

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, April 7, 2025

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 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.

2025/2026 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2025-04-01)**,

- List of appointments
- Village office's Holiday schedule
- Board of Trustees Meeting schedule
- 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
 - 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

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- Investment Policy
- The Village will end its oversight of the Youth Council on May 31, 2025.

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 5th, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, April 14th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, April 28th, 2025 and Monday, May 5th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- Governor Kathy Hochul will be presenting a \$4.5 million award commitment to the Village of Farmingdale at the monthly meeting of the Nassau County Village Officials Association on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025. The funding will be used to construct a theatre in the Village.
- April is Fair Housing Month.
- 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 March 17th Work Session (4/0 vote):
 - Denied all property tax complaint petitions with exceptions by the Board of Assessment Review.
 - Approved Blink Fitness as the designated fitness provider for the Farmingdale Fire Department at a cost of \$240 for 45 members at a cost of \$10,800.
 - Approved a Tax Certiorari settlement for 511 Fulton Street (Omega Gas Station).
 - Approved a request from the Spanish Charismatic Group from St. Kilian's to have a walk commemorating the Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 18, 2025 (Good Friday) from 12:00 Noon until approximately 3:00 p.m.
 - Approved a request from Erin Sharon & Justin Ayoub for a wedding ceremony at the 5 Corners Park Gazebo on Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Approved a request from Adalgisa Jimenez & Rafael Hernandez for a wedding ceremony at the Village Green or Courtroom on Friday, March 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

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- Approved a request from St. Kilian Parish to ticket vehicles illegally parked in handicap spaces in the parish's parking lot on Conklin Street, across from the church.
- Approved a request from Schneider's Farm for the use of the Village Green for their Farmer's Market on Sundays starting June 1st, 2025 and running through November 23rd, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
- Approved the transfer of Village property to 345 Staples Street as identified.
- Set a public hearing for exceeding the New York State Tax Cap on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- Set a public hearing for salary increases for the Mayor and Board of Trustees on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the March 24th Work Session:
 - Accepted the 2023/2024 Justice Court audit reports as submitted by Nawrocki Smith LLP.
 - Hired Joseph E. Richardson as a Part-Time Building Inspector at a rate of \$75.00 per hour.
 - Approved public assembly inspection fee of \$250.
 - Raised the non-resident LIRR parking fee to \$500.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2025-04-02)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1196 dated April 7, 2025.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 3/3/25, 3/17/25, 3/24/25
- Use of Village Property:
 - Request by AARP to place 25-50 flags on the Village Green celebrating Flag Day set up and removal are planned.
 - Farmingdale United Methodist Church event at the Gazebo May 3rd at 4:00 p.m.
 - The Cultural Arts Committee will host a "Bonsai" training seminar on June 21, 2025 in the Village Courtroom.
- Block Party Applications:
 - None

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- 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
3/4/2025	217 MAIN ST ROSS FINN SP25-00002	ARB APPROVED. BOTH BLADE SIGNS NEED TO BE AT MAXIMUM HEIGHT POSSIBLE	X	C
3/4/2025	189 MAIN ST FLORES MONCADA CORP SP25-00003	189 MAIN ST- ARB APPROVED AS SUBMITTED	X	C
3/4/2025	621 FULTON ST TIM PETROU SP25-00004	ARB APPROVED WITH SILVER METALLIC BORDERS FOR BOTH SIGNS	X	C
3/4/2025	250 CONKLIN ST SERVICE SIGNS LLC SP25-00005	ARB APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BUT NO BOX SIGNS – MUST BE BACKLIT SILHOUETTE SIGNS	X	C
3/5/2025	4 TORETTA LANE BLACK COURSE DB25-00008	NEW TWO STORY DWELLING WITH ATTACHED GARAGE AS PER DRAWINGS BY TODD OCONNELL ARCHITECT DATED 6/16/23.	N/A	R
3/5/2025	9 PROSPECT ST NASEER JAN DB25-00009	INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS, GRID TIED, 10 MODULES, 4.1 KW	N/A	R
3/14/2025	151 OAKVIEW AVE BEN CLAASE DB25-00010	BUILD NEW DETACHED ONE CAR GARAGE	N/A	R
3/14/2025	334 MAIN ST MELISSA MATASSA FP25-00003	6' CHAIN LINK FENCE	N/A	C
3/18/2025	185 MAIN ST VINTAGE DB25-00011	MINOR INTERIOR ALTERATION & DUMPSTER	N/A	C
3/19/2025	354 MAIN ST T.P. REALTY DB25-00012	MINOR INTERIOR ALTERATIONS	N/A	C
3/19/2025	128 FAIRFIELD RD LYNDA DURAB PP25-00003	DIRECT REPLACEMENT OF GAS BOILER & GAS FIRED INDIRECT HOT WATER HEATER	N/A	R
3/19/2025	328 VAN COTT AVE XIAO HAI TENG DB25-00013	LEGALIZE EXISTING INGROUND POOL	N/A	R
3/19/2025	33 DUANE ST LAWRENCE MAEURER DB25-00014	26 ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS	N/A	R
3/25/2025	15 HARRISON PL IMELDA REID	INSTALL 8 ROOF TOP SOLAR PANELS	N/A	R

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	DB25-00015			
3/26/2025	14 PAINE AVE LYONS FAMILY TRUST PP25-00004	INSTALL POOL HEATER	N/A	R
3/27/2025	14 PAINE AVE LYONS FAMILY TRUST PP25-00004	REPLACE ABOVE GROUND POOL	N/A	R
3/27/2025	330 CONKLIN ST. CONKLIN PROPERTIES LLC DB25-00017	REMOVING NON-BEARING WALL. INSTALLING GOLF SIMULATOR BAYS	N/A	C
3/28/2025	2 TORETTA LA TORETTA ESTATES DB25-00018	NEW TWO STORY DWELLING WITH ATTACHED GARAGE AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY TODD O'CONNELL ARCHITECT DATED 2/27/25.	X	R
3/31/2025	97 NELSON ST JUSTIN COOPERMAN DB25-00020	BUILDING RETAINING WALL AT BACK OF PROPERTY	N/A	R
4/1/2025	21 PINEHURST RD JOSEPH GRIELLO PP25-00006	2 WATER CLOSETS, 1 LAUNDRY TUB, 1 KITCHEN SINK, 3 LAVATORIES, 2 SHOWERS, 1 DISH WASHER AND 1 WETBAR.	N/A	R
4/1/2025	63 HALLOCK ST JOSEPH LOMOT DB25-00021	MAINTAIN EXISTING HOUSE (OLD PERMIT #323 ISSUED 7/20/31)	N/A	R
4/1/2025	37 DALE DR SUI XIANG ZHANG PP25-00007	INSTALL A DRYER	N/A	R
4/1/2025	65 SULLIVAN RD SEAN CONRAD DB25-00019	DEMO & UPDATING OF KITCHEN & BATHROOM. SHEETROCK, PAINT. REPLACE SIDING. REPLACE GARAGE DOORS.	N/A	R

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

RESOLVED (#2025-04-03), to set the following public hearing for Monday, May 5, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Resolution for a new local law entitled “Restricted Parking”

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CELL SERVICE AT MARQUIS PLAZA – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-04-04), to adjourn the hearing for a Special Use Permit for installation of Verizon Cell Services at Marquis Plaza Shopping Center to Monday, June 2, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.

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COPAIGUE FIRE DISTRICT AGREEMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-04-05), to approve an agreement between the Copaigue Fire District and the Village of Farmingdale where Copaigue will supply skilled mechanics and staff to perform repair and maintenance on Village of Farmingdale Fire apparatus for fees as indicated.

BIKE RACK & PLAQUE PURCHASE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-04-06), to approve the purchase of a bike rack and plaque, including all shipping charges from Site Specialists at a total cost of \$1,309.10.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-04-07), to approve a new security wall to be constructed on the Village Green by Roadwork Ahead under our requirements contract in the amount of \$60,000.

OPEN CONTAINER LAW WAIVER – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-04-08), to waive the open container law for four “Music on Main” events scheduled for July 10th, July 24th, August 7th, and August 21st with a rain date of August 28th summer 2025 season in conformance with New York State Liquor Authority Regulations.

LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-04-09), to approve Castro Family Landscaping annual maintenance contract in the amount of \$32,995 (to be paid in 10 monthly installments) and clean-ups, tree removals, stump grindings and tasks as assigned at \$90 per man/per hour.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	nay
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye

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Trustee Craig Rosasco

aye

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

RESOLVED (#2025-04-10), to declare truck Highway 10, a 1994 Navistar International dump truck VIN #1HTSCAAP55H640228 as surplus as it has reached its life expectancy.

DPW TRUCK REPAIR – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-04-11), to approve the repair of DPW Truck (Highway #15) by Checkpoint Automotive to solve an engine knock in the amount of \$6,963.65.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi reported that efforts are ongoing and that Castro Family Landscaping is donating certain services assisting in keeping costs down during this busy planting season.
- DPW and volunteers continue to make the Village look great with seasonal applications including hanging baskets for the late spring and summer seasons.

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident on Secatogue Ave. expressed concern for safety at Secatogue Ave. and Van Cott Ave. as on street parking is causing near miss conditions.
- A resident requested an update for Phase Three of the Linwood drainage project.
- A resident was in favor of exceeding the tax cap if needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty

Village Clerk/Treasurer