

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, February 7, 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, February 7, 2022.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Anthony Addeo
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
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, March 7th, 2022. Board of Trustees Work Session/Tax Grievance Night will be held on Tuesday, February 15th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, February 28th, 2022, and Monday, March 7th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolution was approved at the January 18th Work Session:
 - Approved the 2022 Rate Schedule from P.W. Grosser Consulting, Inc.
- The following resolutions were approved at the January 24th Work Session:
 - Acknowledged the return of the 2021/2022 tax roll and warrant and report of unpaid taxes pursuant to §1436 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.
 - Allowed election inspectors who reside outside of the Village as per the Nassau County Board of Elections list.
 - Approved a request from the Farmingdale Hawks organization to use the Court Room from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the following dates: 1/28/22, 2/17/22, 3/17/22, 4/21/22, 5/19/22, 6/16/22, 7/21/22, 8/18/22, 9/15/22, 10/20/22, 11/17/22, 12/15/22.
- The following resolutions were approved at the January 31st Work Session:
 - Approved an agreement with Property Registration Champions, LLC regarding vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties.

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- Hired Kenneth Amato as a Parking Meter Attendant at an hourly rate of \$18.00.
- Approved an increase in salary for Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Dan Ruckdeschel in the amount of \$5,000 as agreed after 6 months of service. This will bring his salary to \$100,000.
- Hired Bharti Sabhaya as an Account Clerk at a salary of \$47,500 per year and an additional \$2,500 after her 6 month probationary period is completed.
- Transferred \$15,000 per month retroactive to January 1, 2022 until December of 2022 totaling \$180,000 of unallocated fund balance to contribute to the LOSAP retirement plan.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Addeo, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2022-02-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1158 dated February 7, 2022.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 1/3/22, 1/18/22, 1/24/22, 1/31/22 as amended
- Use of Village Property:
 - The Farmingdale Fire Department is requesting permission to hold a street fair on Main Street on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, June 11.
 - The Farmingdale Fire Department and Craft-A-Fair are requesting to host the Annual Columbus Day Street Fair, Carnival and Parade. There will be no fireworks. The Carnival will be held October 6-10, 2022. The Street Fair will be held October 8-9, 2022 with rain dates for the Street Fair only on October 15 and October 16 (October 15 if only one day is needed). The Parade will be held on October 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., from Northside Elementary School to Grant Avenue. They are also requesting the use of the Village Green on October 8-9, 2022.
- Block Party Applications:
 - 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:

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DATE	LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS	ARB	C/R
12/29/21	27 Prospect St. Masjid Bilal PP21-00049	Gas pressure test	N/A	R
12/29/21	26 Roxbury St. Jericho Crews SW21-00008	Driveway repair	N/A	R
12/29/21	26 Cobb Pl Annette Colantropo DB21-00120	Dumpster	N/A	R
12/29/21	65 Hill Rd. Sunation Solar Systems DB21-00121	Install 27 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Wlliam Fischer P.E. dated 12/7/21.	N/A	R
1/4/2022	356 Main St. TP Realty Enterprises DB21-00122	Install 4 barber chairs with mirrors and counter top.	N/A	C
1/4/2022	131 Thomas Powell Blvd Steven Siegel PP22-00001	Install new interior 275 gallon oil tank.	N/A	R
1/4/2022	9 Holly Ave Kristina Hilton FP22-00001	5' – 6' wood fence in rear yard.	N/A	R
1/4/2022	39 Quaker Lane Corey Stein PP22-00002	Gas conversion and fireplace	N/A	R
1/4/2022	323 Main St. The Nutty Irishman DB22-00001	Exterior patios and plantings as per drawings submitted by Impact Architecture and approved by Planning Board with the following provisions: *6' wood cedar fence to enclose back property. *leave 3' space between fence and handicap parking. *provide wall pack lighting (3) in alley. *run crown molding to corner. *wall along alley to be painted grey.	X	C
1/4/2022	306 Main St. Farmingdale Brew SP22-00001	Sign application approved per Planning Board with the following provisions: *sign shape to be rectangular (no coving on ends). *top of sign to match top of neighboring sign. *black sign with silver leaf lettering. *blade sign permitted per Village Code.	X	C
1/4/2022	345 Conklin St. Michael Chang SP22-00002	Sign application approved as per Planning Board provisions as follows: *awnings to be Jockey Red 3' high with open sides. *Blade signs to be black with silver leaf.	X	C
1/4/2022	974 Fulton St. Kaship Hussain SP22-00003.	Sign approved as per Planning Board with the following provisions: *all LED lighting around windows to be removed *lighting permitted as per code to wash front wall *picture frames to right of door are permitted.	X	C
1/5/2022	100 S. Front St. Ricardo Ayala SP22-00004	Sign approved as per Planning Board with the following provisions: *silver leaf tip in carved sign *sign on side can remain as it is a corner property.	X	C
1/6/2022	48 Columbia St. Eusebio Villanueva FP22-00002	Old permit 00-71 for 6' wood fence.	N/A	R
1/11/2022	55 Maple St. No Michael Montuari PP22-00003	Install new 275 gallon oil tank and abandon old tank with foam.	N/A	R
1/11/2022	2 Franklin Pl. National Grid RO22-00001	One 4x4 bellhole for emergency gas leak repair.	N/A	R

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1/11/2022	40 Waverly Pl King Quality DB22-00002	Replace existing roof shingles and plywood	N/A	R
1/11/2022	5 Azalea Ct Diane D'Amico FP22-00003	Old permit 91-52 to replace existing 6' stockade fence with 6' double-sided cedar fencing to enclose pool area of rear yard.	N/A	R
1/14/2022	37 Van Cott Ave John Capobianco Family Trust DB22-00003	Maintain existing rear addition	N/A	R
1/18/2022	14 Merritts Rd. John Olbeter DB22-00004	Direct replacement of gas boiler, two air conditioner condensers and two air handlers.	N/A	R
1/18/2022	175 Secatogue Ave Olinda Yanez DB22-00005	Replace main electrical panel	N/A	R
1/21/2022	315 Eastern Pkwy Amato Law Group DB22-00007	Install 120' temporary monopole at 315 Eastern Parkway as per drawings submitted by WFC Architects dated 1/13/22.	N/A	C
1/21/2022	220 Fulton St. C & R Automotive Inc. DB22-00006	Install 8' high block wall as per drawings submitted by Anthony DiProperzio dated 10/26/21.	N/A	C
1/21/2022	26 Pinehurst Rd. Scott & Janice Nichol DB22-00008	Maintain various interior alterations and front porch as per drawings submitted.	N/A	R
1/24/2022	250 Fulton St Sushil Saggar PP22-00004	Install 1 water closet, 5 sinks and 1 lavatory	N/A	C
1/24/2022	269D Eastern Pkwy Spa 79 MLP PP22-00005	Pressure Test Gas Meter	N/A	C
1/25/2022	288 Van Cott Ave James Nemeth DB22-00009	Install 18' x 32' inground pool.	N/A	R
1/25/2022	247-249 Main St. Steven Christensen DB22-00010	Permission for 80 seat restaurant	N/A	C
1/25/2022	134 William St. Sindy Cortes FP22-00004	6' fence as approved by ZBA on 1/13/2022.	N/A	R
1/28/2022	201 Lenox Ct Anthony Bartone CC21-00002	Curb cut for backyard access	X	R
1/28/2022	189 Melville Rd. Surin Monaktala FP22-00005	6' PVC fence and 3 gates.	N/A	R
1/28/2022	48 Jerome Dr Richard Bentz DB22-00011	New brick veneer & walkway, repave driveway and add paver boarder, pool coping and patio	N/A	R

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

RESOLVED (#2022-02-02), to set the following public hearing for Monday, March 7, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.:

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- Special Use Permit for 319 Main Street (formerly Mind Over Shatter) to convert a former cell phone store to dining space.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW TO DELETE SEC. B-4 OF CODE SEC. 259-8 – Upon a motion made by Trustee Addeo and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-02-03), to open the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-02-04), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-02-05), to adopt a local law to delete Section B-4 of Code Section 259-8 – Building Permits.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CHANGE 1 CONKLIN STREET ZONING – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-02-06), to open the hearing.

Trustee Parisi voiced opposition to the zone change and wants to maintain the site as is for historical purposes and potential traffic concerns, including car accidents.

Deputy Mayor Barrett expressed support for the zone change as BB Zoning surrounds this site, but he would like to see any future build out done “as-of-right” with no variances.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-02-07), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-02-08), to adopt the proposed zone change for 1 Conklin Street to Residence BB.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

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

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND CURRENT CODE FOR STORAGE PODS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-02-09), to open the hearing.

A clarification was made to match the resolution with the public advertisement saying that all must get a permit.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-02-10), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-02-11), to adopt the amendment to the current code to reflect that all properties with storage pods must obtain a permit with a 90 day limit.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 356 FULTON ST. – Upon a motion made by Trustee Addeo and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-02-12), to open the hearing.

A discussion was held with two partners of the establishment about the application:

- On-site parking issues were discussed – the applicants said that they have 10 parking spaces with tow truck that are used by the employees.
- The applicants stated that employees and customers do not park in the street on Heisser Lane.
- They said that the food concession will be app based and that the menu will be limited to items that can be ordered in advance as “grab and go” fast food with no dining on the premises.

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- The incremental cooking equipment will be a griddle, vertical heating equipment and broiler.

The following public comment was made:

- A resident from Heisser Lane expressed concern about parking. It was agreed that the people parking in front of her residence are from the repair shop, which is not related to the operators of the gas station and convenience store.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-02-13), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-02-14), to approve a Special Use Permit for 356 Fulton Street to add cooking and food concession to gas station operation.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-02-15), to appoint the following election inspectors for the Village Election for a stipend of \$150 for the Chairperson and \$125 for the Inspectors:

- Kathleen Verbil – Republican – Chairperson
- Patricia Reynolds – Republican
- Dieguito Hornedo – Democrat
- Sheree Hornedo – Democrat
- Joseph Minieri – Alternate Republican
- Claudia Kulba – Alternate Democrat

FIRE HOUSE CEILING REPAIR & PAINTING – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-02-16), to award to Cramer Property Services Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder, the project to repair and paint the ceiling of the fire house at a cost of \$8,350.

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BEAUTIFICATION – Trustee Parisi reported the following:

- The Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce will be looking for grants to assist in paying for additional holiday decorations.
- Over 300 hanging baskets have been ordered for the 2022 season, which will be placed on light poles throughout the business district and LIRR parking lots. The pots are returnable to the vendor.

OLD BUSINESS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – A letter of support opposing Governor Hochul’s zoning proposal was received from State Senator Kevin Thomas. Mayor Ekstrand and the Board thanked the senator for his support.

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident asked if Staples Street is a state road – the response was that it is a Village road within Village boundaries.
- A resident commented on 5 Corners Park and asked if the new fence is double sided, the response was that it is double sided.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-02-17), to hire Jared Arlin as a Part-Time Laborer in the Highway Department at a salary of \$15.00 per hour.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer