

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, August 1, 2022**

**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, August 1, 2022.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Craig Rosasco  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

**Absent:** Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

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 Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, and Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the July 25<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - Approved and authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement and to declare it a negative declaration under SEQRA the “First Amendment to Land and Tower Lease Agreement” between the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale and New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, a limited partnership in the State of New York.
  - Approved a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department for the use of the back of Village Green for a Department Picnic on Sunday, August 21, 2022.
  - Accepted the purchase of a table of 10 (\$1,000) and a half page color ad (\$350) in support of the NCVOA Annual Dinner.
  - Agreed to pay time and a half to Code Officers during Music on Main from 5:00 p.m. to completion, retroactive to the first Music on Main in 2022.
  - Reduced Justice Anthony Addeo’s salary by \$3,000 and to increase Deputy Justice Thomas Dell Aquila’s salary by \$3,000 at the request of Justice Addeo.

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- Approved the expansion of Parking Lot #9 by twenty spaces at a total cost of \$57,000. Funding for this expansion will come from Incentive Bonus Monies received.

**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2023-08-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1164 dated August 1, 2022.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 7/11/22, 7/25/22
- Use of Village Property:
  - Runners Edge & Race Awesome are requesting to hold their 17<sup>th</sup> annual Main Street Mile running event on Saturday, September 3, 2022 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Powell Cemetery and ending on Main Street near Village Hall. The course will need to be closed by 7:00 a.m. for set-up and will close at approximately 10:30 a.m.
  - The Mustang and Shelby Club of Long Island to hold a car show in Parking Lot #4 on Saturday, September 17 from 7:00 a.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m.
- Block Party Applications:
  - None
- Tax certiorari's:
  - Tax certiorari settlement Re: G. J. M. E. LLC Sec 49, Blk. 166, Lot 38: Premises 45 Conklin Street (next to Guercio & Guercio LLP), for tax years 2012/13 through and including 2022/2023 for a refund of \$13,700, with a reduction in assessed value to \$1,950,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2023/24 through and including 2025/26, 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:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS</b>	<b>ARB</b>	<b>C/R</b>
7/8/2022	22 Sullivan Rd. Robert Schumacher DB22-00068	Maintain detached garage as per drawings by Grubah Design dated 5/14/2022		N/A R
7/8/2022	42 Oakview Ave Ken Sobel SW22-00009	Replace sidewalk		N/A R
7/11/2022	18 Cooper St. Sunation Solar System	Install 43 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Sunation Energy.		N/A R

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	DB22-00069			
7/11/2022	124 Prospect St. Chris Maro PP22-00027	Install gas fired pool heater	N/A	R
7/11/2022	37 Weiden St John & Hope Berardi DB22-00070	Install 34 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Sunroom Installation Services.	N/A	R
7/11/2022	11 Jerome Dr. Sean & Susan Hutchison DB22-00071	Renovate three existing bathrooms as per drawings submitted by Alure Contracting	N/A	R
7/11/2022	41 William St. Almas Diwan FP22-00016	6' vinyl fence	N/A	R
7/13/2022	332 Fulton St. Jordan Desner PP22-00028	Sprinkler flow test	N/A	C
7/13/2022	10 Linwood Ave National Grid RO22-00006	One 4 x 4 bellhole to install gas service	N/A	R
7/18/2022	232 Van Cott Ave Andrew Martin DB22-00072	Install 18 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings by N.Y State Solar dated 6/14/22.	N/A	R
7/18/2022	27 Harrison Pl Stephen Durando PP22-00029	Replace existing oil burner	N/A	R
7/19/2022	202 Main St Chris Werle DB22-00074	Construct new two story restaurant with seating for 12 as per drawings submitted by Luigi Gileno Architect dated 12/30/21.	N/A	C
7/19/2022	5 Paine Ave Christine Hopper DB22-00075	Install new front porch as per drawings submitted by Brian Fiore Architect dated 3/11/22	N/A	R
7/20/2022	9 Toretta La Sunil Shah FP22-00017	6' white PVC fence along east side of property	N/A	R
7/20/2022	39 Merokee Pl Jean Finnerty FP22-00018	6' PVC fence and 5' chainlink gate	N/A	R
7/20/2022	23 Maple St. Northeast Scott Gonyon FP22-00019	6' PVC fence	N/A	R
7/20/2022	134 William St Edward Giraldo DB22-00073	Install 13 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Momentum Solar dated 7/22/22.	N/A	R
7/22/2022	306 Main St. The Villager SP22-00008	As per ARB approved 6/28/2022.	X	C
7/22/2022	503 Conklin St. Valle Signs & Awnings SP22-00009	As per ARB approval 6/28/2022.	X	C
7/22/2022	107 William St. Sharda Pinnock-Robinson DB22-00076	Install 27 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Sunrun dated 4/21/22	N/A	R
7/22/2022	26 Puritan Lane Leonardo Saulle DB22-00077	Install 41 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Sunrun	X	R

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**PUBLIC HEARING DATES** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-02)**, to set the following public hearing for Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.:

- To revise the Village code parking section including: numbering, adopting certain state regulations and modifications to fines

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 331 MAIN STREET** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-03)**, to open the hearing.

Christine Bravin, the expediter for this project, had a general discussion with the Board. She indicated that the applicant will be responsible to purchase two parking spaces at \$5,000 each, totaling \$10,000.

The following questions/comments were made by the Board:

- Where would the dumpster be located? This is to be determined.
- Will the service window on Main Street be used for pick-up only or will it include general service? The answer was that it will be used for both.
- What are the hours of operation? This is to be determined.

The following public comment was made:

- A resident asked if the façade on the rendering will be for this restaurant only or is the entire façade being rebuilt? The answer was that the façade and signage will be for this applicant only.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-04)**, to close the hearing.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-05)**, to approve the Special Use Permit for 331 Main Street (Daler Pizza) for 54 seats with the purchase of two parking spaces at \$5,000 each to enable construction of the interior to continue. The applicant was referred to the Planning Board for resolution to the open issues discussed at the hearing.

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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 332 FULTON STREET –**

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-06)**, to open the hearing.

The architect, owner and applicant had a general discussion about the project with the Board. The applicant said that this is a theme restaurant, “Haunted House of Hamburgers” and will be friendly to all age groups, especially families with children.

The hours of operation will be Monday-Thursday 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Friday 11:00 a.m.- 11:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

There is no change from the footprint of the building and it will have a service window for walk-up transactions. The dumpster will be enclosed and remain in its present location.

The following public comment was made:

- A resident asked if this is the only restaurant of its type – the response was yes.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-07)**, to close the hearing.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-08)**, to approve the Special Use Permit for 332 Fulton Street for 86 interior seats with exterior issues to be addressed by the Planning Board and the Building Department.

**CAT II COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR FFD** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-09)**, to approve a Fire Department purchase of a complete CAT II computer system with a fingerprint reader and QR tags for the Scott bottle filling station from Costal Fire Systems, Inc. Purchase is on NY State Contract PC69016 at a price of \$12,445.95.

**PORTABLE COMMAND POST FOR FFD** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-10)**, to approve Fire Command & Control as sole source provider for the purchase of a Portable Command Post (Medical Branch) for the Fire Department at a cost of \$3,950.00

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**LETTER OF INTENT FOR DRI GRANT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-11)**, to allow Vision Long Island to send a letter of intent to New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant for the Village of Farmingdale.

**ROAD RECONSTRUCTION** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-12)**, to approve the reconstruction of Sullivan Road, Taylor Road, Manetto Road, Pinehurst Road, Ivy Street, Lincoln Road, Powell Place, Laurel Street, Prospect Street, Circle Drive, Cherry Street and Grant Avenue under the requirements contract with Roadwork Ahead in the amount of \$631,964.20, to be funded by National Grid Escrow Deposit, National Grid Road Opening Fees, CHIPs and the Capital Fund..

**BEAUTIFICATION** –

- Mayor Ekstrand and others commented that the Village looks very good and asked about Parking Lot 2 hanging basket removal. Baskets were removed due to watering issues and type of plant sustainability in high heat days. The landscaping consultant to the Village is recommending a heartier plant that is tolerant of high heat summer conditions for next year.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Letters from Msgr. Rowan at St. Kilian’s and Commissioner Ryder of the NCPD

**FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident commented that the hearing sign for the proposed 7-11 on Conklin St. & Merritts Rd. wasn’t readable from her vehicle. The resident also asked if 317 is allowed to have tables/seats/planters on the government strip in front of their restaurant. Mayor Ekstrand said that the Building Department will look into the sign issue and they will also notify the owner of 317 to remover the tables, chairs and planters from the government strip.
- A resident asked about the new water tank and why it is narrower than the existing tank. Mayor Ekstrand responded that the new tank is narrower than the old as a

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significant cost reduction in construction by adding booster pumps in the base of the new tower to maintain pressure in the tanks when needed in high demand scenarios.

- The resident also asked about “Lead service lines”. Mayor Ekstrand said that this issue is being addressed by the Water Department.
- A police officer from the NCPD gave a report on local crime and said there was little change statistically and that we are in a low crime area, She did, however, encourage the public not to leave their cars running while going to a store as it makes it very easy to be stolen.
- A discussion took place regarding smoking in public places and restrictions and enforcement.

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-13)**, to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-14)**, to reconvene the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATES** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-08-15)**, to set the following public hearing for Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.:

- To amend the noise code

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian P. Harty  
Village Clerk/Treasurer