

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

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

### **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, April 1, 2024.

**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  
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.

Nassau County Legislator John Ferretti presented a \$1 million check/commitment from Nassau County to Mayor Ekstrand to defray the capital cost of new water treatment facilities and equipment required by mandates from the State of New York. Mayor Ekstrand and the Board of Trustees thanked Legislator Ferretti for his ongoing efforts and commitment to the Village of Farmingdale.

**SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS** – Legislator Ferretti administered the oath of office to Mayor Ekstrand.

Mayor Ekstrand administered the oath of office to Trustees William Barrett and Walter Priestley.

Mayor Ekstrand then administered the oath of office to William Barrett, appointing him as Deputy Mayor to serve a one year term.

**2024/2025 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2024-04-01)**,

- List of appointments
- Village office's Holiday schedule
- Board of Trustees Meeting schedule, as amended
- Signatures for Village bank accounts – Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Village Clerk/Treasurer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; any two signing together.
- Use of Mayor's facsimile signature to the following:
  - Wire transfers between Village's accounts

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- Wire transfers approved by Board resolution
- Village of Farmingdale and Youth Council payroll checks
- Youth Council expenditures as listed on abstract
- Existing Village policies:
  - Employee Manual including the following:
    - Procurement Policy
    - Ethic Policy
    - Sexual Harassment
    - Workplace Violence
  - Investment Policy

**SWEARING IN OF APPOINTED OFFICIALS** – Mayor Ekstrand swore in the officials who were present, all others will be sworn in within 30 days.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 and Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- April is Fair Housing Month
- Open Mic Night will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.
- The following resolutions were approved at the March 18<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - Denied all the property tax complaint petitions.
  - Approved an agreement with Forerunner Technologies, Inc. to provide support services for the Village's phone system at an annual cost of \$1,411.
  - Hired Bryan Rose as a Parking Meter Attendant at a rate of \$20 per hour.
  - Rescheduled the Nassau SPCA Stop Animal Abuse parade from Saturday, April 18, 2024 to Saturday, May 11, 2024 and to allow the use of Village bathrooms during their upcoming event.
  - Approved the purchase of 3 Narcotic Safes from MedixSafe, as sole source provider, for the Farmingdale Fire Department for a cost of \$7,554, including a 3 year warranty.

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- Approved a bid for surplus Water Ambulance via Auctions International for \$2,700.
- Approved a bid for surplus 2009 Dodge Durango via Auctions International for \$1,625.
- Approved Milburn Flooring for new epoxy apparatus floor at a total cost of \$71,955 including change orders.
- The following resolutions were approved at the March 25<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - Approved a request from Race Awesome & Runner's Edge to hold their annual Main Street Mile running event on Saturday, August 31, 2024 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Powell Cemetery ending on Main Street near Village Hall. The course will need to be closed by 7:00 a.m. for set-up and will close at approximately 10:30 a.m.
  - Accepted the update report on the Village of Farmingdale Master Plan prepared by VHB.
  - Purchased all the tax liens on unpaid taxes in fiscal year 2023.
  - Set a public hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget for Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
  - Approved a request from Lithology Brewing Co. for the use of 5 parking spaces in Parking Lot 3, behind Lithology (211A Main St.) for a Dog Meet-Up event on Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The actual time of the event is 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., about 50 people are expected.
  - Approved fee increases as submitted to Multiple Residences, raise fence permit fee to \$100 and raise Place of Assembly fee to \$250.
  - Hired Roger Cochii through D&B to research infrastructure ownership in the Village of Farmingdale at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2024-04-02)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1184 dated April 1, 2024.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 2/20/24, 2/26/24, 3/4/24, 3/18/24, 3/25/24
- Use of Village Property:
  - None
- Block Party Applications:

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- Darlene Hawes, 51 Jerome Drive, Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> (rain date May 5<sup>th</sup>) from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Jerome Drive closed between 51-63 Jerome Drive and 88-100 Jerome Drive.
- Darlene Hawes, 51 Jerome Drive, Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> (rain date July 5<sup>th</sup>) from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Jerome Drive closed between 51-63 Jerome Drive and 88-100 Jerome Drive.
- 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
3/1/2024	65 NELSON ST JOSEPH TAFURO DB24-00015	REPLACE CONCRETE DRIVEWAY WITH ASPHALT	N/A	R
3/1/2024	215 PROSPECT ST ANTHONY ADDEO DP24-00002	HOUSE DEMOLITION	N/A	R
3/5/2024	900 FULTON ST. D & F DEVELOPMENT PP24-00015	HYDRANT FLOW TEST	N/A	R
3/11/2024	336 MAIN ST. ANTONIO DESOUSA DB24-00016	INTERIOR ALTERATIONS AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY IMPACT ARCHITECTURE DATED 2/28/2024	N/A	C
3/11/2024	125 MAIN ST FARMINGDALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH DB24-00017	REPOINT EXTERIOR BRICK WORK	N/A	C
3/11/2024	50 HILL RD RONALD BUGLIONE DB24-00019	REPLACE BATHTUB, VANITY, WINDOW, AND INSTALL HIGH HAT LIGHTING	N/A	R
3/11/2024	53 MAIN ST BRUCE COONAN DB24-00020	INSTALL 18 ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY EMPOWER SOLAR DATED 2/21/24.	N/A	R
3/11/2024	246 CHERRY ST ANGELA FRISTACHI PP24-00016	INSTALL NEW OIL BURNER	N/A	R
3/12/2024	35 MAPLE ST GENEVIEVE OLSON DB24-00021	TEMPORARY HOUSING DUE TO HOUSE FIRE	N/A	R
3/12/2024	182 GRANT AVE BARRY A. POTAVIN FP24-00003	6' FENCE NORTHEAST CORNER	N/A	R
3/12/2024	475 E. MAIN ST PPJ REALTY LLC PP24-00017	INSTALL EYE WASH STATION AND EXAM SINK	N/A	C
3/12/2024	570 CONKLIN ST. CHRISTOPHER PERSAD & JESSICA COPPOLA SW24-00001	REPLACE SIDEWALK	N/A	R

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3/13/2024	485 CONKLIN ST ST KILLIAN CHURCH DB24-00022	INSTALL NEW FAMILY ACCESSIBLE REST ROOM AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY RAYMOND CALAMARI JR. ARCHITECT DATED 2/29/24.	N/A	C
3/15/2024	52 BALCOM ST JOHN CURRY DB24-00023	ASPHALT DRIVEWAY	X	R

**PUBLIC HEARING DATES 4/15/24** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-03)**, to set the following public hearing for Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.:

- Stormwater Management MS4 Annual report period ending 3/9/2024.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATES 4/22/24** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-04)**, to set the following public hearing for Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.:

- To renew the Business Improvement District for a five year term.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATES 5/6/24** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-05)**, to set the following public hearing for Monday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.:

- Special Use Permit for 220 Fulton Street

**PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND LOCAL LAW FOR BERNARD ST.** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-06)**, to open the hearing.

The following public comment was made:

- A resident recommended that a “pork chop” be added at the end of the residential section to assist in preventing inbound traffic.

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

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-07)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-08)**, to revise the Village Code to make Bernard Street a two-way street with do not enter from Fulton Street to remain along with one-way exit from Bernard Street to Fulton Street.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND LOCAL LAW FOR BUSINESS DISTRICT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-09)**, to open the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-10)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-11)**, to revise the Village Code to reflect the need for a Special Use Permit in the Business District to 21 seats.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR CDBG YEAR 50**– Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-12)**, to open the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-13)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-14)**, to approve the submission of the Year 50 CDBG application for \$475,000 as follows: Commercial Rehab - \$100,000; Utility Burial - \$225,000; Streetscape - \$150,000.

**NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT TITLE** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-15)**, to create a new Farmingdale Fire Department title “Acting Chief on Demand”.

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**FD INSTALLATION DINNER 2025** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-16)**, to approve catering contract with the Heritage Club at Bethpage State Park to reserve Friday night, October 24, 2025 for the annual Farmingdale Fire Department Installation Dinner at a projected cost of \$36,600.

#### **BEAUTIFICATION –**

- Trustee Parisi said that seasonal plantings will be installed.
- It was recommended to have American flag holders on Main Street light poles for various parade dates.

#### **OLD BUSINESS –**

- A discussion took place regarding Linwood Avenue drainage issues. Mayor Ekstrand informed the public that the NCDPW anticipates completing their maintenance project sometime in May or June and is dependent on the weather. After that, H2M will evaluate the improvements in order to make an informed/up to date recommendation to handle the issues. Mayor Ekstrand committed to call Mayor Kennedy of Freeport to investigate possible pumping applications that have been used there to handle flooding in their waterfront residential areas.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE –**

- Letter from Kathleen Verbil – complimented beautification in the Village

#### **FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None**

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

- A resident from Hampshire Drive requested information about the new homes being developed on Toretta Lane and will meet with Building Superintendent Fellman this week to review plans.

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

**RESOLVED (#2024-04-17)**, to move to Executive Session.

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

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**RESOLVED (#2024-04-18)**, to reconvene the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian P. Harty  
Village Clerk/Treasurer