

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, July 7, 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, July 7, 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 scheduled: Discussed Notes Sips & Stogies and Dark Horse hearings for tonight, Pour Authority and Tree Ordinance for August 4 public hearings.
- Website discussion: reported to be on track for September/October transition.
- Discussion about Nunzi's – outdoor entertainment: Need scope of proposed entertainment. A license agreement may be required.
- Fire Department:
 - Received FD training center proposal
 - Received flooring proposal
 - 50 year anniversary celebration for FFD members Keith Ryan Sr. and Peter Wass.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- Lithology Food Truck approved as a “Pilot Program”.
- Need review of Casa Stellina.
- A resident of the Carlyle asked about allowing parking on Route 109, eliminating the “No Standing” requirement.
- Flux was contacted to remove their dumpster from the Village sidewalk and copy the dumpster enclosure of LI McGrath’s.
- 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).

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- 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 to discuss 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.
- Need new grate in Moby Way.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- DPW crews have been watering all the flowers/plants and the new trees that were planted around the Village.
- Crews have been weeding in all the parking fields.
- Blocks are being delivered to DPW for the upcoming Music on Main events for road blocking.
- Crews will be going out line striping.

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- Crews have cleaned out the Village Green Gazebo and have all the equipment ready for the Village Pops and Movie Nights.
- Crews have been out putting up no parking signs around the train station area.
- Shop has been doing oil changes and inspections.
- Heads Up Sprinklers has been in to repair a couple of locations.
- Repaired a couple of potholes around the Eastern Pkwy. area.
- Crews have been out trimming/clearing vegetation that block stop signs and other signs.
- 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.
 - 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:

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- 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer