

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, September 15, 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, September 15, 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:

- M/M Derek Luke discuss building fee: Explained calculation of fee and informed them that due to our code we can't make exceptions even for disabled veterans. They would like assurances about adjoining property. Our Building Inspector will call.
- Suffolk County Department of Economic Development Redevelopment of Bus Service on the Route 110 Corridor including Farmingdale Train Connection: Gave update on scenarios and usage of Eastern Parkway & railroad lot to create the needed station.
- Discussion about signage & parking restrictions on Waverly Place: Board agreed to install additional "No Outlet" sign and have Code monitor.
- Discussion about Chiddy's food truck: Approve of them, Village Attorney DeBellis to write up contract to park in Jackson Ave. lot.
- Discussion about 2 Yoakum Street: Discussion of scenario, the need to flush system and to get on a cycle of flushing specific locations. Will make an offer to finalize with homeowner.
- Discussion regarding changing of code for Office-Residence zoning: No change, will ask for applicant on Conklin St. to resubmit plans.

TAX CERTIORARI – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-09-06), to approve 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 a refund of \$11,000 with a reduction in the assessed value

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of \$2,523,950. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2026/27 through and including 2027/28, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department: Chief Hammond gave an update on the Ryder Cup and our preparation. The Board thanked Chief Hammond for all his hard work and dedication.
- Building Department:
 - Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel 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. Dick Comi scheduled to come to the September 22nd work session to discuss Verizon Marquis Plaza cell tower installation.
 - Safety inspections nearing completion with rental inspections underway.
 - Plan reviews and follow up on nuisance issues.
 - Burgerology was issued a summons to solve grease spatter issues on adjacent vehicles, come into compliance and pay overdue \$5,000 parking fee.
 - Farmingdale Meat Market to move trucks from Parking Lot 3 to Jackson Avenue with the same contract this week.
 - Contact CDBG to find out if the Post Office would be eligible for façade and signage grants – no answer.
 - The owner of 203 Staples Street is coming back, need to discuss lawn maintenance when he returns.
 - Question of status of the health of the Christmas tree on the Village Green. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel to follow up.
 - Owner of Casa Stellina trying to finalize. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel will have Building Inspector Cinquemani and speak with them.

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Issues with the sprinkler system and creation of one property as well as increased seating capacity could require a revised parking fee.

- 30 parking spaces have been requested for a Trunk & Treat event during the Halloween parade, waiting on final submission.
- 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. Altice not going underground, will use So. Front Street east and west. 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.

CAPITAL TRUCK REPAIRS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-09-07), to approve repairs to two sanders in the amount of \$16,758.58 to R.W. Truck Equipment.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Highway Department (continued):
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - Crews have been preparing for the 2025 Ryder Cup.
 - Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in repairing street lights.
 - Stapleton Tree will be in on the 17th & 18th for trims, dead removals, and stumps.
 - DPW crews have been out line striping.

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- Olsen Brothers were in on Tuesday the 9th for tree fertilizing in the municipal lots and other assorted locations.
- Shop crews have been busy with NYS inspections.
- Getting equipment ready for the upcoming leaf season.

SURPLUS VEHICLE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-09-08), to declare as surplus Highway Dept. #7 2012 Ford Pickup VIN# 1FTRF3B6XCEC99772.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-09-09), to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 Reg Cab for the Highway Department off of BOCES Bid #25/26-018 at a cost of \$72,994, which includes plow and equipment.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- 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 – 1,4 Dioxane levels are good for testing.
 - From John Falbo:
 - Monthly sampling of 2 wells.

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- Lead and copper letters completion letters are done & handed to residents that participated in sampling.
- 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.
- New website is nearing completion and presentation to the Board is scheduled for the September 22 work session.
- Update on No. Main Street project: Altice not going underground, will use So. Front Street east and west.
- No work on Main Street the week of the Ryder Cup.
- Downtown security camera update: Town of Oyster Bay Lighting was in the lots, next steps are for Hello Alert.

MEMORIAL STREET DEDICATION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-09-10), to name South Front Street, from Main Street to Parking Lot 3, “Tim Collins Way”.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Ruckdeschel, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer