

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-21), to convene the Village of Farmingdale Board of Assessment Review at 5:00 p.m.

Two cases were brought before the Board of Assessment Review with documentation and were approved for certain reductions in assessed value. Two other cases were brought without documentation, but verbalized requests for reductions, with one citing environmental issues and one citing neighborhood comps.

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty

Absent: Trustee Walter Priestley
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

GOSPEL SINGING EVENT, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-22), to approve a request from the No. Shore & Central Nassau Cooperative Parish (Farmingdale United Methodist Church) to use the Gazebo and Village Green for “Blessings in the Afternoon”/Gospel Singing event on Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Approximately 100-150 people are expected to attend.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-23), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department to hold their annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2025. Assembly will be at Northside Elementary School, Hillside Road, Powell Place and Thomas Powell Blvd. & Bethpage Road. Kickoff will be at 10:00 a.m. The viewing stand will be in front of Village Hall for ceremonies after the parade.

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TREE REMOVAL, upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-24), to remove a tree on the government strip in front of 5 Jefferson Road due to pipe damage caused by the tree's roots.

NASSAU SPCA EVENT, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-25), to approve a request from Nassau County SPCA for the use of the Village Green on Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (actual event begins at 11:00 a.m.) for an Animal Abuse Awareness and Adoption event.

BASEBALL OPENING DAY PARADE, upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-26), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Baseball League to hold their Annual Opening Day Parade on Sunday, April 27, 2025. The parade will assemble at the Howitt baseball fields at 1:30 p.m. and kick off at 2:00 p.m. The parade will make a left from Howitt to Conklin Street and make a left on Main Street and proceed south to a right on Motor Avenue to Allen Park.

HI-TECH FIRE & SAFETY, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-27), to approve a contract with Hi-Tech Fire & Safety, Inc. for Nozzle Head Extension Tubes and Electric Vehicle Security Blankets, off of New York State HIRE Contract, at a cost of \$14,107.50.

RESTORATION OF ASSESSMENTS, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-28), to restore assessments back to original negotiated amounts by Scott Stone for 2025/26 tax year.

KIWANIS CLUB FAIRS, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2025-02-29), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Kiwanis Club to hold two Craft Fairs on the Village Green on the weekends of June 28-29 and August 23-24.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY WORKSHOP, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-30), to approve a request from the Historical Society to hold a workshop about life in Farmingdale during World War II in the Courtroom on Sunday, March 23, 2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (workshop will begin at 2:00 p.m.).

The following topics were discussed:

- Discuss proposal for security cameras: Hello Alert made a presentation to install security cameras and all related equipment in the four downtown parking lots and Main Street from Prospect Street to the LIRR tracks.

SECURITY CAMERAS, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-31), to approve the proposal from Hello Alert to install security cameras and all related equipment in the four downtown parking lots and Main Street from Prospect Street to the LIRR tracks at a cost of \$133,571.00, with the understanding that additional cameras may be required to cover areas left out of this proposal at the unit prices listed in the proposal, and that a detailed mock-up of all of the necessary components with plans for installation by both Hello Alert and the Town of Oyster Bay Lighting Dept. Electrical supply and painting of the units costs also need to be identified and found to be satisfactory to the Village Engineer.

ART CRAWL 2025 DATES, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-32), to approve the following dates for this year's Art Crawls: Sunday, May 4; Sunday, June 8; Sunday, July 13; Sunday, August 10; Sunday, October 5 & Saturday, November 22. Sunday, September 14 was not approved due to a conflict with "Art in the Park". There will be no road closures.

MUSIC ON MAIN 2025, upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2025-02-33), to approve the following dates for this year's Music on Main (all Thursday nights): July 10, July 24, August 7, August 21, August 28 (rain date).

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
 - Chief Matthew Hammond discussed the new EV firefighting blanket and spray nozzle.
 - Chief Hammond also told the Board about the passing of Gregory Happ, a longtime and highly valued member of the Fire Department. The Board expressed condolences and sadness on hearing the news. Chief Hammond requested an escort for the funeral procession.
- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Construction drawings received, permit has been issued, waiting for permit to be picked up. Spoke to attorney, awaiting response.
 - Verizon resubmission of plans to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer's Shopping Center was received and is being reviewed. Hearing rescheduled to April 7.
 - Bodega on Conklin St. signage reviewed, remedy proposed.
 - The Pour Authority (lease executed) will be moving into space adjacent to 335 Main Street. Application received, will have 114 seats. Need Special Use Permit.
 - A seafood restaurant will be moving into the former Creations Pizza location, following up on Special Use Permit.
 - Barnyard needs a Special Use Permit.
 - 20 Quaker Lane – moving leader to control rainwater flow, needs to move the roof gutter to connect to the drywell.
 - Review Casa Stellina for compliance and expansion. They need to file to legalize, architect is working on plans.
 - Discussed proposed subdivision at 368 Melville Road. Presented the possibility of a circular driveway for the home located in the Village along with payment of the Parkland requirement and ensure that parking

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requirements are met in both jurisdictions. A public hearing is required along with Planning Board/ARB review.

- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - New DPW Yoakum St. Park is completed (berm behind park needs completion/spring 2025).
 - Need to evaluate lighting at the Melville Road/Secatogue Avenue intersection (Superintendent Patanjo).
 - Altice/LIRR plan for North Main Street - decision to tunnel under the tracks to accommodate Altice. Altice to submit plans to LIRR.
 - Review County easement at Thomas Powell Blvd. for payment (Village Attorney DeBellis).
 - Work with Hello Alert for cameras for the downtown business district including parking lots and additionally the LIRR parking lots.
 - Follow up with H2M regarding Linwood - ongoing. Phase One completed. Phase Two started 1/6/25 and will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.
 - LIRR pot belly stove was refurbished by Doug Ketchum of the Highway Department, to be installed in the Farmingdale Train Station.
 - Check snow removal by Castro at 5 Corners Park.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - Your DPW crews have been very busy with salting and snow clearing from the recent snow events on February 6, February 8 & February 9.
 - Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in repairing streetlights.
 - Stapleton has been in removing dead trees and stump grindings. He will be coming back to take down trees at 5 Corners park when the weather is better.
 - Castro Landscaping has been in during the snow events clearing the walkways in the downtown area. Roberto and his crew are a big asset to the Village and DPW.
 - Salt has been ordered for the salt barn.

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- Crews have been out filling potholes.
- Servicing trucks with oil changes and repairing snow plows and sanders.
- Water Department:
 - Sampling and testing of Well 1-3 of AOP/GAC installation by Philip Ross continues with well now fully operational.
 - New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 - construction has been completed. Additional testing costs for newly monitored contaminants at approximately \$16,000 per well.
 - Plant 2 construction – underway/ongoing.
 - Master schedule is being worked on by PRI through completion for all wells, expected to be 5/1/25.
 - PWGC following up on required testing to secure funding from legal settlements and potential federal and county funding. Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel helped finalize all submissions.
 - A grant of \$1 million has been committed through County Legislator John Ferretti to offset costs of the new water treatment systems. A payment of \$500,000 was received.
 - Congressman Thomas Suozzi has informed the Village that a \$1.1 million commitment has been secured in the 2025/2026 Federal Budget. Not a reimbursement grant.
 - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement is underway by D&B.
 - D&B is providing analysis for antennae replacement on elevated tank by AT&T.
 - Lead and Copper letters have been sent to residents with galvanized services.
 - Water main break at the corner of Park Ave. and Jefferson Rd. was fixed by Merrick Utilities on Christmas Eve.
 - From John Falbo:
 - Well 1-3 – Bypass Valve and piping was removed from system and Pressure Stand Pipe was replaced by Village and PRI in order to meet Board of Health requirements.

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- Watermain break in Parking Lot 4 behind 317 Restaurant.
- Repaired hydrant at 71 Melville Road.
- Code Department:
 - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card slot).
 - Electrification of all parking meters is underway.
 - Sign posts and signage are being placed on Main Street.
 - Noise issues on Main Street will be addressed as noted by code officers. If complaints are received, please forward to appropriate code or building department for resolution.
 - Code observing landscaper regarding leaf removal and permit compliance.
 - Code reviewing Main Street security for events with NCPD.
 - Ticketing in CVS shopping center in fire lanes and handicapped spaces to commence.
 - Planning for LepreCon with no parking on the east side of Main Street.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW CLOSE, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-02-34), to close the Village of Farmingdale Board of Assessment Review.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer