

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, August 25, 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 25, 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

The following topics were discussed:

- The Board addressed two resident concerns: One is on Staples Street, concerning property maintenance issue of a neighbor. The other is on Rose Street, concerning vehicles blocking access to his driveway during evening hours and loud noise coming from the Gazebo late on Friday evening). Administrator Harty will follow up on both cases.
- The owner of the Tap Room requested the use of 4-5 Village parking spaces in Parking Lot 1 to provide a golf simulator on September 26, 2025 from noon until 3:00 p.m. as a promotion related to the Ryder Cup. He will make a formal request at the September 2 meeting.
- Proposal to sub-divide property located at 25 Main Street: Property owner Rich Ralph and architect Harold Gebhard proposed a subdivision of 25 Main Street to construct one new home and maintain the current residence. Variances would be needed to pursue a subdivision and the applicant would first have to secure approval from the Zoning Board. The applicant said that one large home may be an option if the subdivision were to be denied. After the applicant departed, the Board discussed it and felt that one large home was preferable. The Board instructed Administrator Harty to contact the applicant with regard to the preference.
- Fire Department:

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

RESOLVED (#2026-08-16), to approve a three year agreement with Firefly to provide LOSAP Administration, Actuarial and Consulting Services for the Fire Department's Length of Service Award Program.

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The discussion continued on the following topics:

- 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 11th. All going well.
 - Inspections, plan reviews and follow up on nuisance issues.
 - Status questions were asked about Casa Stellina, Sunoco/7-11 and issues with Gino's signage.
 - Working with Burgerology to solve grease spatter issues on adjacent vehicles.
 - Need to contact Farmingdale Meat Market to move trucks from Parking Lot 3 to Jackson Avenue with the same contract.
 - Contact CDBG to find out if the Post Office would be eligible for façade and signage grants.
 - Check 46 Conklin Street for possible inhabitants.
- 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.

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- Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.
- Security camera installation to begin soon.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting was in repairing streetlights on Park Ave. and Thomas Powell Blvd.
- Stapleton was in removing dead trees and stump grinding.
- Last Music on Main! Thanks to all involved.
- DPW crews have been prepping for the upcoming Ryder Cup in September.
- National Grid installed a new gas meter and service was installed in the Thomas Powell house.
- DPW crews have been getting fall equipment ready.
- Castro Landscaping was in trimming all the hedges in Lot #3 where the Meat Market trucks park.
- Last Movie Night was cancelled due to weather, most of the equipment has been put away for the season,
- DPW equipment is ready to go incase a tropical storm in case a tropical storm or hurricane impacts our area.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - Mayor Ekstrand requested the latest readings of 1,4 Dioxane in all wells.
 - From John Falbo:

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- 6 Sherman Rd. water service was replaced by homeowner from curb box to home at homeowner's expense due to lack of water pressure. Old line was found to be damaged due to telecommunication conduits – water was still extremely low at curb box, which meant the line was damaged on our side also. Service on street side from water main to curb box was damaged in 2 areas and was replaced by Merrick Utilities for our Water Department. Water service on our side was damaged significantly, due to storm drainage upgrades and county sewer which was put in early 1990's and 2000's.
- Monthly sampling of 2 wells.
- Well 2-2 is running efficiently and has been monitored closely for 2 weeks now.
- Lead and copper letters sent out to houses which are tested every 3 years. To prepare for sampling bottles to be dropped off next week.
- Completing survey for Main St. services and water main.
- Working on solution to brown water at 2 Yoakum Street.
- 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.
 - The Main Street Mile is scheduled for Saturday, August 30, 2025. All preparations have been made/coordinating with Race Manager.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-08-17), to approve placard to be placed on a pole at cemetery on Route 109.

MODERN IRRIGATION CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-08-18), to approve amended contract with Modern Irrigation to provide administrative services and backflow inspections for the Village of Farmingdale Water Department.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-08-19), to approve additional seasonal lighting for North Main Street at a cost of \$26,730.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- New website is nearing completion and presentation to the Board is scheduled for the September 15 work session.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer