

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, June 16, 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 16, 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:

- Chamber of Commerce/Main Street Lighting Discussion/Grants: A presentation was made by two Chamber of Commerce members to utilize \$20,000 in grant funding to place lights on top of buildings on Main Street to brighten the look of Main Street and to coordinate a small business marketing plan through the holiday season and winter months. Mayor Ekstrand and the Board of Trustees are amenable to this effort.
- 43 Conklin Street – discussion about new building: The Board was generally supportive of a proposed metal building behind the property that a possible buyer may construct in support of a business to be located there.

**TOB IMA STORM DRAIN CLEANING**, upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-06-24)**, to authorize the Mayor to execute the IMA between the Village of Farmingdale and the Town of Oyster Bay where the Town will be supplying certain storm drain cleaning services to the Village at the request of the Village.

**SMALL CLAIMS ASSESSMENT**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-06-25)**, to approve all Small Claims assessment review funds for the 2024/2025 tax year totaling \$10,287.61.

**FD EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR AGREEMENT**, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco it was,

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**RESOLVED (#2026-06-26)**, to approve the Fire Department EMS Medical Director Agreement contract for Dr. Jack Geffken at a cost of \$4,433.70.

**BLOCK PARTY**, upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-06-27)**, to approve a request from Vincent Patrowicz of 25 Pinehurst Road to hold a block party on Saturday, August 30, 2025 (rain date Aug. 31) from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Pinehurst Road will be closed from Manetto Road to Sullivan Road.

**SURPLUS VEHICLE SALE**, upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-06-28)**, to approve the sale of a 2007 Elgin/Freightliner M2 Sweeper in the amount of \$5,600.00 and a 2007 Ingersoll-Rand P185 Air Compressor in the amount of \$2,850.00 from the winning bids through Auctions International.

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS AND TRANSFERS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-06-30)**, to do the following budget adjustments and transfers:

- To transfer \$59,360 received from various property owners from the Unrestricted Fund Balance to the Reserve for Special Use/Incentive Bonus for payments made in 2024/2025 budget year as of May 31, 2025.
- To authorize expenditures from the Special Use/Incentive Bonus in the amount of \$42,581.74 to cover the remaining costs associated with the South Main Street Phase I Utility Pole Burial. (This represents the total investment made by local funds for the entire phase I pole removal project)
- To authorize transfer of expenditures previously made from the general fund from the Special Use/Incentive Bonus Reserve in the amount of \$126,147.05 for costs associated with the construction of Yoakum Park.

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- To transfer \$108,487.86 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund to represent final capital costs incurred and approved for the construction of the new DPW Garage at Ridge Road.
- To transfer \$1,778.44 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund to represent final capital costs incurred and approved for DPW renovations of the old garage at Ridge Road.
- To transfer \$115,681.36 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund to represent final capital costs incurred and approved for 24-25 budget year for street paving projects.
- To transfer \$5,791.84 from the Water Fund to the Capital Fund to represent final capital costs incurred and approved for the construction of the new water tower.
- Fire Department: A general discussion took place regarding new windows and options for rehabilitation or new installation of flooring in the upstairs of the FFD. The Village is waiting for final proposal from a contractor.
- Building Department:
  - Village Administrator Harty to report on interim status of Building issues and plans for handling all permit requests, reviews and upcoming hearings in Superintendent Fellman's absence.
  - 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.

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- Review Casa Stellina & other restaurants with tents.
- Need Board of Trustees input regarding tents in rear yard/permit fees.
- 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.
- Look at outdoor dining installations and permits.
- 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 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.

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- Meeting with National Grid regarding paving roads (Yoakum Ave., Hillside Rd. & Fairview Rd.) where new mains are to be installed.
- Meeting scheduled for update with H2M plans for Phase 3 of the Linwood project.
- Castro Landscaping needs to weed control the Village Green and replace shrubs in Lot 2 and next to the dumpster at Village Hall.
- Lithology has requested a food truck be allowed in the rear of their business in the loading zone. Details to follow.
- The grass needs to be cut at 187 Thomas Powell Blvd. and 108 Conklin Street.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
  - DPW crews have been out putting up the remaining flower baskets.
  - Running multiple loads of sweepings out to the Brookhaven landfill.
  - Capital truck #1 is out getting new rear springs.
  - Crews still cleaning lots and adding mulch in tree pits.
  - Shop crews are still busy doing services for DPW, FD fleets.
  - Crews are getting ready for the upcoming summer events, Gazebo will be power washed.
  - Watering flowers still ongoing.
  - Crews have been working at the Powell House.
  - Waiting on a stretch of warm/dry weather for line striping, weather has not been cooperating!
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- Met with Calpine to discuss potential ESCO electric supply/costs.
- From John Falbo:
  - Housekeeping... cleaning up wells for upcoming inspection at Ridge Road
  - New samples for EPA were taken
  - Quarterly samples for Wells and 2 tanks were taken
  - House calls for water quality questions and meters
- 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:
  - Library Director Christa Lucarelli said that the Farmingdale Public Library will create a Senior Citizens of Farmingdale (SCOF) program at the Library where the library will host weekly meetings and arrange activities for the group. The reconstituted SCOF will be open to all seniors in the greater Farmingdale area. The Farmingdale School District will maintain their financial support, as will the Village.
  - Little Libraries were discussed and need to keep stocked.
  - Claudio needs to revise APB contract.
  - Electric Charging Station is nearing final plans for installation this summer.
  - Camera system is finalizing plans and equipment for installation in the business district. Proposals are being sought for cameras at each of the well locations.

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- Certain parking meters are in need of repair.
- The Thespian Society would like to hold an additional event on August 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Gazebo. Application needs to be made along with insurance.

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