

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
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 Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, February 6th, 2023. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023, Monday, January 23rd, 2023 and Monday, February 6th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolution was approved at the December 19th Work Session:
 - Approved 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. (4/1 vote)

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2023-01-03)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1169 dated January 3, 2023.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 12/5/22, 12/19/22
- Use of Village Property:
 - Jennifer Nuzzi is requesting use of the Gazebo and Village Green for a wedding ceremony on Friday, May 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Approximately 35-40 people will be attending.
 - The Farmingdale Hawks are requesting the use of the courtroom from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the following dates: 1/19/23, 2/16/23, 3/16/23, 4/20/23, 5/18/23, 6/15/23, 7/20/23, 8/17/23, 9/21/23, 10/19/23, 11/16/23, 12/21/23.

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- Block Party Applications:
 - None
- Tax certiorari's:
 - Tax Certiorari amended settlement Re: Damas B LLC Sec 49, Blk. 679, Lot 221: Premises 150 North Main St. (7-Eleven), for tax years 2016/17 through and including 2022/2023 for a refund of \$13,000, with a reduction in assessed value to \$1,000,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2023/24 through and including 2025/26, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

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
12/2/2022	Bob Birnbaum 37 Potter St. PP20-00050	Double check valve	N/A	R
12/9/2022	National Grid 291 Conklin St RO22-00012	One 4 x 4 bellhole to install gas service	N/A	R
12/9/2022	Laura Coletti 159 Oakview Ave DB22-00121	Subdivision	X	R
12/12/2022	National Grid 53 Bernard St. RO22-00013	One 4 x 4 bellhole to install gas service.	N/A	R
12/12/2022	Princess Bridals 200 Fulton St. SP22-00018	Artifical flowers on roofline for decoration purposes. Gooseneck lighting.	X	C
12/14/2022	Spa 79 ELP 331-337 Main St. DB22-00122	Install fire rated exit corridor in basement area as per drawings submitted by John Mahler Architect dated 7/5/22.	N/A	C
12/14/2022	Anthony Kathrephs 356 Main St. DB22-00123	Install rear fire escape	N/A	C
12/14/2022	Jeffrey & Atsuko 25 Ridge Rd. DB22-00124	Proposed sunroom and second story addition as per drawings submitted by Todd O'Connell Architect dated 8/23/22.	N/A	R
12/14/2022	Rosemarie Burns 5 Hill Rd. SW22-00013	Replace sidewalk	N/A	R
12/16/2022	Kathleen Rainis 10 Linwood Ave DB22-00125	Front porch addition, finish basement and first floor alterations as per drawings submitted by Impact Architecture dated 9/16/22.	N/A	R
12/23/2022	Kevin Gallagher 340 Eastern Pkwy PP22-00051	Disconnect domestic and fire water service at 340 Eastern Pkwy.	N/A	C
12/23/2022	Todd Oconnell Architects 8 Toretta La DB22-00126	Construct new two story single family home as per drawings submitted by Todd O'Connell Architect dated 12/12/22.	N/A	R

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12/23/2022	Kathrine Japutra 8 Manetto Rd. DB22-00127	Install 31 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Greenleaf Solar dated 12/9/22.	N/A	R
12/23/2022	A&F Fire Protection 202 Main St. PP22-00052	Hydrant flow test	N/A	C
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PUBLIC HEARING DATES – No new public hearings announced.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE NOISE CODE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

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RESOLVED (#2023-01-04), to adjourn the hearing until Monday, February 6, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

SURPLUS VEHICLE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-01-05), to declare as surplus a 2006 Dodge Durango VIN# 1D4HB8N06F193800 (Code vehicle) as it has exceeded its useful life in service to the Village.

NEW TITLE/SALARY INCREASE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-01-06), to authorize the creation of the new title of Assistant Highway Supervisor and to increase the base salary of Micheal Tortoso to \$65,000 per annum.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-01-07), to increase DPW Foreman Kenny Tortoso, Jr.'s base pay to \$90,000 per annum.

NEW APPOINTMENTS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-01-08), to approve the resignation of John Mirando as Superintendent of Public Works, appointing him as a Village Consultant. Subsequently, Jeff Patanjo will be appointed as Superintendent of Public Works.

TREE REMOVAL SERVICES RATE INCREASE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-01-09), to approve an increase to Stapleton Tree to \$1,750 per day for tree removal and related services.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-01-10), to fly the Ukranian flag below the Farmingdale flag in Parking Lot 3.

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BEAUTIFICATION –

- Holiday decorations will be removed by mid-January with planning underway for the spring.
- Trustee Parisi thanked all volunteers, DPW and the Junior Fire Department members for their ongoing efforts in Village beautification.

OLD BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – Letters from President John Nader of Farmingdale State College and Superintendent Paul Defendini of the Farmingdale School District, thanking the Village for their ongoing cooperation.

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident noted that lighting in the CVS parking lot is out. The Building Department will contact the owner.

OTHER -

- Deputy Mayor Barrett thanked Trustee Priestley for recreating the New Year's Eve Ball Drop. It was a great success in spite of the weather, with approximately 300 people attending.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer