

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, July 21, 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 21, 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:

- A presentation was made by a Calpine representative who explained purchasing electric commodity independent of PSEGLI Transportation and Delivery fees. Indexing of commodity pricing and contractual price locks were also discussed as purchasing strategies in order to potentially reduce/guarantee commodity costs.
- Discussion about Ryder Cup parking, restricted/gated community and temporary parking fees/fines: A meeting will be held on Wednesday to review Ryder Cup needs at the LIRR Station and other Village locations. A general discussion took place regarding turning the areas adjacent to Bethpage State Park and areas proximate to the LIRR into local secured communities throughout the Ryder Cup to minimize potential negative impact.
- Resolution to authorize commitment letters for submission with NY Forward Grant Applications: Not applicable.
- Resolution to submit commitment letter to the State of New York for zoning modifications needed to the D-MU Zoning District to accommodate changes for micro-apartments and a land lease: Not applicable.

FFD PICNIC – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-07-14), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department to use the Village Green and the Fire Department parking lot on Sunday, August 10, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a department picnic.

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USE OF FACILITIES – CULTURAL ARTS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-07-15), to approve a request from the Cultural Arts Committee and the South Shore Theater Group to hold a “Shakespeare on the Green” event on the Village Green & Gazebo on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (rain date August 20). Approximately 100 people are expected to attend.

USE OF FACILITIES – V1 CHURCH – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-07-16), to approve a request from V1 Church to hold a church get together on the Village Green on August 9, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. NO BBQ grilling is permitted, so pre-made hot dogs & chips will be provided. Approximately 50 people are expected.

BACKFLOW DEVICE CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-07-17), to approve a backflow device contract with Modern Irrigation subject to terms and conditions to be added by the Village Attorney.

FLOORING IN FIREHOUSE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-07-18), to approve Parsons Commercial LLC to provide labor only to remove existing carpeting and install new Village-supplied carpeting in the Fire Department lounge at a cost of \$3,508.19 per their estimate #20487 and to remove and replace wood flooring in the general assembly meeting room, hallway and offices in the FFD at a cost of \$88,054.20 per their estimate #20499.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
 - Ambulance proposal – under review
- Building Department:
 - Discussion about residential lawn cutting on Sundays: No action to be taken with current regulation.

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- Village Administrator Harty to report on interim status of Building issues and plans for handling all permit requests, reviews and upcoming hearings.
- 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit has been issued, fee has been paid. Discussions underway with regard to demolition permits.
- Verizon Clock Tower cell service installation at Marquis Shopping Center has been adjourned until October 4, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. as requested by the attorney for community members.
- All going well, catching up with inspections, reviews and issuing building permits.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - North Main Street Pole Removal Project underway and on schedule. Addressing Altice issues.
 - Follow up with H2M regarding Linwood phase 3 & 4 - ongoing.
 - LIRR pot belly stove, refurbished by Doug Ketchum of the Highway Department, to be repurposed at another location as the Farmingdale Train Station is not a good fit.
 - 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.
 - Met with National Grid regarding paving roads (Yoakum Ave., Hillside Rd. & Fairview Rd.) where new mains are to be installed and agreed on paving reimbursement from National Grid.
 - Some maintenance performed at 187 Thomas Powell Blvd. and 108 Conklin Street.
 - Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - Stapleton Tree Service has been in removing dead trees and trims.
 - Crews assisted the Water Department on a service leak at Simonson Place.

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- Crews have been in working in all the parking fields pulling weeds and cleaning.
- Heads Up Sprinkler has been in to repair an issue at 5 Corners Park.
- Cleaning up and removing debris out of Jackson Ave.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in to repair a few streetlights.
- Shop crew has been taking care of NYS inspections and oil changes.
- Crews have been assisting with the Village events: Music on Main, Village Pops and the Movie Nights! All seems to be running smoothly when it's not raining.
- Castro Landscaping has been in trimming hedges and cleaning flower beds in the downtown parks and parking fields.
- 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

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- 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.
 - Planning for 2025 Ryder Cup impact is underway.
- The Board authorized Mayor Ekstrand to present an offer for part of 34 South Front Street (facing Washington Street) that has potential for parking.

RYDER CUP USE OF LIRR PARKING LOT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-07-19), to permit the LIRR to use the Farmingdale LIRR parking lot for the 2025 Ryder Cup.

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale ("Village") is a municipal corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the Long Island Railroad ("LIRR") has requested that the Village make available the Farmingdale LIRR parking lot for the 2025 Ryder Cup at the Bethpage State Park; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees finds that permitting the LIRR to use the Farmingdale LIRR parking lot for the 2025 Ryder Cup is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the Village, its residents and the community at large; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECIDED, the Board of Trustees grants to the Mayor any and all right to enter into any agreement with the LIRR for the LIRR's use of the Farmingdale LIRR parking, lot limited in time to the duration of the 2025 Ryder Cup, including any reasonable time leading up to and after said tournament.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer