

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, February 3, 2025**

**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, February 3, 2025.

**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  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

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, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Work Session/Tax Grievance Night will be held on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the January 21<sup>st</sup> Work Session:
  - Approved the removal of a tree on the government strip in front of 21 Clinton Avenue due to pipe damage caused by the tree's roots.
  - Approved Commander Fleet to outfit two new Building Department vehicles in the amount of \$11,316.80.
  - Acknowledged the return of the 2024/2025 tax roll and warrant and report of unpaid taxes pursuant to §1436 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.
  - Approved new fee schedule for multi-family apartments with 4 units and above.
  - Approved Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. with a rain date of April 13 at 2:00 p.m. on the Village Green.
  - Approved the use of the Courtroom to hold "Open Mic Night" at 7:00 p.m. on February 11, 2025, March 4, 2025 and April 1, 2025.
  - Support and submit a "Local Government Efficiency Grant" to the State of New York to assist in financing a proposed interconnection

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with the South Farmingdale Water District well located on Heisser Lane through an Inter-Municipal Agreement.

**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2025-02-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1194 dated February 3, 2025.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 1/6/25, 1/21/25 as amended
- Use of Village Property:
  - The Cultural Arts Committee is requesting the use of the Courtroom for a Chrysanthemum Workshop on Saturday, June 14, 2025 and Saturday, August 16, 2025.
  - The Cultural Arts Committee is requesting the use of the Courtroom for a Bonsai Workshop on Sunday, April 6, 2025.
  - The V1 Church is requesting the use of the Village Green for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. About 50 people are expected.
- Block Party Applications:
  - None
- Outdoor Dining:
  - None
- 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
12/31/2024	11 LINCOLN RD. VINCENT FRASER DB24-00081	MAINTAIN EXISTING WIDENED DRIVEWAY	N/A	R
1/6/2025	52 CLINTON AVE IAN KELLY PP25-00001	OIL TO GAS CONVERSION	N/A	R
1/28/2025	72 HALLOCK ST. PETER DLUGOKENCKY PP25-00002	DIRECT REPLACEMENT OF 275 GALLON OIL TANK IN BASEMENT	N/A	R
1/30/2025	182 EASTERN PKWY OSCAR TORO FP25-00001	6' VINYL FENCE	N/A	R
1/30/2025	379 STAPLES ST. ANDREW CHANCE DB25-00002	GRID TIED ROOF MOUNT SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION	N/A	R

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1/31/2025	621 FULTON ST MICHAEL FLEMMING DB25-00001	SIDING, SHINGLES & FLOORING	N/A	C
1/31/2025	90 DUANE ST. STEPHEN BONGIORNO DB25-00003	MAINTAIN SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	N/A	R

**PUBLIC HEARING DATES** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-02)**, to set the following public hearing for Monday, March 3, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.:

- CDBG Grant Application Year 51

**PUBLIC HEARING – VERIZON CELL SERVICES** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-03)**, to adjourn the hearing until Monday, April 7, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO LIMIT CANNABIS MANUFACTURING** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-04)**, to open the hearing.

Village Attorney DeBellis explained that the State Law is unclear regarding cannabis manufacturing even though the Village and county had opted out of cannabis sales. In order to provide clarity, the Village opted to limit the possibility of manufacturing to the Industrial Zone.

There being no public comment, upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-05)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-06)**, to amend the Village Code to include a local law to limit cannabis manufacturing to the Industrial Zone.

**PUBLIC HEARING – RENTAL REQUIREMENTS OF TWO FAMILY HOMES** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-07)**, to open the hearing.

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Definition of family members extends to first cousins and an affidavit is to be filed to indicate familial relationship in respective apartments.

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

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-08)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-09)**, to amend the Village Code to address rental requirements of two-family homes.

**PUBLIC HEARING – COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-10)**, to open the hearing.

There being no public comment, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-11)**, to close the hearing.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-12)**, to amend the Village Code to address commercial vehicle requirements.

**SAVIK & MURRAY AGREEMENT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-13)**, to approve a proposal from Savik & Murray for professional engineering design services for Main Street from Conklin Street to South Front Street in the amount of \$17,000.

**SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT EXTENSION** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-14)**, to extend the seasonal employment of Justin Rogus with DPW from February 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025.

**CUSTOM WEBSITE DESIGN** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

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**RESOLVED (#2025-02-15)**, to approve Custom Website Design by Revize in the amount of \$7,575 with an annual maintenance fee of \$2,820 for 5 years.

**WAIVER FOR LATE NIGHT CLOSURE REQUIREMENT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-16)**, to waive the 1:00 a.m. - 4:00 a.m. requirement to remain closed for the proposed 7-11/Sunoco that will be located at the northeast corner of NY24 and Merritts Road as it will be a convenience store with a gas station.

**CONSULTANT TO ESTABLISH NEW WEBSITE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-17)**, to hire Kevin Wood as consultant for a maximum of six months to establish a new Farmingdale Village Website at a fee of \$2,250 per month.

**BEAUTIFICATION –**

- Trustee Parisi reported that seasonal lighting on Main Street is well liked and being used as a backdrop for photos by members of the public when visiting the Village.
- Spring plantings are being planned.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

- Thomas Powell House: research to enable listing on the National Registry continues, going back to 1732.

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A Linwood Ave. resident asked about the status of Phase 3 of the drainage project. The response was that discussions with H2M are ongoing and if the solid manhole cover could be replaced with a grate.
- A resident asked about the proposed cell installation at Palmers Shopping Center.
- A resident complimented DPW for their efforts in handling snow and ice in the Village.

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- A resident asked about the status of the new proposed 7-11/Sunoco station at the corner of NY24 and Merritts Rd.
- A resident inquired about water issues. Mayor Ekstrand explained the \$21M of construction of new pollution/treatment facilities will be completed by June 2025, ensuring the safety of Village water. Payment for the capital cost of the project will, in part, be paid for with grant monies from the State of New York, Nassau County (from ARPA funds) and potentially from litigation against polluters.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-18)**, to move to Executive Session.

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

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-19)**, to reconvene the meeting.

**OVERTIME FOR PART-TIME WORKERS**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-02-20)**, to pay part-time workers overtime rates when called in for emergencies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian P. Harty  
Village Clerk/Treasurer