

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, April 7, 2025

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 7:00 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

The following topics were discussed:

- Discussed 27 Merokee Place tree/sidewalk issues – try to save the tree if possible.
- Discussed proposed security wall for the Village Green – agreed to move ahead with new wall.
- Discussed agreement with the Copaigue Fire District for the Copaigue FD to provide mechanical services on fire apparatus at the rate of \$105.00 per hour during normal business hours and \$157.50 for overtime work – agreed to execute contract.
- Discussed 2025/2026 budget.
- Fire Department:
 - Annual election of officers. Installation took place on April 4, 2025.
 - Dispatch booth floor has been replaced.
- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit has been issued, waiting for permit to be picked up. Spoke to attorney, awaiting response for start date – mark outs for demo are underway.
 - Verizon's attorney has requested adjournment of the April 7 public hearing for the clock tower cell service installation at the Marquis Shopping Center to June 2, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.
 - Bodega on Conklin St. signage reviewed, order to remedy has been issued.

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- The Pour Authority 335 Main Street - application received, will have 114 seats. Need Special Use Permit, denial letter issued. Permit issued for interior build-out.
- A seafood restaurant, Captain Ihab, will be moving into 193 Main Street, following up on special use permit – nothing filed.
- Barnyard needs a Special Use Permit.
- 20 Quaker Lane – completed, moving leader to control rainwater flow.
- Review Casa Stellina for compliance and expansion.
- Need Board of Trustees input regarding tents in rear yard.
- Proposed subdivision at 368 Melville Road. Waiting for next steps from developer as all conditions have been made clear.
- Vintage is being rebranded by the current owner.
- The barbershop next to Mer's Pub needs to go to the Planning Board for a new barber pole, waiting for application.
- Preliminary meeting was held with JPD/owners of Synergy Gym property for an upgrade. They are considering their options for the property.
- Met with Dark Horse regarding rear yard cleanup, outdoor dining, dumpster – waiting for plan submission.
- Restaurants need to be inspected annually and other businesses every three years. Organizing this with new Building Inspector and Building Department staff.
- Permits issued for three remaining houses at Toretta Estates.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - New DPW Yoakum St. Park is completed (berm behind park needs completion/May 2025).
 - Street lighting at the Melville Road/Secatogue Avenue intersection (Superintendent Patanjo) – new light will be added to pole nearest to intersection by Town of Oyster Bay Lighting.

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- Altice/LIRR plan for North Main Street – awaiting final plans and related costs. Altice to submit plans to LIRR for LIRR permit.
 - Follow up with H2M regarding Linwood - ongoing.
 - LIRR pot belly stove was refurbished by Doug Ketchum of the Highway Department, to be installed in the Farmingdale Train Station. Discussing with LIRR.
 - 5 maple trees will be added to 5 Corners Park in the spring of 2025 with one additional maple being removed.
 - Establishing 2 year cycle for drain cleaning/maintenance.
 - Highway 15 needs engine repair totaling \$6,963.65.
 - Linwood Phase 3 planning is underway with soil testing and planning. Paving of Linwood Ave. will be done in the near term.
 - Updating all three contractors and Nassau County for Main Street construction.
 - Awaiting schedule from Hello Alert for surveillance camera installation.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - DPW crews assisted the Water Department with a service leak at 345 Staples Street.
 - DPW crews repaired the temporary road patch in front of 345 Staples Street.
 - Amityville DPW assisted us with the boom truck to remove Christmas lights on the Village Green tree and Gertrude Park tree.
 - Crews still repairing potholes around the Village.
 - DPW crews have been cleaning out the Thomas Powell House property.
 - Crews helped with the St. Patrick's Day parade.
 - Stapleton was in removing dead trees.
 - Crews have been cleaning up the DPW yard from all the construction.
 - Crews will be going out soon to power wash the walkways on Main Street.
 - Island Energy replaced the a/c unit on the roof of Fire Headquarters.
 - Sweeper has been out in all zones.
- Water Department:

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- Well 1-3 is now fully operational.
- New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 - construction has been completed.
- Plant 2 construction – underway/ongoing.
- Master schedule is being followed by PRI through completion for all wells, expected to be May 2025.
- PWGC is providing data to assist in securing legal settlements.
- A grant of \$1 million has been committed & received through County Legislator John Ferretti to offset costs of the new water treatment systems.
- The Village will be reapplying to the Federal Government for funding for a new water tank at Ridge Road.
- Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed and next steps are being developed.
- Lead and Copper letters have been sent to residents with galvanized services.
- Requirements contracts have been awarded to successful bidders.
- Philip Ross Industries reported that all wells will be operating for the summer season.
- The grants for Wells 2-2 and 2-3 from the State of New York through the WIIA grant program is capped at \$4.6 million.
- Testing has started on Well 2-2. Well 2-3 is nearing completion.
- Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
- Code Department:
 - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card slot).
 - Electrification of all parking meters is nearing completion.
 - Sign posts and new signage are being installed by DPW – nearing completion.

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- Noise issues on Main Street will be addressed as noted by code officers. If complaints are received, please forward to appropriate code or building department for resolution.
- Code reviewing Main Street security for events with NCPD.
- Ticketing in CVS shopping center in fire lanes and handicapped spaces has started.
- Set meeting with FBS to discuss contract at mid-May work session.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer