

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, August 5, 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, August 5, 2024.

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
Attorney Claudio DeBellis
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 Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, August 19th, 2024, Monday, August 26th, 2024 and Tuesday, September 3rd, 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.
- Village Pops concerts will be held on the following Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: August 7th
- Movie Nights will be held on the following Tuesdays: August 6th, August 13th and August 20th.
- Music on Main will be held on the following Thursdays: 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 July 15th Work Session:
 - Approved Tax Certiorari settlement AMENDED 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 2024/2025 for a refund of \$2,000, with a reduction in assessed value to \$2,750,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2025/26 through and including 2027/28, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.
 - Approved Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Giuseppe Bruzzese Sec 49, Blk. 76, Lot 15: Premises 203-205 Main Street (Chloe Nail Spa), for tax years 2017/18 through and including 2024/2025 for a refund of

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\$1,000, with a reduction in assessed value to \$410,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2025/26 through and including 2027/28, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

- Approved a request from Paul Hammelman of 1 Pinehurst Road to hold a block party on Saturday, August 31, 2024 (rain date Sept. 7) from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Pinehurst Road will be closed from Manetto Road to Sullivan Road.
- Approved a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department to use the Village Green and the Fire Department parking lot on Sunday, August 18, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a department picnic.
- Approved a request from Jackie Levenberg and Richie Smith for a Commitment Ceremony at the Gazebo on the Village Green on Sunday, May 18, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Approximately 50-60 people are expected to attend.
- Approved a request from Virginia Nanni to hold a Celebration of Life/Bench Dedication/Picnic in Gergras Park on Saturday, September 14, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Approximately 25-65 people are expected to attend.
- Extended building permit for two months for a fee of \$1,000 for the Carlyle until September 30, 2024.
- Hired Louis Oswald III as a Part Time Parking Meter Attendant at a rate of \$18 per hour.
- Declared Farmingdale Fire Department Police Vehicle 2003 Ford E5500 RD/WH VIN# 1FDAE55F63HA79594 as surplus.
- Approved SEQRA as drafted by Village Attorney DeBellis (Neg Dec Type II Action) for the purchase of 33 Merritts Road.
- Approved the PSEG proposal in the amount of \$1,200,608.14 for work to be performed to remove poles and reroute electrical services on Main Street between Conklin Street and South Front Street.
- Approved the dedication of three parking spots behind the liquor store, Vico and Dominican 4 as 10 Minute Parking for take-out & pick-up locations.
- The following resolutions were approved at the July 22nd Work Session:
 - Approved Hello Alert as 24/7 technical support, including parts and labor, for the dispatch panel for the Farmingdale Fire Department at a cost of \$7,500 annually for 5 years.
 - Approved the installation of the Bird Alert Audible System that keeps birds of various types away from the downtown area, resulting

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in a cleaner/safer area at a cost of \$6,478.00 in the first year with annual maintenance for each successive year at a cost of \$1,000.00.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2025-08-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1188 dated August 5, 2024.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 7/1/24, 7/15/24, 7/22/24
- Use of Village Property:
 - Shirley Medina & Ruben Rosa are requesting the use of the Village Green for a wedding on Saturday, September 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Ceremony will be at 2:00 p.m.) Approximately 60 people are expected to attend.
- Block Party Applications:
 - None
- Outdoor Dining:
 - None
- Tax certiorari's:
 - None

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
7/10/2024	9 AZALEA CT MATTHEW LEWIN PP24-00027	DIRECT REPLACEMENT OF OIL TANK	N/A	R
7/10/2024	13 PAINE AVE TONY DULERIAN PP24-00028	DIRECT REPLACEMENT OF OIL TANK	N/A	R
7/12/2024	25 ELIZABETH ST ELIZABETH GARDENS DB24-00047	DIRECT REPLACEMENT OF KITCHEN AND BATHROOM	N/A	R
7/12/2024	65 NELSON ST JOSEPH TAFURO PP24-00029	DIRECT REPLACEMENT OF OIL TANK	N/A	R
7/12/2024	84 DUANE ST THOMAS SCAVO DB24-00048	FRONT AND REAR DORMERS AND INTERIOR ALTERATIONS AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY THOMAS SCAVO ARCHITECT DATED 5/14/24.	N/A	R
7/12/2024	23 HARRISON PL CHRISTOPHER HUNT DB24-00049	ONE STORY ADDITION AND INTERIOR ALTERATIONS AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY CHRISTOPHER HUNT ARCHITECT.	N/A	R
7/22/2024	141 DIVISION ST LU HONG ZHEN	6' FENCE ALONG CORNELIA ST	N/A	R

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7/22/2024	9 ARTHUR ST CYNTHIA & CHRIS HARE FP24-00012	4' FENCE, 28 ½' FROM SIDE OF HOUSE, NOT PASSED FRONT LINE OF HOUSE	N/A	R
7/22/2024	128 JEFFERSON RD GLORIA GUERRA PP24-00030	275 GALLON OIL TANK REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT	N/A	R
7/23/2024	26 HEISSER LA SURIN MANAKTALA FP24-00013	6' PVC FENCE WITH 2 GATES	N/A	R
7/23/2024	151 OAKVIEW AVE BERNARDUS CLAASE DB24-00050	INGROUND POOL AS PER DRAWINGS BY RADIANT	N/A	R
7/23/2024	29 VAN COTT AVE DONALD CHABUS FP24-00014	6' WHITE PVC FENCE WITH ONE GATE	N/A	R
7/23/2024	18 DALE DR MICHAEL BUONO DB24-00051	INSTALL INGROUND SWIMMING POOL	N/A	R

There was an extensive discussion regarding short and long term plans for handling the flooding conditions on Linwood Avenue:

LINWOOD AVENUE FLOODING – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-02), to adopt an Emergency Resolution to address flooding issues on Linwood Avenue with up to \$1 million in funding.

Resolution to set the following public hearings on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.: No public hearings scheduled for September 3.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND LOCAL LAW FOR CHAPTER 212 CONVENIENCE STORE HOURS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-03), to open the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-08-04), to close the hearing.

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

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RESOLVED (#2025-08-05), to revise Chapter 212 of the Village Code to state that no convenience store can operate or be open for business between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Public hearing to consider a 2 lot subdivision on Melville Road – Postponed at the request of the applicant.

2024 NCVOA ANNUAL DINNER – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-06), to reserve a full table for the NCVOA Annual Testimonial Dinner on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at a cost of \$1,000.00 and purchase a half page color journal ad at a cost of \$350.00.

AUCTION SALE OF FFD POLICE VEHICLE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-07), to accept the auction sale of a Farmingdale Fire Department Police vehicle in the amount of \$28,500.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi thanked all volunteers and DPW for their ongoing work to maintain Village beautification through a recent series of difficult heat waves.
- The new Yoakum Pocket Park construction is well underway.

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

- None

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident expressed concern for safety as delivery vehicles block traffic in the commercial district both in the parking lots and on Main Street and Route 24. She also requested that the landlord who owns the Citibank property be contacted for needed maintenance.

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- A resident inquired about the use of the Powell House. Mayor Ekstrand told the public that it would be converted to a museum and meeting space.
- The resident also asked about cars parked on the street in residential areas. He was told that if he had concerns to contact Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer