

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, April 2, 2012
INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2012.

Present: Mayor George Starkie
Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor Patricia Christiansen
Trustee William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Thomas Ryan
Village Attorney Kevin Walsh
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kelly
Public Works Superintendent Andy Fisch

Also Present: Legislator Joseph Belisi
Assemblyman Joseph Saladino
Mayor Joseph Trudden

Mayor Starkie opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with the pledge to the flag.

ELECTION RESULTS – Mayor Starkie announced the election results as follows:

- Mayor – elected Ralph Ekstrand with 815 votes, Georgiana Sena 639 votes
- Trustee – elected William Barrett 824 votes and Thomas Ryan with 784, Michael Manchin 641 votes and Susan Miles 637 votes.

SURPLUS SIGN - Upon a motion made by Trustee Ekstrand and seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-162), to declare the sign at Village Hall as surplus with no value.

FURTHER RESOLVED, to present the sign to Mayor George Starkie as a token of the Board's appreciation for his six years of service to the Village.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS –

- Mayor Starkie swore in Mayor Ralph Ekstrand to his four year term ending April 2016.
- Mayor Ekstrand swore in Trustees William Barrett and Thomas Ryan to four year terms ending April 2016.
- Honorable Salvatore Nicosia swore in Justice Court Clerk Cruthers, Prosecutor Kirk and Deputy Prosecutor Delaquilla to one year terms ending April 2013.
- Mayor Ekstrand swore in the rest of the officials identified listing of Appointments and Designations.

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

RESOLVED (#2012-163), to approve the listing of appointments and designations as presented, a copy of which is adhered to these minutes.

Assemblyman Joseph Saladino was recognized by Mayor Ekstrand and presented citations to Mayor Ekstrand, Trustee Barrett and Trustee Ryan.

MAY BOARD MEETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Mayor made the following announcements

- The next public meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. with a work session to begin at 7:00 p.m.
- The Public Hearing on the 2012/2013 Tentative Budget will take place on Monday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. and the budget will be adopted on Monday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
- All future work sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. – no work sessions will start at 6:00 p.m.

ABSTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-164), that the Abstract of audited vouchers #1040 dated 04/02/12, be approved for payment holding check #734 for the completion of the audit report.

WIRE TRANSFERS – Upon a motion made Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-165), to approve the wire transfers made during March as adhered on to these minutes.

MINUTES – Upon a motion made Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-166), to approve the minutes of BOT Work Sessions of 02/21/12; 03/05/12; 03/12/12; 03/19/12; 03/26/12 and BOT Public Meeting on 03/05/12 as corrected.

USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED, to allow the following use of Village property:

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- Farmingdale Baseball to hold their opening day parade on Sunday, April 22nd beginning at 2 p.m. from Howitt Middle School down Main Street and ending at Allen Park.
- Stratford Green Homeowners Association to hold their semi-annual meeting on April 11th at 7:30 p.m.
- Fire Department will be holding their Memorial Day Parade on May 28th from 10 a.m. beginning at Thomas Powell Blvd. and Yoakum Street.

BLOCK PARTIES - Upon a motion made by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED, to allow the following use of Village property:

- Kevin Faber, 34 Sullivan Rd., on September 2nd (rain date of 9/3) from noon to 11 p.m. closing Sullivan Rd from Taylor to Pinehurst and Manetto Rd from Sullivan to Pinehurst.

BUILDING PERMITS – Administrator Harty presented the following building permits issued since the last meeting:

LOCATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS	ARB
Ariston Deli 960 Fulton St. SP 12-01	Install awning and 4’x8’ sign.	X
Jenny Craig 91 Hempstead Tpke. SP 12-02	Replace sign in light box and on directory.	X
341 Conklin St. Corp. 341 Conklin St. SP 12-03	Install new 2’x16’ sign.	X
Link 17 Ridge Rd. DB 12-16	Install 18’x32” in-ground pool.	N/A
Walker 242 Prospect St. DB 12-17	Install 32 solar panels on the roof.	N/A
Oshun Furniture 253 Main St. DB 12-18	Change in tenancy to retail furniture store. BOT Special Use Approval.	N/A
Dominican Restaurant 305 Main St. DB 12-19	Façade renovation and new vestibule.	X
Schmidt 34 Staples St. DB 12-20	Oil tank abandonment.	X
236-238 Main St. Prop. 236-238 Main St. DB 12-21	Replace two roof top hvac units.	N/A
Bishop 216 Fulton St. – 2H PP 12-08	Replace shower body and retile bathroom.	N/A
Bistakis 19 Quaker Ln.	Replace hvac unit.	N/A

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DB 12-22		
Mucci 25 Bernard St. RO 12-04	Road opening for new gas service.	N/A
Bishop 216 Fulton St. – 2H DB 12-23	Replace shower body and retile bathroom.	N/A
Ricciuti 252 Eastern Pkwy. DB 12-24	Replace two rooftop A/C units.	N/A
Weigand 49 Sullivan Rd. DB 12-25	Replace gas boiler.	N/A
Milone 5 Linwood Ave. DB 12-26	Maintain finished basement.	N/A
HPE Enterprises 521 Conklin St. FP 12-03	Install 43” fence and 47” gate.	N/A
Link 17 Ridge Rd. DB 12-27	Install rear retaining wall.	N/A
Merzbacher 75 Fairview Rd. SWP 12-04	Replace 22 flags in front and on Lenox Rd. side of property.	N/A
Prestige Barber Shop 100 S. Front St. SP 12-04	Install awning sign.	X
E&J Jewelers 319 Main St. SP 12-05	Install 15’x2’ sign with four lights & awning	X
Frankie’s Eastside Pizza 313 Main St. SP 12-06	Install 13’ x 2’ sign with three lights, 28”x28” hanging sign and 17’ awning	X
Distefano 65 Hill Rd. PP 12-09	Install in ground sprinkler system.	N/A

TAXI PERMITS - Upon a motion by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED, to issue 7 taxi permits.

PUBLIC HEARING - A TASTE OF LONG ISLAND – Upon a motion by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-167), to open the public hearing on the Special Use permit for A Taste of Long Island.

After a brief explanation of the business by owners Jim and Courtney Thompson, Village Attorney Walsh questioned the owners on customer seating. Ms. Thompson stated that no seats will be available. The store would be similar to a bakery where the customers would leave with their purchases. Attorney Walsh advised the Board that a Special Use permit is not required and no additional parking demand is necessary.

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The following comments were made from the public:

- Mr. Carosella, Sherman Rd. asked if hot food was to be served. Ms. Thompson stated that they would not have hot food.
- Mr. Addeo, Quaker Ln. asked if they signed a lease and if they had additional locations. Ms. Thompson replied that the lease has been signed and they will be opening additional locations in the future.

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

RESOLVED (#2012-168), to close the public hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2012-169), to refer the matter to Building Department for the proper permits.

PUBLIC HEARING – BARTONE APPLICATION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Ryan and seconded by Trustee Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-170), to open the public hearing on the Bartone Application.

The following people were introduced to explain portions of the application:

- Mr. Anthony Addeo – Attorney for the applicants
- Mr. Robert Brown – Landscape designer
- Mr. Gary Cannella – Registered Architect
- Mr. Eric Zamft – traffic study

Mr. Addeo explained that the application would raise the current building and put up a three story mixed use building. All parking would be underground. Mr. Cannella explained that some of the upper units would have a loft space within the unit. They would be installing a walkway to the Village parking lot and Main Street. The walkway would be landscaped and have proper lighting. The first floor of the building would have retail shops on Secatogue and Front Streets and have resident apartments on Elizabeth.

Mr. Addeo listed the social amenities that the developer is providing to the Village:

- Widen South Front Street to make street parking and two way traffic feasible.
- Remove LIPA poles and bury wires from area adjacent to the property
- Improve access from train to Main Street shops by creating a brick walkway and plantings on Village owned land.
- Eliminate the street flooding on the corner of Secatogue and S. Front Street.
- Install municipal parking meters adjacent to building and all money will be collected by the Village.

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The following comments were made by the public:

- Mr. Orobono, Eastern Parkway – commented that the building was beautiful but felt that some of the social amenities were shared with the hotel project. He also felt that the building would be too dense considering that it backs up against residential properties.
- Mr. Diurno, Fairfield Rd. – stated that he is in favor of revitalization and that we need to allow more projects to proceed. He would like the next project to be on Main Street.
- Mr. Capobianco, Van Cott – asked what the height of the building would be. Mr. Addeo answered 45 feet. He also wanted to know what the impact to the school district would be. The answer was an estimated 19 students.
- Mr. Carosella, Sherman Rd. – asked what makes up the \$400,000 tax figure. Mr. Bartone states that it is a function of retail sales. Mr. Carosella also wanted to know what the purpose of the meters would be. Mayor Ekstrand answered that they would increase the turnover of the spaces. Mr. Carosella went on to ask how much wider is S. Front Street being made. Trustee Parisi answered that the street is being widened 10 feet.
- Mr. Capobianco inquired about the garbage pickup. Mr. Addeo answered that it would be a private carter.
- Mr. Wilson asked for the breakdown on the apartment units. Mr. Cannella stated that the building would house 62 two bedroom units, 52 one bedroom and one studio for a total of 115 units. Mr. Wilson wanted to know if a traffic light is being considered for the corner of Elizabeth and Conklin. Mayor Ekstrand stated that according to the traffic study it would not be needed. Mr. Wilson also wanted to know how it would go on the tax roll – Mayor Ekstrand stated that it would go on as a commercial property.
- Mr. Gosline, Linwood Ave. – asked if they could put a retaining wall to buffer sound from the garage ramp. Mayor Ekstrand stated that it would be considered.

Trustee Barrett stated his concern on the number of spots needed for retail parking. It shows a need for 85 spots but only 22 are being provided.

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

RESOLVED (#2012-171), to declare the Village of Farmingdale as Lead Agency on the Bartone Application (120 Secatogue Ave.) and further declaring it to be an unlisted action and that a Negative Declaration be issued for the project as this action has no significant adverse impact on the environment pursuant to the New York State Environment Quality Review Act. The board referred the application to Nassau County for its review.

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

RESOLVED (#2012-172), to continue the public hearing on May 7th at 8:00 p.m.

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ANNUAL MS4 REPORT – Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-173), to set the public hearing on the Annual MS4 Report for Monday, May 7, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Upon a motion by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Ryan, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-174), to approve the hiring of H2M to prepare the Annual MS4 Report on behalf of the Village for a fee not to exceed \$2,500.

VILLAGE CALENDARS – Upon a motion by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Ryan, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-175), to approve the Village Holiday Schedule with clarification from the labor contract and the amended schedule of Board of Trustee Meetings for Fiscal 2012/2013.

GUASTELLA ASSOCIATES - Upon a motion by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-176), to approve the Guastella Associates invoice for \$15,986.25 payment exceeds prior resolution by \$6,986.25 due to additional analysis resulting from letters sent by water districts.

NY CLASS BANK ACCOUNT - Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-177), to acknowledging the move of NY Class funds to Capital One bank and not Chase bank as stated in the minutes of March 5, 2012.

2010/2011 BUDGET TRANSFERS - Upon a motion by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Ryan, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-178), to approve the budget transfers for the 2010/2011 fiscal year as attached to these minutes.

RESIDENTIAL REHAB - - Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-179), to approve the residential rehab for resident # 2 including handicap accessibility work not to exceed \$10,000.

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BOND PAYMENTS - Upon a motion by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-180), to approve the following bond payments as budgeted:

- May 1, 2012 – payment of \$41,850.00 interest on \$3.3MM bond
- May 15, 2012 – payment of \$71,921.88 interest on \$8.6MM bond
- June 1, 2012 – payment of \$125,000.00 in principal and \$17,193.75 interest on \$1.345MM bond.

STEVE FELLMAN – The Board tabled the discussion until next month.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - Upon a motion by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Barrett, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-181), to approve the mailing of the following monthly payments, throughout the year, prior to the approval on the abstract: Payroll, employee benefits, and payroll taxes.

BANK SIGNERS - Upon a motion by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-182), to approve the following as signers for the Village bank accounts; Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Village Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; any two signing together.

MAYOR'S FACIMILE SIGNATURE - Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Ryan, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-183), to approve the use of the Mayor's facsimile signature to:

- Wire transfers between the Village of Farmingdale's accounts
- Wire transfers approved by Board resolution
- Village of Farmingdale and Youth Council payroll checks
- Youth Council expenditures as listed on abstract
- All checks approved on the abstract

TREE REMOVALS – The Board decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

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HEARING OFFICER - Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Ryan, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-183),

WHEREAS, the Village filed disciplinary charges against a certain employee on or about March 30, 2012 pursuant to Section 75 of the Civil Service Law and the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

WHEREAS, Section 75 of the Civil Service Law allows for the appointment of a hearing officer for disciplinary hearings and that said hearing officer be charged with making a record of such hearing which shall, together with his recommendations, be referred to this body for review and decision

RESOLVED, that the Village of Farmingdale appoints Steven G. Leventhal, Esq., of Leventhal, Sliney & Mullaney, LLP., 15 Remsen Avenue, Roslyn, New York 11576 to act as the hearing officer.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE – Deputy Mayor Christiansen reported that everything was progressing to plant on May 12th and 19th. She will also contact Legislator Belisi to ask Nassau County to clean up the Broad spring area.

OLD BUSINESS – Trustee Barrett asked about the vacuum truck – Superintendent Fisch stated that they have 3 quotes for the repair.

TRUCK #11 REPAIRS - Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2012-184), to authorize Nassau-Suffolk Truck to repair the Vacuum truck (#11) for a cost not to exceed \$1,656.

Trustee Barrett also asked that the lighting in the Waldbaum's parking lot be turned on at night. Code Enforcement Officer Edling stated that she would look into it.

GOOD & WELFARE - The following comments were made:

- Mr. Capobianco stated that he would like to see the Revitalization Committee continue to work to keep the Village moving forward.
- Deputy Mayor Christiansen mentioned that skateboarders on Fairview are very dangerous. Administrator Harty stated that he will call the 8th Precinct.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED, to move to Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

At 12:25 a.m. upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

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RESOLVED, to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further work, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty
Administrator, Village Clerk-Treasurer