

## **WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, August 18, 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, August 18, 2025.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Craig Rosasco (by phone, not voting)  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

**Absent:** Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

The following topics were discussed:

- A resident at 2 Yoakum Street has issues with persistent brown water. He discussed possible remedies with the Board. The Water Department will look into the problem and make a recommendation on how to proceed to solve the problem.
- A resident on Rose Street complained about late night issues with bar patrons and having to call the NCPD to handle unruly bar customers. The Village will speak to the NCPD.
- Calpine Energy follow up: We have not been able to definitively see lookback savings comparing what has been paid to PSEG LI versus what would have been paid to Calpine if the Village had purchased electric commodity directly from Calpine.

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

**RESOLVED (#2026-08-11)**, to approve Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Seagull Gardens Apartment Owners Corp Sec 48, Blk. 447, Lot 74: Premises 474 Fulton Street, for tax years 2021/22 through and including 2025/2026 for a refund of \$11,000 with no reduction in the assessed value of \$2,902,540. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2026/27 through and including 2027/28, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

**JUNIOR LEAGUE 2026 MEETINGS** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

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**RESOLVED (#2026-08-12)**, to approve a request from the Junior League to use the Courtroom for their monthly meetings on the following dates: 1/9/26, 2/5/26, 3/5/26, 4/10/26, 5/7/26, 9/3/26, 10/1/26, 11/5/26. The meetings will be from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**ALARM SYSTEM & SECURITY CAMERAS** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-08-13)**, to approve Hello Alert for installation of alarm system & security cameras at Well 1-3, DPW facilities and Wells 2-2 & 2-3. To be funded by Special Use/Incentive Bonus Reserve in the amount of \$53,820.00.

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

**RESOLVED (#2026-08-14)**, to hire Vincent Grauso as a Part-Time Cleaner for the Fire Department at a rate of \$22 per hour.

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

**RESOLVED (#2026-08-15)**, to hire Keith Ryan, Sr. as a Part-Time Firehouse Maintainer for the Fire Department at a rate of \$22 per hour.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Landscaper issues: Need to modify the Village Code to include landscaper requirements to remove from the landscaped location clippings, cuttings, leaves and other debris and not to leave for general trash pick-up.
- Fire Department:
  - The ladder truck is out of service and a repair proposal is being vetted. Anticipate that the ladder truck will be returned to service in approximately one month.
  - New wood flooring selection nearing consensus.
  - Contractor to repair epoxy coating over yellow guide lines on the apparatus floor.
  - The Chief of Department told the Village Administrator that the FFD will be requesting a new “Fly Car” in addition to a new Chief’s car in 2026.

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- 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 6, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. as requested by the attorney for community members.
  - Safety inspections nearing completion with rental inspections to begin the week of August 11<sup>th</sup>. All going well.
  - Inspections, plan reviews and follow up on nuisance issues.
  - Ivy Street high grass
  - Working with Burgerology to determine cause of grease spatter on vehicles and potential remedies.
- 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. 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.
  - Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.
  - Security camera installation to begin soon.
  - Administrator Harty will be meeting with the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development regarding a proposal for bus service to the Farmingdale Train Station, with the county coming to the September 15<sup>th</sup> work session.

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- The final Movie Night and Music on Main are scheduled for this week. All are prepared.
- Prototype for security cameras has been installed in Parking Lot 4.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- Stapleton Tree Service is coming in on Friday, August 15 for tree removals and stump grinding.
- DPW crews have been getting all our cones and barricades ready for the upcoming Ryder Cup next month.
- Crews still weeding and cleaning parking lots.
- Hurricane season is upon us; all of our chainsaws and other equipment have been serviced and are ready to go.
- The last Music on Main is this week!
- Flower watering is still ongoing.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in fixing streetlights.
- Shop crews have been doing services and NYS inspections.
- Water Department:
  - Well 1-3 is fully operational.
  - Plant 2 Well 2-2 is manually operational and is being used to fill tanks and can go “to system” if needed.
  - SCADA system is nearing completion.
  - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed and next steps are being developed.
  - Working on contract with Modern Irrigation for backflow inspections and reporting.
  - 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 at all wells

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- New monthly & weekly samples for Well 2-2 & Well 1-3
- Well 2-2 up & running on a regular basis.
- Mark outs on Main Street project.
- 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 reviewed and implemented 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.
    - Met with Northside Elementary School to address school bus and parental drop-off in the morning and pickup in the afternoon.
    - To work with school transportation personnel for access to the “gated community” on Thursday and Friday of the Ryder Cup.
- A new movie screen will be budgeted for the 2026 season.
- Ongoing meetings regarding the Ryder Cup with police and Ryder Cup personnel.
- Planning underway for the Main Street Mile scheduled for August 30, 2025.
- A request has been made to place a commemorative sign in the cemetery on Route 109 and Bernard Street.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer