony Boccia said that dog owners continue to cross the property in front of his home and walk through planted flower beds to allow pets to relieve themselves. He also complained about a landscaper who works across from his property at the corner of Ridge Road and Thomas Powell Blvd. every Thursday at 7:00 a.m.
- Joan Flaumenbaum expressed concerns about the availability of meeting minutes.
- Ann Crawford asked about the donation of the Brost family of Sven Brost’s sculptures. Trustee Parisi is working with the Brost family regarding the donation and proposed locations of the sculptures.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer