

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 2, 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 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

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled: Fines, James Woerner contract, Town of Oyster Bay resolution for fire services.
- Discussion about 43 Conklin Street: discussion about size of garage and the need for additional landscaping.
- NY Forward program
- Fire Department: September 14 - Art in the Park & Chief's meeting are on the same day. Farmer's Market will move to the front of the Firehouse that day.
- 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.
 - 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.

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- 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.
 - Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.
 - Security camera installation to begin soon.
 - Repair Fairview Road and Yoakum Street, National Grid to cover costs of repair.
 - CHIPs funding allocation – Mayor Ekstrand asked when do we get notice? Superintendent Patanjo has map to help schedule future repairs when needed.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - DPW crew cleaned the north railroad parking lot, pulling weeds, sweeping and line striping.
 - Last Music on Main was a success. A big thank you to Code Enforcement and DPW.
 - Town of Oyster Bay Lighting was in investigating a streetlight issue at 6 Park Avenue. TOB has to come back and run a new underground powerline. The broken underground wire was affecting 4 streetlights on Park Ave. & Ridge Rd.
 - Komatsu was called for service for an issue with payload #1.
 - DPW crews are out line striping.

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- DPW still watering flowers and trees.
- 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. Possible new tank may be purchased with a grant. Consultant John Mirando will review to assist with specs of new replacement of the ground storage tank. A grant was requested from Rep. Suozzi to cover the cost but there are no status updates at this time.
 - 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.
 - Follow up with H2M on the Linwood project
 - From John Falbo:
 - Water main break at 75 Merritts Road, Merrick Utilities and our Water Dept. did the work.
 - Monthly sampling of 2 wells.
 - 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. Discussed water usage in neighborhood.
- Code Department:
 - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card receptacle).

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- 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.
- New website is nearing completion and presentation to the Board is scheduled for the September 15 work session.
- Discussed financial setup and future reporting of Village finances.
- Youth Council update: Who will do what – Village Attorney DeBellis to provide draft to Deputy Mayor Barrett. Open contract - Some responsibilities still needed to be included, such as identifying the Village’s needs and oversight.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Ruckdeschel, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer