

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, June 26, 2023**  
**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 26, 2023.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Craig Rosasco  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

**Absent:** Trustee Cheryl Parisi

The following topics were discussed:

- Discuss noise code: There was a general discussion with a decision to stay with the existing noise code for the summer 2023 season with enforcement – Notice of Violation & fines.

**2024 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTALLATION DINNER** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-06-24)**, to approve the 2024 Farmingdale Fire Department Annual Installation Dinner at the Heritage Club at Bethpage State Park on Friday, July 26, 2024 at an amount not to exceed \$33,000.

**PUBLIC HEARING – FLAG POLES** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-06-25)**, to set a public hearing for July 10, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. to add flag poles to the Village Code.

**BOND AUTHORIZATION – WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2024-06-26)**, to approve the attached bond resolution in the amount of \$13,500,000:

Trustee Priestley offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 26, 2023, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$13,500,000 TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$13,500,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Farmingdale, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$13,500,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance the construction of improvements to the Village water system, consisting of wellhead treatment for 1,4 dioxane and PFOA at Wells 2-2 and 2-3, including filters, AOP treatment system, buildings, piping, tanks, wells, piping, electrical improvements, new SCADA system and other related or ancillary work and improvements required in connection therewith.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$13,500,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$13,500,000 to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. Any grant funds received from the State of New York or any other source, or any other funds appropriated by the Village for the project, are authorized to be applied to the cost of said project and the principal amount of bonds or notes issued shall be reduced by the amount of such other funds so appropriated and expended.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 1 of the Law, is forty (40) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is

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made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of credit enhancement agreements, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, to publish or cause to be published, in full, in the official newspaper of

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the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, and posted in at least six (6) public places and in each polling place in the Village, a Notice in substantially the form appearing in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 8. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, after said bond resolution shall take effect, to cause said bond resolution to be published, in summary, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Mayor Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor Barrett  
Trustee Priestley  
Trustee Rosasco

NOES:

The resolution was declared adopted.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department: July 28<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Installation Dinner at the Heritage Club in Bethpage State Park.
- Building Department:
  - Blue and Gold Development final plans are in and are being reviewed by H2M for development at 1 Conklin Street.
  - 7-11 and Sunoco – the ZBA has approved the plans and the Board approved the Special Use Permit, awaiting construction drawings in order to issue building permit.
  - Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction continues. Natural gas easement completed. Permit received from Nassau County. The issue for installation is between Nassau County and National Grid.
  - LIRR trestles at NY 24 and Merritts Road are being rehabilitated with expected completion by the end of August 2023.

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- Eastern Parkway house in court with derelict garage. Permit issued for roof repair. Permit revised to increase the size of the garage.
- New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized in front of 4 family houses. A contract was sent to Fairfield for signature.
- Application for 250 Conklin Street office building has been received, hearing was held and is currently on hold.
- Stratford Green needs to revise plantings to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car.
- New ice cream parlor in Palmer's shopping center needs a Special Use permit for 24 seats. The paperwork has been filed, need to schedule a hearing for July.
- Eagle Scout project for Gergras Park plans has been completed, need mulch and borders – the Village will supply this.
- Pod approved for on-street placement in front of Elizabeth Gardens for 7/12 & 7/13.
- Highway Department:
  - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
  - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
  - The new DPW garage foundation construction is completed and construction of the steel building is complete. New fence along property line on south exposure to be installed with increases to block wall and backfill. Construction started and plantings ordered for screening of new facilities for neighbors.
  - New blinds have been installed in Village Hall.
  - Main St. pole removal project Phase 1 complete, with the exception of the NY24 crossing – waiting for NYS permit.
  - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations.
  - A tree on Prospect St. across from Doud St. needs to be evaluated for possible removal – removal on hold.
  - A request to remove a tree in front of Burgerology was approved & completed.

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- 5 Corners Park shrubs to be replaced.
- Plan for DPW park is in the preliminary stage. Need topo for designer.
- Gazebo wall needs repainting.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for past week:
- Crews have been filling pot holes and repaired a water patch.
- The median on Rte. 109 has been cut down and cleaned.
- Stapleton had to cancel this week, the crew was sick. They are scheduled to come back in July.
- Replaced some plants at 5 Corners Park.
- Both water tanks started going out to help minimize manpower and time. A full watering day takes about 6 hours with a single employee. Thank you to the Board for getting us that 2<sup>nd</sup> tank.
- Crews have been out mowing and cleaning up some zombie homes.
- Crews still walk Main Street and all parking lots to collect garbage.
- Repaired a sprinkler head and replaced a timing clock in house saving the Village \$400.
- Cleaning up Jackson Ave.
- Crews spent over 4 hours trying to remove graffiti off of the Jackson Ave. PVC fence. Going to paint the damaged sections.
- Painting the inside of the Gazebo this week depending on weather.
- Crews removed a couple of dead trees.
- Water Department:
  - Water tower construction continues with few punch list items remaining.
  - Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave. Under construction. All cell providers will be on the new tank by April 30, 2023.
  - AOP installation by Philip Ross is underway with foundation and installation of tanks along with health department submittals. Anticipated completion mid-May 2023 with testing and NCDOH approvals to follow.

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- \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be used to install new pollution control equipment. Documents have been signed and submitted to the state to receive funding.
- Coordinating with Bob Holzmacher and the Health Department to install piping and new valves to enable filling of ground tank at Ridge Road from both wells - completed.
- New site plan and location of equipment has been agreed. PWGC to handle NYS submittals for reimbursement of WIIA grant and legal consulting services only.
- A meeting was held with Bethpage Water District to discuss meter pit and water purchase agreement.
- A meeting was held with South Farmingdale Water District to explore ways of working together.
- Met with Philip Ross Industries to develop Plant 2 treatment. Initial site plan is in working phase. Excavation has begun at Plant 2 site with foundation nearing completion.
- A meeting was held with Suffolk County Water Authority.
- A new WIIA grant application has been submitted to the State.
- The Board received a proposal from South Farmingdale Water District.
- Received \$195,000 in partial settlement from lawsuit.
- From John Falbo – Recent work the past week:
- There is a light at the end of the tunnel for startup of the AOP at Eastern Parkway. We are waiting on a series of samples to be taken on Monday. Should get them back by Thursday and hopefully from there we get permission to put AOP on line.
- Drainage at Well 1-3 will be addressed early next week by Philip Ross.
- Preliminary quarterly sample report for Well 2-2 at Ridge Road for this quarter and month shows a lower trend on PFAS PFOA, which buys us another month into the season. The next sample will be taken at the end of July for that well. Remember we are dealing in parts per trillion. As for now we are okay, next month we probably won't be.

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- DEC will inspect CBS tanks on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Caustic tank tests were run by D&B. Waiting on the reports to provide to DEC.
- All maintenance every day.
- Code Department:
  - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
  - Noise issues were discussed regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels to develop new Village Code.
  - The Board requested a review of nighttime personnel as outdoor dining and open windows have changed with the season.
  - Contacted FBS for rollout and administration of parking meter policy.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.
- Mustang and Shelby Club of Long Island donated \$2,250 to the Farmingdale Schools Community Fund as a result of funds raised at their car show in Parking Lot 4 in May.
- The apartments at 81 Secatogue Ave. were approved for resident parking stickers, all senior citizens.

**WHITE SWAN CLEANERS EASEMENT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2024-06-27)**, to approve an easement agreement between the Village of Farmingdale and White Swan Cleaners to maintain driveway access to Parking Lot 3 to/from Conklin Street (Rte. 24) for an annual fee of \$2,000.

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