

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PUBLIC HEARING ON 2021-2022 BUDGET  
Monday, April 12, 2021  
INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held remotely at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk Barbara Kelly

**Absent:** Trustee Anthony Addeo  
Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Superintendent of Buildings Steve Fellman

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

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**RESOLVED (#2021-04-18)**, to open the hearing.

Deputy Mayor Barrett mentioned that the average homeowner will be paying \$3.00 per month more than last year and that the tax levy is within the New York State Tax Cap.

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

**RESOLVED (#2021-04-19)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2021-04-20)**, to adopt the 2021-2022 Budget:

**2021/2022 Budget Resolution**

**RESOLVED**, to adopt the 2021/2022 Budget as presented with a net budget of \$4,235,104 with the following appropriations: Unrestricted surplus to be appropriated of \$65,000; Reserve for Debt to be appropriated of \$37,085 and Fire Department Reserve to be appropriated of \$56,944. The total tax levy of \$4,076,075 is a increase of 3.35% and within the New York State allowable tax cap limit.

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**FURTHER RESOLVED**, to certify the tax shares or base proportion percentages as follows: Homestead 65.3779% and Non-homestead of 34.6221% and the tax levy breakdown as: Homestead \$2,664,852 and Non-homestead of \$1,411,223. Corresponding tax rates are \$2.842177/1,000 in assessed value for Homestead and \$5.150481/1,000 in assessed value for Non-homestead.

The following topic was discussed:

- Mayor Ekstrand, Deputy Mayor Barrett and Trustee Parisi attended the Farmingdale Fire Department's installation of officers on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at the firehouse. They swore in the new officers and thanked outgoing Chief Michael DiBartolo for doing a great job during his tenure. They congratulated Walter Buser as the new Chief of the Department, Micheal Tortoso as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief and Matthew Hammond as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief. William Reilly was sworn in as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and Frank Romano was sworn in for a five year term as a commissioner. The Fire Department responded to over 1800 calls in 2020 – a job well done during Covid-19.

**CLOSE WORKSESSION** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2021-04-21)**, to adjourn the work session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer