

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, June 23, 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 23, 2025.

Present: 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

Absent: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand

The following topics were discussed:

- NY Forward \$4.5 million grant discussion: A general discussion regarding a site for the proposed theater ended with the selection of Village property on the north side of Parking Lot 3. Other sites ranged in price from \$750,000 to \$3.4 million, which the Board felt was too costly.

USE OF FACILITIES – TINY SONGBIRDS, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-31), to approve a request from Tiny Songbirds for the use of Gergras Park from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. on the following Mondays: August 4, 2025, August 11, 2025, August 18, 2025 and August 25, 2025.

POWELL HOUSE CLEAN UP SERVICES, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-32), to approve hourly rate of \$45.00 for Servpro personnel to provide clean-up services at the Thomas Powell House.

USE OF FACILITIES – SEN. RHOADS' OFFICE, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-33), to approve a request from Senator Steve Rhoads' office to hold a Donation Drive/Community Concert on the Village Green & Gazebo on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. 50-60 people are expected to perform and expected attendance will be 100+ people.

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VERIZON PUBLIC HEARING POSTPONEMENT, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-34), to approve a request from the attorney for the community to adjourn and reschedule the 2025 hearing on the Application for a Wireless Communications Facility at 123 Fulton Street until Monday, October 6, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department: Awaiting proposal for FFD floor.
- 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.
 - Discussed wall issues at 5 Puritan Lane, barking dog at 345 Secatogue Ave., Vegan Pizza dumpster.
 - MS4 report filed.
 - 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.
- 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 tree 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.
 - Meeting scheduled for update with H2M plans for Phase 3 of the Linwood project.

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- 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.
 - Well 2-2 to be operational after testing is completed and passed by the NCDOH.

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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.

USE OF FACILITIES – MAIN STREET MILE, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-35), to approve a request from Race Awesome & Runner's Edge to hold their annual Main Street Mile running event on Saturday, August 30, 2025 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Powell Cemetery and ending on Main Street near Village Hall. The course will need to be closed by 7:00 a.m. for set-up and will reopen at approximately 10:30 a.m.

ISLAND WIDE ENGINEERING, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-36), to approve Island Wide Engineering as an approved vendor to the Village of Farmingdale.

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SET PUBLIC HEARING, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-37), to set a public hearing for certain code revisions to Chapter 525 Trees and Plants for Monday, August 4, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer