

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, May 6, 2024

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024.

Present: Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley (left at 8:35 p.m.)
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

Absent: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand

Deputy Mayor Barrett opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Presentation to the family of Beatrice Ferrari in recognition of her service to the Farmingdale High School students & the community, declaring May 15 as “Beatrice Ferrari Day”. Deputy Mayor Barrett presented a proclamation to the family of Beatrice Ferrari declaring that May 15 (her birthday) will forever be Beatrice Ferrari Day in the Village of Farmingdale. A “Daler Strong” flag with a heart shape shall be flown on the Village Green to commemorate the day each year. A smaller version of the “Daler Strong” flag was also presented to the family. The proclamation read as follows:

The Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale, on behalf of all our citizens, takes great pleasure in declaring May 15th, 2024 as

BEATRICE FERRARI DAY

This prestigious award is a celebration and tribute to Bea’s untiring efforts and contributions to the students of Farmingdale High School, their families and the Farmingdale community. Bea was an inspiration to her students. She was always there for them, never giving up on those who were having a rough time. Bea continued to chaperone band camp after retirement, eventually driving around the band camp grounds in a golf cart famously known as the B-Mobile. Bea was also an active member of St. Kilian Church and the Farmingdale Women’s Club, and was also recognized as a Nassau County Woman of Distinction.

Our sincerest gratitude to Bea for her commitment and dedication to her students and the entire Farmingdale community. She will be sorely missed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – Deputy Mayor Barrett made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, May 20th, 2024 and Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Open Mic Night will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.
- The Farmingdale Fire Department’s annual Memorial Day will be held on Monday, May 27, 2024 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the April 8th Work Session:
 - Approved a bid for surplus Fire Department walk-in refrigerator via Auctions International for \$1,000.
 - Approved the purchase of planters for Main Street from Artistic Statuary at a cost of \$8,900.
- The following resolutions were approved at the April 15th Work Session (4/0 vote):
 - Approved the 2023 Firefighter Records lists as submitted by the Village of Farmingdale Fire Department (LOSAP).
 - Accepted the update report on the Village of Farmingdale Master Plan prepared by VHB.
- The following resolutions were approved at the April 22nd Work Session:
 - Approved the following events at Lithology Brewing Co. (211A Main St.) in 2024:
 - Use of 5 parking spaces in Parking Lot 3, behind Lithology for a live music event in partnership with Colored Colors on Saturday, June 15, 2024 (rain date June 22) from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The actual time of the event is 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., 50-100 people are expected.
 - Use of 5 parking spaces in Parking Lot 3, behind Lithology for a Dog Meet-Up event on Sunday, June 23, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The actual time of the event is 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., about 50 people are expected.
 - Use of 5 parking spaces in Parking Lot 3, behind Lithology for an anniversary party with food from Chiddy’s Food Truck and possibly live music on Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The actual time of the event is 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., 50-75 people are expected.

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- Use of 10 parking spaces in Parking Lot 3, behind Lithology for an Oktoberfest celebration with food from Chiddy's Food Truck on Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The actual time of the event is 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., approximately 100 people are expected.
- Use of 5 parking spaces in Parking Lot 3, behind Lithology for a Dog Meet-Up event on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The actual time of the event is 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., about 50 people are expected.
- Use of 10 parking spaces in Parking Lot 3, behind Lithology for a Winterfest celebration with live music and food from Chiddy's Food Truck on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The actual time of the event is 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., approximately 100 people are expected.
- Approved a request from Farmingdale BID to hold an Art Crawl on Main Street on the second Sunday of each month from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates: May 12, 2024, June 9, 2024, July 14, 2024, August 11, 2024, September 8, 2024 and either October 6, 2024 or October 20, 2024. No parking will be permitted during those hours on Main Street.
- Renewed the Business Improvement District for 5 years.
- Adopted the 2024-2025 Budget (4-1 vote).
- Approved a request from the Cultural Arts Committee to use the Gazebo and the lawn in front of it for a Medieval History Day with the SCA on Saturday, June 1, 2024 (rain date June 8) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Approved a request from Towne House West Owners, Inc. to use the Court Room for their annual Cooperative Shareholder meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2024 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Approved a request from Brooke Sinnott to use the Gazebo/Village Green (or the Court Room if it rains) for a wedding ceremony on Friday, September 6, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Approved a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department to hold their annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2024. Assembly will be at Northside Elementary School and kickoff will be at 10:00 a.m. The viewing stand will be in front of Village Hall for ceremonies after the parade.
- Approved the use of ARPA money in the amount of \$635,646.17 for water tower demolition expenditures.

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- Approved a request from the L. I. Ladies Soccer League to use the Court Room for their annual board meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Coffee will be served.
- Approved a request from the Cultural Art Committee to hold a Beginners Exhibition Chrysanthemum Workshop, presented by the Long Island Chrysanthemum Society, on Saturday, June 15, 2024 and Saturday, August 17, 2024 beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- Approved an increase in Belgian Block for the new Yoakum Street Park in the amount of \$11,000.
- Approved \$2,500 as settlement with A. J. Rego.
- Approved outfitting of the new Chief's car by Command Fleet, cost not to exceed \$20,062.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2024-05-03),**

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1185 dated May 6, 2024.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 4/1/24, 4/8/24 (as amended), 4/15/24, 4/22/24
- Use of Village Property:
 - None
- Block Party Applications:
 - None
- Tax certiorari's:
 - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: 332 Fulton Street LLC Sec 48, Blk. 445, Lot 313: Premises 330-332 Fulton Street (Haunted House of Hamburgers), for tax years 2017/18 through and including 2024/2025 for a refund of \$9,000, with a reduction in assessed value to \$875,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2025/26 through and including 2027/28, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.
 - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: LCM Investors, Inc. Sec 49, Blk. 73, Lot 11: Premises 169 Main Street (My Grandmother's Kitchen), for tax years 2018/19 through and including 2024/2025 for a refund of \$3,500, with a reduction in assessed value to \$550,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2025/26 through and including 2027/28, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

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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
4/3/2024	299 EASTERN PKWY DISH WIRELESS LLC DB24-00024	INSTALL 3 NEW ANTENNAS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY WFC ARCHITECTS.	N/A	C
4/3/2024	23 ROSE ST PATRICK CARLSON SW24-00002	REPLACE SIDEWALK	N/A	R
4/5/2024	33 SHERMAN RD MICHAEL & LAURA ANN DIMAGGIO DB24-00025	REPLACE STOOP AND PATIO	N/A	R
4/9/2024	103 ELIZABETH ST. BARBHUIYAN AHMED DB24-00026	WIDEN DRIVEWAY APRON	N/A	R
4/9/2024	44 WEIDEN ST. CARL & BARBARA BECKER DB24-00027	INSTALL 12’ X 24’ INGROUND FIBERGLASS POOL	N/A	R
4/9/2024	6 LINDEN ST MARIA & JOSEPH PIZZIRUSSO DB24-00028	MAINTAIN BASEMENT SINK	N/A	R
4/10/2024	20 QUAKER LA NATIONAL GRID RO24-00002	ONE 4 X 4 BELLHOLE TO INSTALL GAS SERVICE	N/A	R
4/17/2024	23 ROSE ST MACCARONE PLUMBING PP24-00019	INSTALL BACKFLOW PREVENTER AND LAWN SPRINKLERS	N/A	R
4/22/2024	42 QUAKER LANE LINDA AMPER PP24-00020	REPLACE EXISTING BOILER AND HOT WATER HEATER	N/A	R
4/22/2024	20 QUAKER LA MOHIUDDIN JAHANGIR PP24-00021	OIL TO GAS CONVERSION	N/A	R
4/22/2024	21 LINWOOD AVE CARMINE AUFIERO DB24-00029	INSTALL TWO 8’ DIAMETER DRYWELLS IN REAR YARD	N/A	R
4/23/2024	57 OAKVIEW AVE JEANINE SACCO DB24-00030	REAR ADDITION AND PLATFORM AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY SEAN BIRD ARCHITECT DATED 9/21/23.	N/A	R
4/23/2024	18 DALE DR. MICHAEL BUONO FP24-00004	INSTALL 6’ HIGH PVC FENCE ALONG REAR PROPERTY LINE.	N/A	R
4/23/2024	103 FULTON ST. FAST SIGNS OF WEST BABYLON SP24-00004	APPROVED FOR BACKLIT CHANNEL LIGHTING – ADD METALLIC IN THE DOT IN THE “I” IN DOMINOS.	X	C

Resolution to set the following public hearings on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.: No public hearings scheduled for June 3.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 220 FULTON ST. – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-05-04), to open the hearing.

Anthony Guardino, attorney for the applicant, provided a detailed presentation and booklet outlining the proposed project. He also specified the need for a special use permit as it is a “Like or Similar Use” to ones that are delineated as permitted under the code. Mr. Guardino included the installation of a washing station that the NCDOH is approving. He also stated that he believed this project will have a positive impact on land values. Thomas Walsh, architect for the project, provided details about the renderings which included changes in garage doors – adding one door on the east side and closing one door on the other side to make the site function as a car rental facility. Theresa Matters from Enterprise provided the hours of operation (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturday) and the efficiency of this location. Employees who work at this location will park on site and not in the neighborhood.

The following public comment was made:

- A resident was concerned about an increase in traffic through the adjacent residential neighborhood. A “No Right Turn” sign will be installed on the Iroquois Place exit.
- A resident was concerned about exterior lighting. The applicant’s architect assured the neighbors that all lighting will be contained on site.

The former site plan indicated a water element on the corner. The applicant asked if that could be reconsidered; he will discuss that issue as well as proper signage following the Village code where no “Box Signs” are permitted with the Planning Board/ARB. The applicant said that they would be in compliance with all sign codes.

Trustee Priestley left.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-05-05), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-05-06), to approve a Special Use Permit for 220 Fulton Street.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT EXTENSION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2024-05-07), to extend the Special Use Permit for 153 Fulton Street (7-11/Sunoco) for a period of one year ending July 11, 2025 with a fee of \$2,500.

CONVENE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-05-08), to convene the Board of Assessment Review.

CORRECTION OF ERRORS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-05-09), to accept the Correction of Error form filed by the Assessor to correct the assessment of 215 Prospect Street (49.971.301) on the Final Assessment Roll for 2024. Assessment should be lowered to \$250,000 due to house fire in August 2023.

ADJOURN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-05-10), to adjourn the Board of Assessment Review.

REFURBISH PARKING LOT SIGNS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-05-11), to approve Bullseye Sign to refurbish parking lot signs included in estimate in Parking Lots 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 and adding Parking Lot 4 for a total amount of \$4,170.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR EXIT SIGNS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-05-12), to approve J. D. Faro Electric Inc. to furnish & install electrical equipment for exit signs at Village Hall and the Fire Department at a cost of \$11,200.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi said May will be a very busy month with plantings in the Village Green, 5 Corners Park and Northside Park, hanging baskets on Main Street and in parking lots and new trees and flowers will be placed in planter boxes on Main Street by volunteers and DPW.

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OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Senior Citizens of Farmingdale Inc. – thanking the Village for its ongoing contribution and support.

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- Residents of the Prospect Street neighborhood expressed opposition to the proposal made to the Planning Board by the applicant to reconstruct the two-family home at 215 Prospect Street that was destroyed by fire. They opposed the size of the building and expressed concern about it becoming a potential rooming house (some discussion revolved around what constitutes a rooming house – interior doors locked to bedrooms was one example) with a number of unrelated people living in the premises. They also expressed dismay that prior tenants had SWAT teams, a number of police visits and loud noises coming from the residence. On-site parking requirements are another concern as far as how the site will or won't function. One resident mentioned that he had a reference of the square footage of the demolished property. The Village Attorney and a Trustee indicated that no approvals have been granted and the proposed building does not meet the code. Additionally, it was indicated that the Board has heard the concerns of the residents about this location and will address the issues with the property owner. No future hearings or approvals will be granted without public notification.
- Linwood Avenue: An update was provided about a field visit to the Village of Freeport to investigate their pumping system dealing with severe flooding in the areas adjacent to canals. This information was presented to H2M for evaluation as a potential solution for Linwood Avenue. H2M was tasked with calculating the maximum capacity of the Jefferson sump in conjunction with planned catch basin additions on Ridge Road and adding piping to connect the system to the Jefferson sump. Additional catch basins are planned upstream of this area along with H2M's recommendation to increase the size of the Tulane sump. H2M has been tasked to survey the sump and provide data for the proposed Tulane sump expansion. Nassau County is working to complete the maintenance of the sump south of the LIRR tracks. Linwood Ave. residents inquired about potential funding for their losses through Supervisor Saladino and Mayor Ekstrand's efforts to contact County Executive Blakeman.
- A resident of Prospect Street requested a clean-up of the wooded area behind the Citibank property on Conklin Street.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer