

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, May 5, 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, May 5, 2025.

Present: Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

Absent: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be announced – reviewed proposed hearings
- Fire Department
- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit has been issued, fee has been paid.
 - 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 - 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. He is having difficulties with contractor.
 - Barnyard needs a Special Use Permit – C/O issued.
 - Review Casa Stellina for compliance and expansion.
 - Need Board of Trustees input regarding tents in rear yard.
 - Proposed subdivision at 368 Melville Road – hearing to be scheduled tonight.

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- Vintage at 185 Main Street is being rebranded by the current owner. Planning Board complete, construction has started.
- 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. Planning is underway, will submit application soon.
- Restaurants need to be inspected annually and other businesses every three years. Organizing this with new Building Inspector and Building Department staff – inspections underway.
- 199 Cherry Street – health conditions and property maintenance issues were discussed.
- 187 Thomas Powell Blvd. – property maintenance was discussed.
- 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).
 - 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. Ordering trees for the park tonight.
 - Establishing 2 year cycle for drain cleaning/maintenance. Drains that need to be cleaned have been identified and will be done in the near term.

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- The north LIRR lot will be partially re-paved on Saturday, May 10 along with milling of the Linwood area with paving to be done during the week of May 12.
- Weeding in parking lots under bushes is needed.
- Replace leland that has died in Parking Lot 2.
- 187 Thomas Powell Blvd. has property maintenance issues.
- Meters that are out of order need to have signs to proceed to the next working meter.
- 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 5th 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.
 - DPW crews set up for NCPD Richard Rose street dedication ceremony.
- Water Department:
 - Well 1-3 is fully operational.
 - 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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- Total grants promised/received \$8.6 million.
- 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
 - Pumping season has begun
- Code Department:
 - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card receptacle).
 - 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.
- Two walk-in resolutions were discussed: One for Tiny Songbirds' request to use Gergras Park and another for trees to be installed at 5 Corners Park.
- PSEG-LI will be holding an economic development Small Business seminar at Zuzu on Thursday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m.
- A pre-construction meeting for North Main Street reconstruction is scheduled for May 8 at 10:00 a.m.

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