

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

**INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

**Present:** Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Craig Rosasco  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel  
Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

**Absent:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand

Deputy Mayor Barrett opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Deputy Mayor Barrett made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 and Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 24, 2024.
- The following resolutions were approved at the August 19<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - Approved 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.
  - Approved Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel to attend the NYCOM Fall Training school in Saratoga Springs from September 16<sup>th</sup> –

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September 20<sup>th</sup> for all costs associated with the trip not to exceed \$2200.

- Declared Building Department (B1 & B2) 2013 Chevrolet Equinox vehicles as surplus.
- Approved the purchase of two new 2025 Chevrolet Equinox vehicles from Smithtown Chevrolet under a BOCES contract at a cost of \$30,494.00 each.
- Approved a bond resolution for up to \$2 million for improvements to the drainage system in the Linwood Avenue area.
- Agreed to raise LOSAP contributions to \$15,000 per month.
- 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.
- Hired Brian Bretana as a Full Time Water Servicer Trainee at a salary of \$40,000 per year. (4/0 vote)
- The following resolutions were approved at the August 26<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - Approved a request from the Farmingdale Soccer Club to use the Courtroom on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.
  - Approved Blackstone Land Title Agency to do a complete title search on the Thomas Powell House at an approximate cost of \$15,000.
  - Established a Mayoral Committee for various purposes in support of the Thomas Powell House whose initial members are Trustee Cheryl Parisi, Debbie Podolski, Laura Coletti, Lorraine Stanton, Margaret Barrett and a member of the school district.
  - Hired Phoenix Wall Covering and Painting to paint various doors and door jambs at a cost of \$1,400.
- The Village received \$2.25 million of a \$3 million grant from the State of New York for the water district for pollution control equipment.

**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2025-09-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1189 dated September 3, 2024.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 8/5/24, 8/19/24, 8/26/24 as amended

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- Use of Village Property:
  - The Junior League is requesting the use of the Courtroom on Monday, January 20, 2025 for a special project. (Holiday – Village Hall closed)
  - Coldwell Banker American Homes is requesting the use of Parking Lot 4 for a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 26, 2024 (rain date October 27) from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Block Party Applications:
  - None
- Outdoor Dining:
  - None
- Tax certiorari's:
  - None

**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
8/1/2024	18 DALE DR MICHAEL BUONO DB24-00052	INSTALL A REAR YARD PAVILLION	N/A	R
8/2/2024	18 DALE DR MICHAEL BUONO PP24-00031	INSTALL LINE TO POOL HEATER	N/A	R
8/2/2024	35 MAPLE ST GENEVIEVE OLSON DB24-00053	FIRE REPAIR AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY TODD O'CONNELL ARCHITECT DATED 6/13/2024.	N/A	R
8/6/2024	41 WAVERLY PL MICHAEL & NORA RETINGER SW24-00004	REPLACE SIDEWALK	N/A	R
8/6/2024	290 CONKLIN ST ST THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH FP24-00015	NEW FENCING	N/A	C
8/6/2024	4 STRATFORD GREEN JOHN HAYES DB24-00054	PAINTING, FLOORING, SINK, VANITY, CARPET, SPACKLE.	N/A	R
8/12/2024	55 FAIRVIEW RD NATIONAL GRID RO24-00004	ONE 7 X 4 BELLHOLE FOR EMERGENCY GAS LEAK REPAIR	N/A	R
8/12/2024	57 OAKVIEW AVE ANTHONY SACCO PP24-00032	ONE WATER CLOSET & ONE LAVATORY	N/A	R
8/20/2024	135 DUANE ST NATIONAL GRID RO24-00005	ONE 4 X 4 BELLHOLE TO INSTALL GAS SERVICE	N/A	R
8/20/2024	345 STAPLES ST	ONE 4 X 4 BELLHOLE TO CONVERT/INSTALL	N/A	R

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	LOT A VIRFILIO FRANCO RO24-00006	NEW SEWER/WATER SERVICE		
8/20/2024	12 VERNON ST NATIONAL GRID RO24-00008	ONE 5 X 5 BELLHOLE FOR EMERGENCY GAS LEAK REPAIR	N/A	R
8/20/2024	310 STAPLES ST MICHAEL KRALICK DB24-00055	INSTALL 26 ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS	N/A	R
8/20/2024	226 MAIN ST RALPH EKSTRAND DB24-00056	INSTALL ROOF MOUNTED SOUND MACHINE	N/A	C

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

**RESOLVED (#2025-09-02)**, to set the following public hearing for Monday, October 7, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Special Use Permit for installation of Verizon cell services at Palmers Shopping Center.
- For site plan review of 215 Prospect Street.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND LOCAL LAW FOR CHAPTER 433 RENTAL DWELLING UNITS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-09-03)**, to open the hearing.

There being no public comment, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-09-04)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2025-09-05)**, to amend Chapter 433 Rental Dwelling Units of the Village Code to enable charges and penalties to be added to tax rolls.

**Public hearing** for a Special Use Permit to reinstate the non-conforming use of a two family residence at 215 Prospect Street: To be continued to October 7, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

**HEALTHCARE DEDUCTIONS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

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**RESOLVED (#2025-09-06)**, to cap healthcare deductions at 10% for those eligible for healthcare coverage.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	not present
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	nay
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Craig Rosasco	aye

**LETTER OF INTENT FOR NY FORWARD GRANT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2025-09-07)**, to submit a letter of intent and subsequent application for the New York Forward Grant Program.

**BEAUTIFICATION –**

- Trustee Parisi reported that Fall plantings in the Village Green and 5 Corners Park will be done soon. She also stated that the new Pocket Park on Yoakum Street is nearing completion with plantings to be installed by the end of September.
- Lighting on Main Street will reflect the seasons for all to enjoy.
- Trustee Parisi thanked all of the volunteers and Farmingdale DPW for their assistance in making the Village the Place to Be!

**OLD BUSINESS –**

- None

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

- One email to Trustee Parisi

**FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident asked about the status of the H2M report on Linwood Avenue. Deputy Mayor Barrett told him that the report wasn't finalized as issues remain and he could not go into further detail due to legal filings. Questions about the availability of a pump to remove water from the Linwood area and to preposition the hose were

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raised. The Village will address the repositioning of a hose through yards as mentioned.

- A resident said that the “Right turn on red” sign on Clinton Street going west onto NY24 is blocked by tree/leaves. DPW will investigate.
- The resident also asked about a light at the new 1 Conklin St. building and was told that the State DOT has approved a new light to handle the intersection which will be installed in September.
- The resident also asked about the purchase price of the Powell House and was told that the purchase price was \$750,000 and the closing is scheduled for September 12, 2024.
- A resident complained about a home and grounds in disrepair at 187 Thomas Powell Blvd. The Village will investigate and take appropriate action.
- The resident also indicated that there was an issue of illegal tenancy on Ridge Road. The Village will investigate.

#### **OTHER –**

- Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Department of Public Works are working on new bus service to connect the Route 110 corridor with the Farmingdale Village train station in order to provide bus service to the offices for commuter employees. A 40’ bus was tested along various potential routes and the team from Suffolk County will come to the mid-October work session for a presentation of their findings.
- Liberty Capital Services is going to market for bond/bond replenishment by the end of September.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian P. Harty  
Village Clerk/Treasurer