

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, June 2, 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, 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

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be announced: Former Mayor George Graf Wall of Honor installation.
- APB Security: Discussed duties and reporting requirements of APB Security for reinstatement of Friday and Saturday night patrols.
- Fire Department
- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit has been issued, fee has been paid. Anticipate construction to begin in early July.
 - Verizon's attorney has requested adjournment of the April 7 public hearing for the clock tower cell service installation at the Marquis Shopping Center from June 2, 2025 to August 4, 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. Working on new signage.
 - Review Casa Stellina & other restaurants with tents.
 - Need Board of Trustees input regarding tents in rear yard/permit fees.

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- Vintage at 185 Main Street is being rebranded by the current owner. Planning Board approved, permits issued, construction underway.
- Dark Horse regarding rear yard cleanup, outdoor dining, dumpster – waiting for plan submission 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 are ongoing, to be reinspected until property maintenance issues are resolved.
- MS4 report needs to be filed.
- 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).
 - North Main Street Pole Removal Project to start on or about June 9, 2025.
 - 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 were added to 5 Corners Park. One additional maple was removed.
 - Establishing 2 year cycle for drain cleaning/maintenance, ongoing with the Town of Oyster Bay.
 - Replace Leland that has died in Parking Lot 2 & bushes next to dumpster on Village Green.
 - 46 Conklin St. and 81 Powell Place have been cleaned up & Route 109 plants have been trimmed.
 - Meeting with National Grid regarding paving roads (Yoakum Ave., Hillside Rd. & Fairview Rd.) where new mains are to be installed.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:

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- DPW crews have been busy planting and hanging flowers around the Village! Still ongoing!
- Crews removed all the ivy on Moby Way.
- Crews have been out in the parking fields adding mulch to all the tree pits and other locations.
- Heads Up Sprinklers has been in to do some minor repairs on our parking fields drip systems.
- Shop has been busy servicing DPW, fire department vehicles and other miscellaneous equipment.
- One of our capital trucks is going out next week for new rear springs.
- Stapleton Tree will be in to remove and stump grind dead trees.
- Crews still out power washing in the downtown area.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in to repair some streetlights.
- Watering crews are out everyday watering the flowers in the downtown area along with evergreens in other locations around the Village.
- Setting up a schedule with the Town of Oyster Bay Vac truck for catch basin cleaning.
- Castro was in landscaping and doing cleanup on the center median on Route 109 from the county line to Conklin Street.
- Water Department:
 - Well 1-3 is fully operational.
 - Plant 2 Well 2-2 nearing completion.
 - GAC testing underway.
 - 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.
 - Philip Ross Industries reported that Wells 1-3 and 2-2 will be operating for the summer season, with Well 2-3 to be back in operation ASAP. Nassau County Health Department approval is needed for Wells 2-2 and 2-3.

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- Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well. Frank Koch has retired and Jim Agett is now our 1B Licensed Operator.
- From John Falbo:
 - Ridge Road facility project oversight on a daily basis
 - Monthly sampling of GAC and AOP at Eastern Parkway was done this week.
 - Programmed new set points for Well 2-2 due to higher demand.
 - Markouts and monitoring valves and curb boxes
 - Daily well maintenance and inventory control
 - Meter readings and repairs of MXUs
 - Report work for Annual Water Quality Report
- Code Department:
 - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card receptacle).
 - 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.
- Other:
 - Thomas Powell House meeting Wednesday, June 4.
 - Follow up on sign light and awning program with Mike's Barber Shop and Barnyard.
 - Discussed water settlement and pending cases.
 - Put announcement on all permits that use the Village Green to clean up and deposit all refuse in the dumpster next to the Village Green.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer