

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, July 1, 2024

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 2024.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Attorney Claudio DeBellis

Absent: Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, August 5th, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, July 15th, 2024, Monday, July 22nd, 2024 and Monday, August 5th, 2024 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 24, 2024.
- Open Mic Night will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on the Village Green (weather permitting).
- Village Pops concerts will be held on the following Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: July 3rd (Cancelled), July 10th, July 17th, July 24th and July 31st.
- Movie Nights will be held on the following Tuesdays: July 9th, July 16th, July 23rd, July 30th, August 6th, August 13th and August 20th.
- Music on Main will be held on the following Thursdays: July 11th, July 25th, August 8th and August 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a rain date of August 29th.
- The following resolutions were approved at the June 17th Work Session:
 - Set a public hearing to consider a Local Law amending Chapter 375 "Noise" for Monday, July 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
 - Approved a two month extension on the building permit for the 860 Fulton Street project (Sterling Green).

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- Approved a request from the Women's Club to use the Courtroom for their monthly meetings on the following dates: 9/19/24, 10/17/24, 11/21/24, 1/16/25, 2/20/25, 3/20/25, 4/17/25, 5/15/25.
- Approved a contract with Hello Alert for a new Avaya Phone System for Village Hall and the Fire Department at a total cost of \$24,112.96.
- Approved the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Ram D28L62 3500 Tradesman Reg. Cab 4x4 with a sander for \$69,806.88 for the Dept. of Public Works from Robert Green Division, Rock Hill, New York using a piggy-back provision in a purchase contract from Onondaga Cty #0010808, to be paid for using funds from Unrestricted Fund Balance.
- Approved the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Ram D28L62 3500 Tradesman Reg. Cab 4x4 with a lift gate for \$72,113.88 for the Dept. of Public Works from Robert Green Division, Rock Hill, New York using a piggy-back provision in a purchase contract from Onondaga Cty #0010808, to be paid for using funds from Unrestricted Fund Balance.
- Declared the following vehicles as surplus: 2007 Chevy 3500 VIN #1GCHK34U77E147280 and 2012 Ford F350 Pick Up Truck VIN #1FTRF2B6XCEC99772.
- Hired Kyle Dunn as a Part Time Laborer in the Highway Department at a rate of \$16 per hour.
- Approved a request from Kimberly Keller of 77 Nelson Street to hold a block party on Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Nelson Street will be closed from Clinton Street to Harrison Place. Fire Department will be notified.
- Approved a request from Kevin Faber of 34 Sullivan Road to hold a block party on Sunday, September 1, 2024 (rain date September 2nd) from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sullivan Road will be closed from Secatogue Avenue to Pinehurst Road and Manetto Road will be closed from Sullivan Road to Pinehurst Road. Fire Department will be notified.
- Approved Outdoor Dining permits for The Nutty Irishman (323 Main St.) and 317 Main Street.
- Approved Outdoor Dining permit for Nunzi's Restaurant and to have a singer or band on their outdoor patio on certain nights.
- Approved Kelley Floor Covering to carpet the Courtroom at a cost of \$4,896.33 and the Main Floor offices at a cost of \$8,101.45.

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- Approved Phoenix Wall Covering and Painting, Inc. to paint the Main Floor offices at a cost of \$5,050.00, Wood Doors at a cost of \$3,065.00 and the Firehouse front door and trim at a cost of \$875.00.
- Approved Best Quality Ceilings to replace ceiling tiles in the hallway and the clerk's office at a cost of \$1,500.
- Approved Long Island Soda Systems to provide a new system for the Fire Department at a cost of \$4,426.50.
- Increased Marketing Masters monthly fee to \$1,800.
- The following resolutions were approved at the June 24th Work Session:
 - Approved an Outdoor Dining permit for The Villager.
 - Approved the following transfers/adjustments:
 - To transfer \$68,360 from the Unrestricted Fund Balance to the Reserve for Special Use/Incentive Bonus for the payments made in 2023/2024 as of May 31, 2024.
 - To authorize expenditures from the Parking Lots Improvements Reserve in the amount of \$69,381.
 - Approved the elimination of parking spaces in the loading zone in Lot 1.
 - Approved use of the Village Courtroom for an annual education event by Energeia Partnership of Molloy University on Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - Approved payment schedule for Sterling Green in the total amount of \$137,310 from schedule to run from July 2024 to May 2025.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2025-07-02)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1187 dated July 1, 2024.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 6/3/24, 6/17/24, 6/24/24
- Use of Village Property:
 - Elizabeth Gardens Cooperative is requesting the use of the Courtroom for an annual Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Block Party Applications:
 - None
- Outdoor Dining:

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- TOA Asian Fusion – 122 Secatogue Ave.
- Bagel Hut – 525 Fulton St.
- Tax certiorari's:
 - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: SK LIN, LLC Sec 48, Blk. 443, Lots 24, 225: Premises 166 Fulton Street (Washville) & 150 Fulton Street (Sunoco), for tax years 2019/20 through and including 2023/2024 for a refund of \$1,800, with a reduction in assessed value to \$2,730,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2024/25 through and including 2026/27, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

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
6/4/2024	462 SECATOGUE AVE JINAL PATEL PP24-00025	INSTALL GAS METET	N/A	R
6/6/2024	255 STAPLES ST JARED SANTI FP24-00009	6' WHITE PVC FENCE	N/A	R
6/11/2024	41 VAN COTT AVE LAUREN BAIATA FP24-00010	6' VINYL FENCE	N/A	R
6/11/2024	462 SECATOGUE AVE JINAL PATEL PP24-00026	INSTALL GAS STOVE	N/A	R

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

RESOLVED (#2025-07-03), to set the following public hearings for Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.:

- To consider a two lot subdivision on Melville Road.
- To limit convenience store operations from 4:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND LOCAL LAW FOR CHAPTER 375 NOISE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-07-04), to open the hearing.

There being no public comment, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2025-07-05), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-07-06), to revise Chapter 375 of the Village Code to permit music to be played outdoors from 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

FD EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR CONTRACT 2024 – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-07-07), to approve the Fire Department EMS Medical Director Agreement contract for Dr. Jack Geffken at a cost of \$4,304.56.

2024 MISC. ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-07-08), to approve Roadwork Ahead, Inc. as the sole bidder on the Miscellaneous Roadway Improvements Contract for one year in the amount of \$1,559,205. This contract can be renewed for two additional years with the agreement of both parties.

VERIZON OVERHEAD FACILITIES BURIAL AGREEMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-07-09), to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign the agreement with Verizon for Verizon Main Street facilities from Conklin Street to South Front Street to bury overhead facilities underground in the amount of \$41,278.23.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi thanked all volunteers for their ongoing dedication to making Farmingdale a showplace.
- New seasonal lighting will be coming downtown this fall.

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

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FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident complimented the Village on how all of the plantings and hanging baskets have enhanced the Village.
- A question was raised about 215 Prospect Street. Mayor Ekstrand said that information is being deferred to a later date due to unforeseen staff circumstances.
- A Linwood Ave. resident requested a time for H2M meeting, Mayor Ekstrand said the Village is targeting July 29th.
- A question was raised about the new pocket park on Yoakum St. The person was told that it is under construction and will be completed in the near term except for plantings, which will be installed in the late summer/early fall.
- A resident requested a definition of convenience stores, and was told that this is primarily for 7-11 franchises.
- The resident asked about the pop-up palm tree/sneaker seller and was told that they are now closed.
- The resident requested a left turn arrow on Main Street and Conklin Street north and south bound.
- The resident also requested that outdoor dining allows for 4 feet of pedestrian passage as 317 has some tables in the government strip and a newly installed planter box is hampering pedestrian passage.
- A Linwood Avenue resident requested DPW monitoring of leaf drain blockage in the area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-07-10), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-07-11), to reconvene the meeting.

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