

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, August 19, 2024
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 19, 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
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

The following topics were discussed:

- Linwood Avenue: Ongoing. Discussed recent rain and issues associated with it. Rented a trailer mounted pump. H2M scheduled for Aug. 26 work session. Thanks to DPW for their ongoing efforts.
- Discussed rebuild plans for 215 Prospect Street:

SET PUBLIC HEARING – 215 PROSPECT ST – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-08), to set a public hearing for a Special Use Permit to reinstate the non-conforming use of a two family residence at 215 Prospect Street on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

WEST ST & CONKLIN ST INTERSECTION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-09), to make the intersection of West Street and Conklin Street (NY24) right turn only from West Street to Conklin Street with installation of pavement arrow and signage. In addition, to request approval from the State of New York for this change.

JUNIOR LEAGUE 2025 MEETINGS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-10), to approve a request from the Junior League to use the Courtroom for their monthly meetings on the following dates: 1/10/25, 2/6/25, 3/6/25, 4/3/25, 5/1/25, 9/4/25, 10/2/25, 11/6/25. The meetings will be from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-08-11), to approve Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel to attend the NYCOM Fall Training school in Saratoga Springs from September 16th – September 20th for all costs associated with the trip not to exceed \$2200.

SURPLUS BUILDING DEPT. VEHICLES – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-12), to declare Building Department (B1 & B2) 2013 Chevrolet Equinox vehicles as surplus.

PURCHASE NEW BUILDING DEPT. VEHICLES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-13), to purchase two new 2025 Chevrolet Equinox vehicles from Smithtown Chevrolet under a BOCES contract at a cost of \$30,494.00 each.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

Resolution to approve the purchase of a XXXXXXXX trailer mounted pump and related equipment to use in flooding conditions – Searching for the correct pump.

Resolution to cap healthcare deductions at 10% for those eligible for healthcare coverage. – To be addressed at the September 3rd Board of Trustees meeting.

BOND AUTHORIZATION – LINWOOD AVE DRAINAGE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-14), to approve the attached bond resolution in the amount of \$2,000,000:

Trustee Parisi offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED AUGUST 19, 2024, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SURFACE

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DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON LINWOOD AVENUE
AND THE SURROUNDING VICINITY, IN THE
VILLAGE, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM
COST THEREOF IS \$2,000,000 AND APPROPRIATING
SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Farmingdale, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance the construction of surface drainage improvements on Linwood Avenue and the surrounding vicinity, including replacement of roadway and other ancillary or related work in connection therewith.

Section 2. The total estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$2,000,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 4 of the Law, is forty (40) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both

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principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of credit enhancement agreements, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, to publish or cause to be published, in full, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, and posted in at least six (6) public places and in each polling place in the Village, a Notice in substantially the form appearing in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 8. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, after said bond resolution shall take effect, to cause said bond resolution to be published, in summary, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said

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Village, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Mayor Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor Barrett
Trustee Parisi
Trustee Priestley
Trustee Rosasco

NOES:

The resolution was declared adopted.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-08-15), to approve a request from the Cultural Arts Committee to use the Courtroom for a lecture on Thomas Powell, Bethpage Purchase, etc. on Sunday, October 20, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Discuss proposed concepts for Jefferson Road modifications between Lafayette Street and Park Avenue: Discussed and tabled for further study and comment. Need input from the Water Department and the Fire Department.
- Fire Department:
 - \$500,000 grant applied for Scott Packs and other Fire Department equipment – the award by the State will be announced in September.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-08-16), to raise LOSAP contributions to \$15,000 per month.

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The discussion continued on the following topics:

- **Building Department:**
 - Blue and Gold Development at 1 Conklin Street is nearing completion. New state mandated light being installed and will be operational by mid-September. The owner indicated that the location will be known as “The Enclave”.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – ZBA approved plans and the Board approved a Special Use Permit. Awaiting construction drawings in order to issue building permit. Special Use Permit was extended.
 - The Sterling Green project is nearing completion with occupancy expected to begin in August of 2024.
 - The Carlyle project is nearing completion. No issues with the project moving toward C/O.
 - Dish Network building permit issued with installation started.
 - Verizon submission to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer’s Shopping Center has been received.
 - Enterprise Rent-A-Car – Special Use Permit has been approved, construction to begin soon.
 - Zuzu completed, C/O issued.
 - Discussed waste stream with the ownership of the Nutty Irishman & 317, dumpster under construction.
 - The Villager – status on rear enclosure, will wait until autumn of 2024 for application submission.
 - National Grid grant for street trees and planter boxes has been submitted – approximately \$10,000, awaiting response.
 - Toretta Estates waiting for three building applications for remaining lots.
 - Two lot sub-division on Staples Street is under construction.
 - The proposed two lot sub-division on Melville Rd. may be sold.
 - Caribbean fusion restaurant – no permit needed as only cosmetic improvements are being made.
- **Highway Department:**

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- Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
- Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
- Main St. poles for FFD traffic light installed. Superintendent Patanjo is obtaining quotes and delivery schedule for traffic lights.
- New DPW Yoakum St. park is nearing completion.
- Village Green Gazebo brick wall needs repointing.
- Need to evaluate lighting at the Melville Road/Secatogue Avenue intersection.
- GFI units for holiday lighting to be supplied by the Town of Oyster Bay.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - DPW crews put out sandbags in the Linwood area.
 - DPW crews responded to Sunday storm keeping rainwater from flooding homes.
 - Crews have been assisting with moving furniture with the painter in Village Hall.
 - Crews addressing line striping.
 - Town of Oyster Bay lighting is coming in to put up a new deco street light in Gino’s alleyway and repair a couple of outages.
 - Stapleton will be coming in to do a bunch of tree trimming.
 - Heads Up Sprinklers has started water running lines for the Yoakum Street park.
 - DPW crews have stored movie screens and related equipment.
 - Thanks to everyone involved with the Village movies.
 - DPW fleet maintenance has been busy doing services.
- Water Department:
 - All communication going well with the new contract with the South Farmingdale Water District.
 - Sampling and testing of Well 1-3 of AOP/GAC installation by Philip Ross continues. Trojan to calibrate the AOP to reflect contaminant level. SCADA

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system to be set to reflect the AOP contaminant level, all need to meet health department requirements.

- New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 is on site, scheduled to start construction in two weeks. Need to get information about testing costs.
- Plant 2 construction currently on hold. Pipe installation to connect into the system with cut ins to main trunk lines to be done as arranged by PRI when Well 1-3 is fully operational and will be done when peak season is over (agreed to with PRI).
- PWGC following up on required testing to secure funding from legal settlements and potential federal and county funding. Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel helped finalize all submissions.
- A grant of \$1 million has been committed through County Legislator John Ferretti to offset costs of the new water treatment systems. The contract was signed, Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel is following up on grant requirements for reimbursement.
- Congressman Thomas Suozzi has informed the Village that a \$1.1 million commitment has been secured in the 2025/2026 Federal Budget. Not a reimbursement grant.
- From John Falbo:
- Well 1-3 – All AOP project testing is underway and is running to system. At this point South Farmingdale and VOF are monitoring and changing all set points for both well and AOP for our system. This work is being done during working hours until we are comfortable with its production and efficiency.
- This has been a very heavy pumping season with just Well 2-3 and the boosters at Ridge Road. Our Water Department has been performing maintenance to the 2 wells at Ridge Road. Our proactive approach has kept chemical output consistent and in good standing.
- Yearly inspection of caustic chemical bulk storage tanks which is required by the DEC and was performed by H2M on Aug. 12. Waiting on their report which should take a couple of weeks.
- A broken water service at the corner of Cherry & 109 was repaired by the Village crew.

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- Code Department:
 - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card slot).
 - Section 375 of the NYS VTL indicates that flyers placed on cars is illegal.
 - Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel reported that electrification of all parking meters is underway. Five units have been sent to McKay for electrification.
 - Sign posts and signage needs to be placed on Main Street. Sign posts received.
 - 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.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation summer 2024. All signage (received) and brackets have been ordered for Main Street.

SET PUBLIC HEARING – AMEND CHAPTER 433 – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-17), to set a public hearing to change the Village code to amend Chapter 433 Rental Dwelling Units, with a 2 year inspection fee of \$300, penalty of \$100 for non-payment of fee after 30 days and an additional \$100 penalty for non-payment of fee after 60 days. If fees and penalties are not paid, they will be added to taxes for the residence in the following tax year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-08-18), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-08-19), to reconvene the meeting.

Trustee Priestley left.

NEW HIRE, upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2025-08-20), to hire Brian Bretana as a Full Time Water Servicer Trainee at a salary of \$40,000 per year.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- The Rotary Club is having a dedication ceremony at the Peace Pole on the Village Green on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
- Yoakum Park is taking shape and will be completed by October.
- Fall flowers will be placed a 5 Corners Park and at the Village Green.
- Look for new counter materials to replace the Formica counter in the Clerk's Office.
- Bethpage State Park has proposed to change their golf driving range which will result in 120' poles to be placed at the corner of Round Swamp Road and Quaker Meeting House Road and to add a second deck onto the driving range stalls. Mayor Ekstrand will request a rendering of this proposal.
- A committee will be formed to compliment the historic significance of the Powell House and to assist in raising funds for its ongoing maintenance and capital costs.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer