

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, July 28, 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 28, 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

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

RESOLVED (#2026-07-20), to approve a request from Elizabeth Gardens Cooperative to use the Courtroom for their annual Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
 - Ambulance proposal – Chief Matt Hammond and Commissioner Mike DiBartolo presented a request for a new ambulance in the amount of \$338,987, with a separate proposal for new radios in the amount of \$49,422.80. It will take approximately 2 years for delivery. The Board of Trustees asked that the Board of Fire Commissioners sign off on this proposal and that further investigation regarding radios for this project and for the Fire Department needs to be addressed.
- Building Department:
 - 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.
- Highway Department:

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- 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. Underground excavation is complete, new wire is being installed in new conduits. Addressing Altice issues with LIRR. Verizon to coordinate installation in this phase.
- Follow up with H2M regarding Linwood phase 3 & 4 - ongoing.
- 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.
- Limited maintenance performed at 187 Thomas Powell Blvd. and 108 Conklin Street.
- Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.
- Security camera installation to begin soon.
- 240 Oakview Ave. has a dead tree that needs to be removed.
- Prototype for camera installation needs to be installed by Town of Oyster Bay.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - Stapleton Tree Service has been in removing dead trees and trims.
 - 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 Parking Lots 2 & 3.
 - 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.
 - Capital truck Hwy #2 is out getting rear brakes.

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- Water Department:
 - Well 1-3 is fully operational.
 - Plant 2 Well 2-2 nearing completion, has received both State and County approvals and can be operated manually.
 - Scada system finalization for well 2-2 is underway, to be operated remotely.
 - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed and next steps are being developed.
 - New water rates were discussed and approved by consensus of the Board.
 - Philip Ross Industries reported that Well 2-3 will be back in operation ASAP. Nassau County Health Department approval is needed for Well 2-3.
 - Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
 - 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.
 - Planning for 2025 Ryder Cup impact is underway. Met with Ryder Cup personnel and discussed train station commuter parking/closing and the potential impact on Village neighborhoods.
 - \$4.00 all night parking was approved by consensus of the Board to be instituted on the parking app.

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WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-07-21), to support the submission of a Water Quality Improvement Grant to the State of New York.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer