

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Tuesday, September 6, 2022**  
**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 6, 2022.

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

**Absent:** Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel

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 Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the August 15<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - Postponed the Work Session & Public Hearing, currently scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022 to Tuesday, October 11, 2022 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Work Session scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2022 will be cancelled. (4/0 vote)
  - Hired the following people as Part-Time Parking Meter Attendants at an hourly rate of \$18.00 (4/0 vote):
    - Louis Oswald
    - Marcos Cotto
    - Jake Amato
  - Hired Reilly Fellman as a Part-Time Temporary Administrative Intern at an hourly rate of \$15.00. (4/0 vote)
  - Hired the following people as Part-Time Substitute Firehouse Maintainers at an hourly rate of \$18.00 (4/0 vote):
    - Kenneth Amato
    - Jake Pitcher
    - James Russo

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- Hired Robert Leone as a Part-Time Cleaner at an hourly rate of \$18.00. (4/0 vote)
- Approved paving of Van Cott Avenue – Grant Avenue at a cost of \$55,000. (4/0 vote)
- Approved the purchase of 24 Parking Meters from McKay Meters at a cost of \$163,635 and to finance the purchase through Government Capital Corp. off of BCPA contract #05-37 for five years at 4.05% at an annual cost of \$37,382.25.
- Approved a request from the Greater Long Island Running Club to have Leg 3 of their annual Ocean to Sound Relay take place within the Village on Sunday, September 25, 2022. Leg 3 passes through the Village along Quaker Meeting House Road between Merritts Road and Round Swamp Road.
- Approved a request from the Cultural Arts Committee for the use of the Gazebo for two Youth Open Mic Nights, on Friday, September 23, 2022 and Friday, October 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Court Room.
- Approved Bullseye Sign Company as the lowest responsible bidder to supply signs and related services for the CDBG Funded Sign, Light and Awning Program.
- Approved Universal Signs and Service as the lowest responsible bidder to supply awnings and related services for the CDBG Funded Sign, Light and Awning Program.
- Purchased four tickets to attend Walter Brem retirement function in the amount of \$320.00 on September 15, 2022.
- Purchased four tickets to attend the EPIC Family of Agencies event honoring Mayor Ralph Ekstrand at a cost of \$1,000 on October 3, 2022.
- The following resolutions were approved at the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Work Session:
  - Approved all Small Claims Assessment review refunds for the 2021/2022 tax year totaling \$2,758.33. (4/0 vote)
  - Increased Code Department night differential from \$21.50/hr. To \$23.00/hr.
  - Increased hourly rate of Linda Segarra from \$21.00/hr. to \$22.00/hr.
  - Increased hourly rate of Dave Rodenburg from \$25.00/hr. to \$27.00/hr. (4/0/1 vote, 1 abstention)
  - Hired Satty, Levine, & Ciacco, CPAs to audit the 2021/2022 fiscal year at a cost of \$20,000.

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**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2023-09-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1165 dated September 6, 2022.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 8/1/22, 8/15/22, 8/22/22 as amended
- Use of Village Property:
  - The Molloy Energeia Partnership is requesting use of the Courtroom for a land use class on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Block Party Applications:
  - 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
7/27/2022	62 Sullivan Rd Charles Wurster DB22-00078	Construct one car detached garage as per drawings submitted by Raymond Doner Architect dated 5/27/22.	N/A	R
7/27/2022	180 Cherry St. Steve Distanto DP22-00002	Demolition of garage	N/A	R
7/27/2022	180 Cherry St. Steve Distanto DB22-00079	Demolish existing garage and replace with new two car detached garage as per drawings submitted by Thomas Biore Architect dated 11/4/21.	N/A	R
7/27/2022	25 William St. National Grid RO22-00007	4 x 4 bellhole to install gas service	N/A	R
7/29/2022	35 Leonard St. Darren Gallagher DB22-00080	Driveway & Drywell	X	R
7/29/2022	28 Nostrand Ave. Frank Liotta DB22-00081	Install 34 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Hytech Solar dated 7/19/22.	N/A	R
7/29/2022	1 Atlantic Ave Evelyn Googe PP22-00030	Replace existing hot water heater	N/A	R
7/29/2022	18 Sullivan Rd. Robert Kresner PP22-00031	Gas Pressure Test	N/A	R
8/1/2022	59 Clinton Ave Michael Clemens DP22-00003	Demolition of garage	N/A	R
8/2/2022	960 Fulton St Rafael Calixto	As per ARB approval 7/26/22.	X	C

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8/2/2022	330 Fulton St Jordan Desner SP22-00011	As per ARB approval 7/26/2022	X	C
8/2/2022	4 Jefferson Rd. Janine Fiorello FP22-00020	4 – 5 ‘ Chain link fence.	N/A	R
8/3/2022	422 Conklin St. Lincoln Land Services SP22-00012	As per ARB approval 7/26/22.	X	C
8/9/2022	126 William St. Robert & Erin Russo DB22-00082	Two story additions, interior alterations and second story deck as per drawings submitted by Norman C. Lok P.E. dated 6/9/22.	N/A	R
8/19/2022	7 Eastern Pkwy Fairfield 7 Eastern LLC PP22-000362	Pressure test	N/A	R
8/23/2022	17 Sherman Rd. Jessica Healey SWR22-00002	Replace house trap and existing sewer line.	N/A	R
8/23/2022	3 Vernon St. Kevin & Lori Sexton DB22-00083	Install 12’ diameter above ground pool	N/A	R
8/23/2022	5 Dale Dr. Desiree Nevins DB22-00084	Install 37 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Sunrun Solar dated 7/31/22.	N/A	R
8/25/2022	399 Conklin St. Laura Coletti RA DB22-00085	Insulate and fire protect underside of parking garage as per drawings by Impact Architecture dated 8/16/22.	N/A	C
8/26/2022	84 Balcom Rd. Yvone Flemmings PP22-00033	Replace oil fired boiler	N/A	R
8/26/2022	85 Conklin St. Walter & Laurie Priestley DB22-00086	Expand existing parking lot as per drawings submitted by Charles Gravano Surveyor dated 8/20/16.	X	C
8/26/2022	180 Cherry St. Stephen DiStante DB22-00087	Install 19 roof top units as per drawings submitted by Empower Solar.	N/A	R
8/30/2022	26 Paine Ave Neal Cappadona DB22-00088	Install 43 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Empower Solar dated 8/3/22.	N/A	R
8/30/2022	55 Hillside Rd. Austin Catania DB22-00089	Interior kitchen alterations and exterior semi in-ground pool with deck as per drawings submitted by Fiore Architecture dated 7/21/22.	N/A	R
8/30/2022	180 Cherry St. Steve & Heidi Distanto DB22-00090	Install 3 gas lanterns, 1 BBQ, 1 generator and 1 outdoor sink.	N/A	R

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-09-02)**, to set the following public hearing for Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Special Use Permit for 12 units of rental housing at 1 Conklin Street

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**PUBLIC HEARING TO REVISE VILLAGE CODE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-09-03)**, to adjourn the hearing until Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE NOISE CODE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-09-04)**, to adjourn the hearing until Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

**FIREFLY AGREEMENT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-09-05)**, to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign the Firefly Admin Inc. 2022/2023 Service Award Program Service Fee Agreement for an estimated fee of \$7,895.

**CDBG YEAR 48 CONTRACT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-09-06)**, to approve the Mayor's signature to the CDBG Year 48 contract for \$325,000.

**USED GENERATOR PURCHASE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-09-07)**, to approve the purchase of one used Generac 350KW generator from James Woerner for our Water Department in the amount of \$38,850.

**REMOVAL OF OLD ELEVATED WATER TANK** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-09-08)**, to approve Wargo Contracting on the recommendation of our consulting engineers Dvirka and Bartilucci as the lowest responsible bidder to take down the old elevated water tank located at Eastern Parkway including foundations in the amount of \$843,600. This will be funded through the American Rescue Plan.

**2023 FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTALLATION DINNER** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

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**RESOLVED (#2023-09-09)**, to approve the 2023 Farmingdale Fire Department Annual Installation Dinner to be held at the Heritage Club at Bethpage State Park on July 28, 2023. A deposit of \$5,000 is required to reserve the date.

**BEAUTIFICATION –**

- Trustee Parisi thanked our vendor, John M. Iaboni and the Farmingdale DPW for keeping the plantings in great shape during a very difficult high heat and dry summer. She also mentioned that she is preparing for the fall and holiday season.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

- The Main Street Mile took place. Deputy Mayor Barrett commented that it was a great event and is a 17 year Labor Day weekend tradition in the Village.
- Trustee Parisi said that she is working with Vision Long Island to apply for a four million dollar grant to finance a performing arts center.
- Rodent issues continue to be addressed with summons issued as well as investigation of habitat and proposed treatment.
- Village Attorney DeBellis indicated that signage placed on poles is illegal and that offenders can be issued a summons.

**CORRESPONDENCE –** Letter from Farmingdale State College President John Nader

**FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS -** None

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

- A resident mentioned that the gas station at the corner of Heisser Lane and Route 109 continues to have outdoor dining. Building Superintendent Fellman said that they would be duly noticed and a summons would be issued if the outdoor dining is not removed.
- A similar situation exists at 317 Main Street to remove plantings and seating in the government strip.
- The resident asked to install plantings where a sidewalk was located previously. He was asked to provide a survey and a plan for the plantings.
- A resident requested assistance with a parking problem.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

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**RESOLVED (#2023-09-10)**, to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-09-11)**, to reconvene the meeting.

**SALARY INCREASE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-09-12)**, to place Russell Castrogiovanni as a salaried employee and raise his salary to \$75,000 annually for his work in the Water Department, as he has achieved a IIB water operator status. He will be eligible for overtime for storm and special events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian P. Harty  
Village Clerk/Treasurer