

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, March 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, March 7, 2022.

- Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel  
Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Superintendent of Buildings Steve Fellman  
Public Works Superintendent Andrew Fisch
- Absent:** Trustee Anthony Addeo

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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolution was approved at the February 15<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - Hired Laura Sanchez as a Parking Meter Attendant at a salary of \$20.00 per hour and a fixed fee of \$75.00 for court nights.
- The following resolutions were approved at the February 28<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - Appointed Thelma Alvarez as a Spanish translator for the Village Election for a stipend of \$150.
  - Approved a request by the Cultural Arts Committee to use the Court Room for an Open Mic Night on Friday, March 18, 2022 a 7:00 p.m. A maximum of 30 people are allowed in the room.

**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2022-03-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1159 dated March 7, 2022.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 2/7/22, 2/15/22, 2/28/22 as amended
- Use of Village Property:

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- The Cultural Arts Committee is requesting the use of the Court Room for a Youth Open Mic Night on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. A maximum of 30 people will be permitted.
- The Cultural Arts Committee is requesting the use of the Court Room for a Culper Spy Ring lecture on Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 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:

| DATE      | LOCATION   | CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS  | ARB | C/R |
|-----------|--|--|-----|-----|
| 2/4/2022  | 273 Main St.<br>T.J.B.M. Enterprises<br>PP22-00006       | Install 3 water closets, 1 kitchen sink, 4 lavatories, 1 urinal and 1 floor drain.   | N/A | C   |
| 2/4/2022  | 6 Jerome Dr.<br>William & Colleen Sucarino<br>DB22-00012 | Second story addition as per drawings submitted by Norman Lok P.E. dated 12/14/21.   | N/A | R   |
| 2/11/2022 | 21 Ridge Rd.<br>Michael Mannellino<br>SWR22-00001        | Sewer Repair   | N/A | R   |
| 2/11/2022 | 10 Leonard St.<br>Victor T. LoPiccolo<br>DB22-00013      | Finish basement as per drawings submitted by Kenneth Schulman Architect dated 12/21.   | N/A | R   |
| 2/11/2022 | 124 Prospect St<br>Christopher Maro<br>DB22-00014        | Second floor addition as per drawings submitted by James Elberfeld Architect dated 1/28/22.  | N/A | R   |
| 2/14/2022 | 124 Prospect St.<br>Christopher Maro<br>DB22-00015       | Install inground vinyl pool as per drawings submitted by Lab Crew Engineering dated 2/4/22.  | N/A | R   |
| 2/22/2022 | 67 Jerome Dr.<br>Lora & John Fabrizio<br>PP22-00007      | Oil to gas conversion  | N/A | R   |
| 2/22/2022 | 17 Paine Ave<br>Daniel Looney<br>PP22-00008              | Washer & dryer and gas fireplace   | N/A | R   |
| 2/24/2022 | 356 Fulton St.<br>AB Land Corp.<br>DB22-00016            | Interior alterations for food prep area as per drawings submitted by Erik Andrew Street P.E. dated 11/24/21 including new exhaust hood and gyro machine. | N/A | C   |

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

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**RESOLVED (#2022-03-02)**, to set the following public hearing for Monday, April 4, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Special Use Permit for 277 Main St. (Dark Horse Tavern) to use the second floor with an occupancy of more than 12 seats.
- Special Use Permit for 313 Main Street for a 44 seat restaurant.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 319 MAIN STREET –**

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

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-03)**, 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 (#2022-03-04)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-05)**, to approve a Special Use Permit for 319 Main Street to convert a former cell phone store to dining space. The applicant will purchase 2 parking spaces at a cost of \$10,000 with one-third due upon issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, one-third due by June 2023 and one-third due by June 2024. Village Attorney DeBellis will draw up the agreement.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG YEAR 48 APPLICATION –** Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-06)**, to open the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-07)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-08)**, to approve the submission of the Year 48 CDBG application.

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**TAX EXEMPTION CHANGE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-09)**, to remove a Senior Exemption on 237 Van Cott Avenue (Sec. 49 Blk. 116 Lot 121) due to death.

**PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PETITIONS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-10)**, to deny all the property tax complaint petitions.

**DPW GARAGE RENOVATION** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-11)**, to approve the renovation of the DPW Garage at a cost of \$352,057 to Westar Construction Group under the Eastern Suffolk County BOCES Contract #2019 023 0222.

**BEAUTIFICATION** – Trustee Parisi reported the following:

- 5 Corners Park renovations is going well, as are other renovations on Main Street (pole removal and wire burial).
- A resident complimented the renovation of 5 Corners Park, planned for Spring 2022.
- Beautification of Main Street will be impacted due to pole removal construction.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE** – None

**FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS** - None

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

- Residents expressed concerns regarding the time frame from demolition until new construction begins at certain locations on Main Street. Mayor Ekstrand explained that tenancies are being negotiated and that we will be informed by the property owner as soon as leases are signed. Facades of the property will be custom designed for the new tenancy.

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- Supply chain issues are impacting a project on Route 109 and Main Street with certain foreign-made equipment that is integral to the reconstruction on the Main Street location.
- A question was raised about the removal of trees at 5 Corners Park. Trustee Parisi replied that the need was to open the area so that sunlight could get in and that those trees would not negatively impact the grass.
- A question was raised about taxi availability in the Village, and to assist senior centers and residences with contact information.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian P. Harty  
Village Clerk/Treasurer