

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

Absent: Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty

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 Monday, October 6th, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, September 15th, 2025, Monday, September 22nd, 2025 and Monday, October 6th, 2025 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 23, 2025.
- The annual Art in the Park will be held on the Village Green on Sunday, September 14, 2025 (rain date September 21) from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the August 18th Work Session (3/0 vote):
 - Approved 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 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.
 - Approved 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 held from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Approved Hello Alert for installation of alarm system & security cameras at Well 1-3, DPW facilities and Wells 2-2 & 2-3. To be

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funded by Special Use/Incentive Bonus Reserve in the amount of \$53,820.00.

- Hired Vincent Grauso as a Part-Time Cleaner for the Fire Department at a rate of \$22 per hour.
- Hired Keith Ryan, Sr. as a Part-Time Firehouse Maintainer for the Fire Department at a rate of \$22 per hour.
- The following resolutions were approved at the August 25th Work Session:
 - Approved a three-year agreement with Firefly to provide LOSAP Administration, Actuarial and Consulting Services for the Fire Department's Length of Service Award Program.
 - Approved placard to be installed on a pole at cemetery on Route 109.
 - Approved amended contract with Modern Irrigation to provide administrative services and backflow inspections for the Village of Farmingdale Water Department.
 - Approved additional seasonal lighting for North Main Street at a cost of \$26,730.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2026-09-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1201 dated September 2, 2025.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 8/4/25, 8/18/25, 8/25/25
- Use of Village Property:
 - Tiny Songbirds is requesting the use of Gergras Park for Baby & Me Music Classes on September 16, September 23, September 30, October 7, October 14, October 21, October 28 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All dates are on Tuesdays.
 - Farmingdale Tap Room has requested the use of 4-5 parking spaces in Parking Lot #1 on Friday, September 26, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. as a promotion related to the Ryder Cup.
 - The Cultural Arts Committee is requesting the use of the Courtroom for Open Mic Nights at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, Tuesday, October 21, 2025 and Tuesday, November 18, 2025.
- Block Party Applications:
 - None
- Tax certiorari's:
 - None

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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
8/4/2025	140 BETHPAGE RD SUNRUN DB25-00051	8.80 KW (22) PANELS	N/A	R
8/6/2025	101A FULTON ST FIT Farmingdale PP25-00015	(1) WATER CLOSET, (1) LAVATORY, (1) SLOP SINK, (1) INDIRECT WASTE, (1) FLOOR DRAIN	N/A	C
8/11/2025	6 SHERMAN RD LAURA BOITANO PP25-00016	NEW WATER SERVICE	N/A	R
8/14/2025	35 WILLIAM ST. MARIA BENJAMIN DB25-00052	INSTALLATION OF ROOF TOP SOLAR PANELS (30)	N/A	R
8/19/2025	85 NELSON ST GRAHAM MURPHY FP25-00010	WHITE 6' PVC WITH GATE	N/A	R
8/20/2025	49 SHERMAN RD TRACEY WOLINER DB25-00053	REPLACE DRIVEWAY (SUPERCEDING PERMIT DB23-00044)	N/A	R
8/21/2025	15 HAMPSHIRE DR CHARLES KRIEG DB25-00054	INSTALLATION OF ROOF MOUNTED PV SOLAR SYSTEM (11) (4.51 Kw)	N/A	R

PUBLIC HEARING DATE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-09-02), to set the following public hearing for Monday, October 6, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Amend the local law requiring Landscapers to include requirements to remove clippings, cuttings, leaves and other debris and not to leave for general trash pick-up.
- **NOTE:** Verizon/Marquis Plaza cell service hearing has been adjourned until October 6, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-09-03), to approve James Woerner Inc., with the lowest quote, to provide maintenance services for 4 generators at a cost of \$11,750 with Emergency Service to be billed at \$190 per hour Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., \$295 per hour Monday-Friday 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. & Sat., and \$390 per hour Sunday and holidays.

FIREFIGHTER & AMBULATORY SERVICES– Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2026-09-04), to approve a contract with the Town of Oyster Bay for the Village to provide firefighter and ambulatory services.

NO PARKING AREA VIOLATION FINES (RYDER CUP) – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-09-05), to approve \$500 fines in “No Parking” designated areas during the Ryder Cup between September 18-29.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Great job by DPW with the plants around the Village, new plantings are planned for the end of September.
- North side of Main Street – new lighting and poles
- Holiday lights are coming soon

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Letter from The Barnyard

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident discussed the walkability of the Village downtown, pedestrian traffic safety concerns:
 - The resident made the following suggestions:
 - At crosswalks look to create ‘Bump-outs’ that allow walkers to step out to see cars and be seen, before walking.
 - Traffic calming enhancements on roads to reduce traffic speed.
 - Overhead Crosswalk signs & Speed meters &/or blinking traffic yield signs.
 - Defined pathways from each parking lot leading toward Main Street.
 - Explore making Main Street one-way with parking on one side only.
 - Mayor Ekstrand responded that we did talk to Nassau County about it.
 - Regarding New York State Code: The Mayor also said there was a complete street study and there were no concerns.

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- The resident discussed employees parking more frequently on Waverly Place & Conklin Street and blocking corners & driveways. Code Enforcement will visit the area more frequently.
- A resident asked about the “No Turn on Red” sign placement on the corner of Main Street & Fulton Street. Will there be additional signage? Mayor Ekstrand said that the placement was done by the State. Request for traffic light was made but this is what the State decided.
- A resident asked for an update from H2M regarding the Linwood project. The response was that there is no update available.
- The resident also asked about vendors. Mayor Ekstrand stated that peddler permits are required for them.
- A resident asked if Residential Rehab is available. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel said that we still have the CDBG program but no money has been allocated to it at this time. It may be in the next round of funding.
- A resident asked if someone could take a look at their street tree for possible removal. The tree will be reviewed to see if it can be saved.
- A resident complained about noise levels: Fire Department was loud after a call and DJs played outside the Nutty Irishman after 10:00 p.m. Code will monitor the situation.
- The resident also complained about Post Office employees parking in front of his house. Code will issue tickets and monitor the situation.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Ruckdeschel
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer