

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, March 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, March 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

Absent: 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, April 7th, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, March 17th, 2025, Monday, March 24th, 2025 and Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 16, 2025 starting at 2:00 p.m. Village Trustee Cheryl Parisi will be the Grand Marshal.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. on the Village Green (rain date April 13 at 2:00 p.m.).
- The following resolutions were approved at the February 18th Work Session (4/0 vote):
 - Approved 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.
 - Approved 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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- Removed a tree on the government strip in front of 5 Jefferson Road due to pipe damage caused by the tree's roots.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.
- Restored assessments back to original negotiated amounts by Scott Stone for 2025/26 tax year.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.). Mayor Ekstrand noted that the first Air Raid Drill took place in Farmingdale in 1938.
- Approved 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, and that a detailed mock-up of all the necessary components 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.
- Approved the following dates for this year's Art Crawls: Sunday, May 4; Sunday, June 8; Sunday, July 13; Sunday, August 10; Sunday, October 5; and Saturday, November 22. Sunday, September 14 was not approved due to a conflict with "Art in the Park". There will be no road closures.

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- Approved the following dates for Music on Main (all Thursday nights): July 10, July 24, August 7, August 21, August 28 (rain date).
- The following resolution was approved at the February 24th Work Session (4/0 vote):
 - Hired Justin Rogus as a Part Time Laborer with the Highway Department beginning April 1, 2025 at a rate of \$20 per hour.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2025-03-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1195 dated March 3, 2025.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 2/3/25, 2/18/25, 2/24/25 as amended
- Use of Village Property:
 - Peanuts at St. Gregory's is requesting the use of Gerngras Park for a nursery school picnic on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (rain date Friday, June 6th).
- 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
2/3/2025	27 HARRISON PL STEPHEN DURANDO FP25-00002	6' PVC FENCE	N/A	R
2/7/2025	217 MAIN ST RICHARD FINN DB25-00004	INTERIOR ALTERATIONS ON EXISTING RESTAURANT	N/A	C
2/11/2025	6 TORETTA LA JAMES VILARDI DB25-00005	CONSTRUCT NEW TWO STORY DWELLING WITH AN ATTACHED ONE CAR GARAGE	X	R
2/11/2025	238 MAIN ST GREG CARMAN DB25-00006	INTERIOR ALTERATIONS FOR ADA TOILETS, OFFICE AND CONFERENCE ROOM.	N/A	C
2/18/2025	333 MAIN ST SPA 79 ELP DB25-00007	INTERIOR ALTERATIONS FOR A NEW 20 SEAT RESTAURANT AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY JM2 ARCHITECTURE DATED 2/4/2025	N/A	C

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PUBLIC HEARING DATES – Previously scheduled hearing for Verizon cell service installation at Palmer’s Clock Tower on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG YEAR 51 – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-03-02), to open the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-03-03), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-03-04), to approve the submission of the Year 51 CDBG application for \$385,000.

VETERAN EXEMPTION – 90 DUANE ST. – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-03-05), to remove a Veteran Exemption from 90 Duane St. (Sec. 49, Blk. 146, Lot 50) due to selling of property.

VETERAN EXEMPTION – 7 VAN COTT AVE. – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-03-06), to remove a Veteran Exemption from 7 Van Cott Ave. (Sec. 49, Blk. 131, Lot 3) due to passing of owner.

VETERAN EXEMPTION – 2 LINWOOD AVE. – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-03-07), to remove a Veteran Exemption from 2 Linwood Ave. (Sec. 49, Blk. 209, Lot 1) due to selling of property.

FIRE FIGHTER EXEMPTION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-03-08), to remove a Fire Fighter Exemption from 44 Jefferson Rd. (Sec. 49, Blk. B2, Lot 39) due to passing of owner.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-03-09), to hire Jon Barber as a Part Time Parking Meter Attendant at a rate of \$18 per hour.

NEW HIRE – HIGHWAY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-03-10), to hire Kenneth Amato Sr. as a Laborer in the Highway Department at a rate of \$35 per hour.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-03-11), to declare as surplus Building Dept. #1 2013 Chevrolet Equinox VIN# 2GNFLCEK8D206295.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-03-12), to approve to award contract to Merrick Utility Associates, Inc., as the lowest, and only, responsible bidder, for Distribution System Maintenance and Repair at a cost of \$69,806.29 for the first year, with 2 annual renewals at slightly increased costs.

ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-03-13), to approve to award contract to Palace Electrical Contractors, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder, for Electrical Maintenance and Repair at a cost of \$13,135.00 for the first year, with 2 annual renewals at slightly increased costs.

WELL & BOOSTER PUMP MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-03-14), to approve to award contract to Delta Well & Pump Co., as the lowest responsible bidder, for Well and Booster Pump Maintenance at a cost of \$54,550.00 for the first year, with 2 annual renewals at slightly increased costs.

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HVAC UNIT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-03-15), to approve the purchase and installation of a new rooftop 15 ton Rheem HVAC unit to replace a non-functioning unit that is over 25 years old from Island Energy at a cost of \$33,850. This is being done on an emergency basis to provide heat to the main assembly area and lounge area in the firehouse.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Shamrocks are up for St. Patrick's Day celebrations on Main Street.
- Thousands of flowers are coming in the spring for installation Village wide.

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A Linwood Ave. resident asked about Phase 3 of the drainage project for the area. The response was that it is being evaluated for results and cost effectiveness. The resident also asked that a solid manhole cover be replaced with a grate as was done in the past.
- A Thomas Powell Blvd. resident asked about the potential impact of the Linwood project on Thomas Powell Blvd. and was told that it is under review.
- A resident requested that Taxi phone numbers be put in the Village newsletter for the convenience of residents.
- A question was asked about no parking on the east side of Main Street on Saturday. The response was that it was at the request of the NCPD to provide pickup and drop off for Uber drivers during a LepreCon event.
- A question was asked about the hours of operation for landscapers. The hours are 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Monday – Saturday. Construction in the Village is permitted from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday – Friday and 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday with no landscaping or construction on Sunday.
- A resident pointed out that delivery vehicles are blocking line-of-sight at the corner of South Front St. and Main St.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer