

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, December 5, 2022
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, December 5, 2022.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

Absent: Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

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

NEW FIRE COMMISSIONER – Mayor Ekstrand administered the oath of office to Michael DiBartolo as a Commissioner of the Farmingdale Fire Department to fulfill the term of retiring Commissioner Robert Lopez, which expires in 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, December 19th, 2022 and Monday, January 3rd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the November 21st Work Session:
 - Approved the addition of a new category called Commercial STEP Program where 2 sidewalk/flags/60 linear feet of frontage will be allowed, with St. Kilian's to receive a grant of \$3,520 to repair the sidewalk on Cherry Street from Conklin Street to Wesche Drive.
 - Approved Speedway Concrete Construction Corp. as the lowest responsible bidder to install generator and gas header concrete pads with bollards and trenching for electrical connection to switch gear in the amount of \$23,885.00.
 - Approved a request by St. Kilian's Church to have a parade/procession on Saturday, December 10, 2022 beginning at approximately 7:45 p.m., after Mass has ended. It will begin in front of the church on Conklin St., where the procession will head east to Secatogue Ave., then a right turn on Van Cott Ave., a right turn on

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Grant Ave., a right turn on Cherry St., and a left on Wesche Dr., ending at the St. Kilian School parking lot.

- Approved Michael DiBartolo as Commissioner of the Farmingdale Fire Department, to fulfill the unexpired term of Commissioner Robert Lopez, who has resigned.
- Approved the lease/purchase of one 2023 Dodge Ram DS6T98 1500 SSV Crew Cab Pick-up 4x4 (Chief's Car) in the amount of \$45,612.06 off of the Onondaga CTY #0010808 Police and Admin Vehicles Contract.
- Approved the lease/purchase of one 2023 Dodge Ram DJ7191 2500 Crew SSV Pick-up 4x4 (Highway Foreman's Vehicle) in the amount of \$66,568.91 off of the Onondaga Cty #0010808 Police and Admin Vehicles Contract.
- Amended Huntington Power Equipment Purchase Order #551343 due to increased material cost for a gas header as a result of supply chain issues brought on by the pandemic in the amount of \$6,183.00.
- The following resolutions were approved at the November 28th Work Session:
 - Appointed Peter Terracciano, Esq. as a new Associate Justice of the Village Court at a per-diem of \$275.00. (3/0 vote)
 - Permitted the Village Justice to impose a \$35.00 Driver Responsibility Fee. (3/0 vote)
 - Hired Andrew Frigerio as a parking meter attendant at a salary of \$20 per hour with an increase after 6 months to \$22 per hour. (4/0 vote)
 - Approved the use of Main Street for a parade from Northside School to the Village Green in celebration of the Farmingdale High School football team winning the Long Island Division 1 Championship. (4/0 vote)
 - Authorized night differential for Code Enforcement at a minimum of \$23.00 per hour with three dollars per hour added as night differential to base pay when that amount exceeds \$23.00 per hour. (4/0 vote)

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2023-12-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1168 dated December 5, 2022.

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- Minutes of Board Meetings of 11/7/22, 11/21/22, 11/28/22 as amended
- Use of Village Property:
 - None
- Block Party Applications:
 - None
- Tax certiorari's:
 - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Fairfield Farmingdale LLC Sec 49, Blk. 79, Lot 150: Premises 150 Secatogue Ave., for tax years 2016/17 through and including 2022/2023 for a refund of \$6,500, with a reduction in assessed value to \$7,000,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2023/24 through and including 2025/26, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.
 - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Fairfield Eastern Parkway LLC Sec 49, Blk. 85, Lots 28-29 & 39-46: Premises 276 & 262 Eastern Parkway (apartment buildings), for tax years 2014/15 through and including 2021/2022 for a refund of \$3,000, with no reduction in assessed value.
 - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: McCourt and Trudden Funeral Home/385 Main Street Holdings LLC Sec 49, Blk. 106, Lots 7-10, 11-12: Premises 385 Main Street, for tax years 2016/17 through and including 2022/2023 for a refund of \$5,000, with a reduction in the 2016/17 assessed value to \$770,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2023/24 through and including 2025/26, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.
 - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Tercan Jewelry Sec 49, Blk. 106, Lot 212: Premises 414-420 Conklin Street (Latinos Multiservices, Gutierrez Deli), for tax years 2016/17 through and including 2022/2023 for a refund of \$2,000, with a reduction in the 2022/23 assessed value to \$500,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2023/24 through and including 2025/26, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.
 - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Laura Grey Sec 49, Blk. 971, Lot 548: Premises 358-360 Main Street (Grey & Grey), for tax years 2015/16 through and including 2022/2023 for a refund of \$8,000, with a reduction in the 2022/23 final assessed value to \$1,115,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2023/24 through and including 2025/26, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

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- Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Board of Managers of Elizabeth Ann Gardens, Inc. Sec 49, Blk. 298, Lot 102: Premises 197 Fulton Street (condos surrounded by Stratford Green), for tax years 2006/07 through and including 2022/2023 for a refund of \$65,000, with a reduction in the 2022/23 final assessed value to \$4,600,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2023/24 through and including 2025/26, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed. **Tabled for further review.**

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
11/2/2022	43 Jerome Dr. Vasili Spanos PP22-00044	Install a 24kw natural gas standby generator	N/A	R
11/3/2022	37 Potter St. Titan Fire Sprinklers PP22-00046	Hydrant flow test	N/A	C
11/4/2022	5 Hill Rd. Rosemarie Burns PP22-00047	Direct replace of oil fired boiler	N/A	R
11/4/2022	240 Oakview Ave Barbara Thiem PP22-00048	Abandon existing 275 gallon oil tank and replace with new 275 gallon above ground tank.	N/A	R
11/4/2022	31 Staples St. National Grid RO22-00011	4 x 4 bellhole for emergency gas leak repair	N/A	R
11/8/2022	9 Paine Ave Rosalie Martino DB22-00115	Install 15 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Momentum Solar dated 10/11/22.	N/A	R
11/14/2022	22 Merokee Pl Estate of Patrick McDonald DB22-00116	Maintain one story rear addition, first floor bathroom, and partially finished basement for storage only, as per drawings submitted by Kurt Jacobs Architect dated 6/13/22.	N/A	R
11/18/2022	Ronald Erdody 44 Prospect Pl FP22-00024	6’ vinyl fence south side yard	N/A	R
11/18/2022	Robert Bruce Cowhey 8A Eastern Pkwy DB22-00117	Sister roof rafters and door headers	N/A	R
11/22/2022	Rebecca Smith 34 Sherman Rd FP22-00025	6’ high PVC solid white fence	N/A	R
11/29/2022	291 Conklin St. Properties 291 Conklin St. DB22-00119	Interior alterations as per drawings submitted by Bello Architects dated 11/23/22.	N/A	R
11/29/2022	Maryann Rodriguez 19 Rose St PP22-00049	Replace existing 275 gallon oil tank.	N/A	R
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	DB22-00120	Architecture dated 11/22/22.		
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PUBLIC HEARING DATES – No new public hearings announced.

VILLAGE EMPLOYEE MANUAL INSURANCE WORDING – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

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RESOLVED (#2023-12-02), to revise the wording of the NYSHIP Health Insurance – Contribution Rates in the Village Employee manual to specify “Village Justice & Prosecutor” instead of “Justice Court Employees”.

VILLAGE CODE PARKING FINES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-12-03), to increase Village Code Parking fines as listed below:

VIOLATION	FINE	AFTER 30 DAYS	AFTER 60 DAYS	AFTER 90 DAYS
98-7 Left to Curb	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
98-8 Head In Parking	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
98-11 No Parking	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
98-14 No Stopping	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
98-11 No Stopping 6:30am-10:00am	\$125.00	\$250.00	\$375.00	\$405.00
98-15 Overtime Parking	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
98-15 3 Hr. Parking	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
98-15 4 Hr. Parking	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
98-17 Commercial Overnight	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$450.00	\$480.00
98-16 Snow Emergency	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$225.00	\$255.00
98-50 No 12HR/Employee Permit	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$225.00	\$255.00
FA-98-18G Restricted Area	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$450.00	\$480.00
98-23 Loading Zone	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$225.00	\$255.00
98-21 Bus Stop/Taxi Stand	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
98-46 Expired Meter	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$180.00

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98-50 No RR/Res Permit	\$75.00	\$150.00	\$225.00	\$255.00
FA-98-59A Fire Zone/Hydrant	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$800.00
FA-98-59B Handicapped	\$220.00+\$30.00 NYS surcharge	\$500+\$30.00 NYS surcharge	\$750.00+\$30.00 NYS surcharge	\$780.00+\$30.00 NYS surcharge
FA-98-36 Out of Stall	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
98-67 Obs Sidewalk/Roadway	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
306B Expired Inspection	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$195.00	\$225.00
401-1A Expired Registration	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$195.00	\$225.00
403 Unaffixed Reg/Inspection	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$195.00	\$225.00
402-1 No Plate	\$65.00	\$130.00	\$195.00	\$225.00
FA-333.3 Work w/o Permit	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$330.00

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACTOR – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-12-04), to authorize JMI Landscaping as the sidewalk snow removal contractor for the Downtown Business District and Train Station as directed by the DPW foreman. Pricing varies with the depth of snow.

356 FULTON STREET SPECIAL USE PERMIT EXTENSION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-12-05), to extend the Special Use Permit for Automated Mechanics Corp., located at 356 Fulton Street, for a period of six months from December 6, 2022 through June 6, 2023. Superintendent Fellman will send a letter to the applicant.

BUDGET TRANSFERS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

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RESOLVED (#2023-12-06), to do the following budget transfers within the General Fund as of November 30, 2022:

- To transfer \$10,000 from the Fire Department Ins. and \$25,484.30 from Contingencies into Municipal Insurance (total \$35,484.30) for increase in insurance premium.
- To transfer \$25,000 from Contingencies, \$27,000 from Consultant and \$10,000 from Misc. Sidewalk into Road Repair (total \$62,000) for sidewalk and drainage repairs.
- To transfer \$13,000 from Consultant into Superintendent for part-time superintendent salary.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi thanked all volunteers and DPW staff for their work decorating the Village for the holiday season.
- Trustee Parisi also mentioned that she attended the Vision Long Island meeting on Friday, December 2nd and was proud to see that the Village of Farmingdale is far ahead of many other communities in redevelopment including Downtown Revitalization, Transit Oriented Development and Workforce Housing.

OLD BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident asked about the \$35 Driver Responsibility Fee. The Board indicated that the fee is for processing tickets regardless of outcome.
- The resident also asked about the status of the proposed 7-11 at the corner of Merritts Road and Conklin Street and was told that all approvals had been granted and the Building Department was waiting for final plans for review and permits.
- A resident praised the parade celebrating the Farmingdale High School Football Long Island Division 1 Championship, but expressed concern about the closure of Main Street to traffic. This will be referred to our Code Department for disposition with the NCPD.

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

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Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer