

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, April 28, 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 28, 2025.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

**Absent:** Trustee Craig Rosasco

**LOSAP 2024** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-04-23)**, to approve the 2024 Firefighter Records lists as submitted by the Village of Farmingdale Fire Department (LOSAP).

**SURPLUS VEHICLE SALE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-04-24)**, to approve the sale of Building Dept. #1 2013 Chevrolet Equinox, VIN# 2GNFLCEK8D206295, in the amount of \$3,600 and Highway 10, a 1994 Navistar International dump truck, VIN# iHTSCAAP55H640228, in the amount of \$2,225 from the winning bids through Auctions International.

**BLOCK PARTY** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-04-25)**, to approve a request from Kevin Faber of 34 Sullivan Road to hold a block party on Sunday, August 31, 2025 (rain Date September 1<sup>st</sup>) from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sullivan Road will be closed from Secatogue Avenue to Pinehurst Road and Manetto Road will be closed from Sullivan Road to Pinehurst Road.

**KIWANIS CLUB FAIR** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-04-26)**, to approve a request from Kiwanis Club to amend their permit to allow a petting zoo and pony rides at their fair in August **only**.

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**USE OF FACILITIES - LILSL** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-04-27)**, to approve a request from the Long Island Ladies Soccer League to hold their annual board meeting in the Courtroom on Thursday, June 5, 2025 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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

**RESOLVED (#2025-04-28)**, to approve Roadwork Ahead, under the requirements contract, to mill & pave the following locations at a cost of \$176,329.54: Railroad Lot, Linwood Avenue, Ridge Road (75 feet in each direction of Linwood Avenue), Arthur Street (between Thomas Powell Blvd. and Linwood Avenue), and Jefferson Road (between Linwood Avenue and Paine Avenue).

The following topics were discussed:

- Discussed tabled public hearing to adopt a local law for salary increases for the Board of Trustees and the Mayor. Where the Board of Trustees shall be paid \$20,000 annually with the Deputy Mayor being paid an additional \$1,000 annually to \$21,000 and the Mayor \$45,000 annually. Public Hearing Tabled/Continued until May 19, 2025 @ 7pm.
- Fire Department
- 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.
  - 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.

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- Barnyard needs a Special Use Permit.
- 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 – inspections underway.
- Permits issued for three remaining houses at Toretta Estates.
- Safety Inspector – doing well, talked about public inspection reason why we started doing all of this. Joe created a checklist.
- 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 – completed.
  - 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.

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- 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.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- DPW crews have been doing the outer area cleanups.
- DPW crews adding playground mulch in Gergras Park.
- Stapleton was in removing and trimming trees on Atlantic Ave.
- Town of Oyster Bay crews will be in on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for parking meters.
- DPW crews have been running loads of sweeping out to Brookhaven landfill.
- DPW crews have been out power washing the Village Green and the sidewalks in the downtown areas.
- American flags will be put out onto Main Street next week.
- Town of Oyster Bay lighting has been in for streetlight repairs.
- DPW crews have cleaned out the waterfalls at Northside park and will be turned on next week.
- Castro Landscaping has been in fertilizing and mulching.
- All flags are at half-staff in honor of Pope Francis.
- Water Department:
  - 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.

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- A grant of \$1 million has been received through County Legislator John Ferretti.
- 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 expected to be completed by mid-May, then Nassau County Health Department approval is needed.
- Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
- From John Falbo:
  - We are making repairs to faulty meters and radio units for proper billing.
  - General housekeeping
  - Monthly sampling of AOP
  - Monitoring all work at Ridge Road
- 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.
  - 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.

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- 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.
  - APB Security has been cancelled for Friday and Saturday nights.
- Discussion regarding \$3.1M Synergy building purchase, provide survey to Bartone.
- Thomas Powell House:
  - May need an estate seller
  - Best approach to cleanout
  - 3 tables in rooms, brought up to sort
- Castro Landscaping is planting flowers throughout the Village and at Thomas Powell & Yoakum.
- Random drug testing

**RACK & EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-04-29)**, to approve the purchase and installation of two NavePoint 6U Deluxe Wallmount Cabinet Enclosures, Cable Matters UL Listed Rackmount or Wall Mounts, NavePoint Cantilever Server Shelf Vented Shelf Rack Mounts at a total cost of \$4,644.68. For Use at wells 1/3 and 2/2.

**USE OF FACILITIES – ART CRAWL** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-04-30)**, to approve a request by Colored Colors to hold an Art Crawl/”Second Sundays” event on Main Street on the following dates: Sunday, May 4, 2025 (rain date May 18), Sunday, June 15, 2025, Sunday, July 13, 2025, Sunday, August 10, 2025, Sunday, September 7, 2025 and Saturday, October 4, 2025. Main Street will remain open to traffic but no parking will be allowed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer