

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, June 2, 2025

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 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

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

Presentation of portrait of former Mayor George Graf to be added to the “Wall of Honor” on the Courtroom wall: Mayor Ekstrand and the Board of Trustees thanked former Mayor Graf for his service to the Village. Mayor Ekstrand noted the securing a “Brownfield Opportunity Planning Grant” which led to a new Master Plan and subsequent “Downtown Mixed Use” code. The Mayor welcomed former Mayor Graf to the Farmingdale Village Wall of Honor. Mayor Graf spoke and thanked all for participating in the visioning process when the new Master Plan was being developed and he is delighted with what the Village has become.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, July 7th, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, June 16th, 2025, Monday, June 23rd, 2025 and Monday, July 7th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Farmer’s Market is being held every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Village Green until November 23, 2025.
- The Farmingdale Fire Department will host a street fair on Sunday, June 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Rain dates: June 14th or June 21st)
- Village Pops concert will be held on the following Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: June 25th, July 2nd, July 9th, July 16th, July 23rd and July 30th.
- Movie Nights will be held on the following Tuesdays: July 8th, July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th, August 12th and August 19th.

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- Music on Main will be held on the following Thursdays: July 10th, July 24th, August 7th and August 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a rain date of August 28th.
- The following resolutions were approved at the May 19th Work Session:
 - Extended the FBS contract with the Village of Farmingdale from May of 2025 to June 1, 2028.
 - Approved the following fees for Fire Safety/Public Assembly inspections: Occupancy of 1-25 = \$50.00, 26-50 = \$100.00, 51+ = \$250.00.
 - Adjourned the public hearing regarding salary increases for the Board of Trustees and the Mayor until June 2, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.
 - Approved the 2026 Farmingdale Fire Department Annual Installation Dinner at the Heritage Club at Bethpage State Park on Friday, October 23, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$37,515.
 - Approved the 2027 Farmingdale Fire Department Annual Installation Dinner at the Heritage Club at Bethpage State Park on Friday, October 22, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$38,430.
 - Approved a request from the Farmingdale High School Thespian Honor Society to hold a “Theater Showcase: A Night of Musicals” on the Village Green & Gazebo on Sunday, June 8, 2025. The performance will begin at 3:00 p.m., with set up starting at 1:30 p.m. 30 students are expected to participate and expected attendance will be 60-100 people.
 - Hired Ryan Stone as a Part-Time Cleaner for the Fire Department at a rate of \$21 per hour.
 - Hired Kelsey DeMaria as a Part-Time Typist Clerk for the Clerk’s Office at a rate of \$18 per hour.
 - Authorized Mayor Ekstrand to sign the 2025/2026 Tax Warrant, as annexed to these minutes.
 - Approved a request from Adam Tabrys of 77 Nelson Street to hold a block party on August 23, 2025 (rain date August 24) from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Nelson Street will be closed from Harrison Place to Clinton Avenue.
 - Appointed David Nostrand to a five year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
 - Appointed David Nostrand to a one year term as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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- Approved the parking agreement with the Farmingdale School District for public parking at Howitt Middle School with hours indicated in the contract for a fee of \$1.00.
- Approved the hiring of Kyle Dunn as a seasonal laborer in the Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$16.50 per hour.
- Approved the purchase of a “Hot Box” to be used for street and pot hole repair through a Sourcewell Contract with a maximum purchase amount not to exceed \$35,000.
- Declared the 1988 vintage “Hot Box” as surplus and to be placed on an auction site.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2026-06-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1198 dated June 2, 2025.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 5/5/25, 5/19/25
- Use of Village Property:
 - Request by the Breakfast Rotary Foundation for the use of the Village Green for a Puppy Runway & Expo on Saturday, October 11, 2025 (rain date October 12).
- Block Party Applications:
 - Darlene Hawes, 51 Jerome Drive, Friday, July 4th (rain date July 5th) from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Jerome Drive closed between 51-63 Jerome Drive and 88-100 Jerome Drive.
- Tax certiorari's:
 - None

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
5/2/2025	185 MAIN ST VINTAGE 185 INC DB25-00027	EXTERIOR SIDING REPLACEMENT	X	C
5/2/2025	185 MAIN ST VINTAGE 185 INC. SP25-00006	ARB APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS: ILLUMINATION OF SIGNS AND OUTDOOR SCENCE FIXTURE MUST BE SOFT WHITE LIGHTING STYLE WITH A COLOR TEMPERATURE OF 2700-3000 KELVINS. SIGNAGE LETTERING IS LIT FROM	X	C

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5/2/2025	298 CONKLIN ST ST THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH SP25-00007	ARB APPROVED ON 4/22/25 AS SUBMITTED.	X	C
5/2/2025	17 LINWOOD AVE JAMES GIACCONE PP25-00011	REPLACE BOILER	N/A	R
5/6/2025	55 CLINTON AVE ESTHER ZIMMERMAN PP25-00012	OIL TO GAS CONVERSION AND REPLACE BOILER	N/A	R
5/6/2025	5 TULANE ST JEAN DELMONACO DB25-00029	CONSTRUCT REAR DECK AND COVER FRONT PORCH	N/A	R
5/8/2025	193 MAIN ST NATIONAL GRID RO25-00001	ONE 4 X 4 BELL HOLE TO INSTALL GAS SERVICE	N/A	C
5/8/2025	55 CLINTON AVE NATIONAL GRID RO25-00002	ONE 4 X 4 BELL HOLE TO INSTALL GAS SERVICE	N/A	R
5/16/2025	79 YOAKUM ST WILLIAM GLECKLER DB25-00030	MAINTAIN OLD PERMIT #DB98-41 WOOD DECK 20 X 14	N/A	R
5/16/2025	101A FULTON ST. FIT FARMINGDALE DP25-00001	COMMERCIAL INTERIOR DEMOLITION	N/A	C
5/16/2025	101A FULTON ST. FIT FARMINGDALE DBA HUMMUS FIT DB25-00031	INTERIOR ALTERATION OF EXISTING SPACE DIVIDED INTO TWO SEPARATE SPACES.	N/A	C
5/21/2025	300 VAN COTT AVE MARCIE MASTRELLI DB25-00032	5/8/2025 ZBA APPROVED TO BUILD A FRONT PORCH AND WIDEN THE DRIVEWAY	N/A	R

PUBLIC HEARING DATE – VILLAGE CODE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-02), to set the following public hearing for Monday, July 7, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.:

- To amend the Farmingdale Village Code to include all commercial properties that are not areas of public assembly undergo fire safety inspections every 24 months.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE – DARK HORSE TAVERN – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-03), to set the following public hearing for Monday, July 7, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.:

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- For certain exterior improvements for Dark Horse Tavern at 273 Main Street, to install a new patio and related amenities to increase seasonal outdoor dining in the rear of the property.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE – 220 MAIN STREET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-04), to set the following public hearing for Monday, July 7, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.:

- For Notes, Sips & Stogies (formerly Jim’s Stogies) at 220 Main Street to do interior renovations. They will be applying for a liquor license as well.

PUBLIC HEARING VERIZON INSTALLATION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-05), to adjourn the public hearing for the proposed Verizon installation at the Marquis Plaza Shopping Center until Monday, August 4, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PROPOSED 2 LOT SUBDIVISION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-06), to open the hearing.

The applicant was represented by counsel Andrew Filipazzi, Esq. of Harras, Bloom & Archer. He spoke about the plans as submitted that do not require variances and that this would be the final footprint and square footage of the respective houses. Additionally, he agreed to the following: \$10,000 Parkland Fee, 7 foot high basements and no exterior entrances to basements. SEQRA was passed in 2021 for this subdivisions.

The following public comments were made:

- A few questions with respect to the driveway of one of the houses were answered and are understood to be in compliance.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-06-07), to close the hearing.

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

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RESOLVED (#2026-06-08), to approve a proposed two lot subdivision in a Residence B Zoning District at 368 Melville Road, in accordance with plans submitted dated March 17, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR MAYOR & BOARD – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-09), to open the hearing.

A general discussion was held, indicating the time involved for the Mayor and Trustees to fulfill their responsibilities as Board members. The Mayor and Trustees have raised in excess of \$25 million in grants over the past 12 years, in order to improve the quality of life for all Village residents and to keep tax increases to minimum levels. In addition, they have to understand all of the implications of very complex issues facing the Water Department and authorize solutions to keep the water safe for public consumption. The Mayor and Trustees have also worked to provide recurring non-tax revenue to the Village through managed parking and parking enforcement. It was also pointed out that the Village has been voted the Best Downtown on Long Island for the past nine years.

The following public comments were made:

- Members of the public who spoke were supportive of the increases with one exception.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-06-10), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-06-11), 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.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	nay
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Craig Rosasco	aye

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PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT LL ADDING SECTION 98-79 – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-12), to open the hearing.

The following public comments were made:

- A resident said that the Meat Market parking spots in Lot 3 need to be more clearly identified by color of lines.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-06-13), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-06-14), to adopt a local law to amend Article XXV of the Village Code, adding Section 98-79 “Supplemental Parking Restrictions”.

PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT LL AMENDING SECTIONS 98-8, 98-14, 98-46 –

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

RESOLVED (#2026-06-15), to open the hearing.

There being no public comment, upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-16), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-06-17), to adopt a local law to amend the Village Code, Section 98-8 “Angle Parking”, Section 98-14 “No Stopping Certain Hours” and Section 98-46 “Time Limits for Parking”.

IMA FOR FD DISPATCH CONSOLE BACKUP – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-18), to approve an intermunicipal contract/agreement between Nassau County and the Village of Farmingdale for \$45,000 for the Farmingdale Fire Department backup for the dispatch console.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-06-19), to approve Starkie Brothers Garden Center, Inc. to install 56 street trees at various locations around the Village on or before the end of June 2025 for approximately \$6,000.

WATER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-20), to approve acceptance of Water Settlement Agreement with “Quarter to Five, Inc.” in the amount of \$50,000.

APB SECURITY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-21), to reinstate APB Security to provide certain parking lot security services on Friday and Saturday evenings and where APB will file weekly reports with billings including activities.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	nay
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Craig Rosasco	aye

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi spoke about all of the hanging baskets, 5 Corners Park tree plantings and flower plantings throughout the Village. She also spoke about the plans to improve the plantings at Moby Way.

OLD BUSINESS –

- The Village will be supplying a booth at the upcoming Fire Department Spring Fair on Saturday, June 7, 2025 to personnel of the New York Forward Grant program.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

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- A general discussion took place to explain the process involved in the New York Forward \$4.5 million grant. Public participation is encouraged and upcoming meetings are scheduled on June 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Village Hall and on June 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Farmingdale Public Library. The public is being notified through Constant Contact, the Village website and social media.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-22), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-06-23), to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer