

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, September 22, 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 22, 2025.

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

Absent: Trustee Walter Priestley
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty

The following topics were discussed:

- Comi discussion regarding Verizon cell tower at Marquis Plaza: Al Tagliaferri provided an update.
- Presentation of new website: Kevin Wood presented.
- Burgerology – to discuss Village relations: Burgerology was a no show, grease issues on neighboring vehicles was discussed.

HALLOWEEN PARADE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-09-11), to approve the Farmingdale Business Improvement District's request to hold a Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 25th at 1:00 p.m. (Rain date: October 26). The parade will assemble at Moby Way and continue south on Main Street to the Village Green. Family activities to follow (pony rides, petting zoo, etc) on the Village Green until approximately 4:00 p.m.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department
- 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.

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- 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 underway. All going well.
- 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.
- The owner of 203 Staples Street to be called back, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel to follow up.
- 20 Quaker Lane – Building Inspector Cinquemani called the homeowner regarding plans and the neighbor.
- Owner of Casa Stellina is meeting this week with Building Inspector Cinquemani.
- Pour Authority – final inspection is coming up, Special Use Permit will be provided and paid when Certificate of Occupancy is issued.
- 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 in process. Verizon is complete.
 - 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.

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- Security camera installation underway, microwaves installed, cameras next.
- 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.
- Shop crews have been busy with NYS inspections.
- Getting equipment ready for the upcoming leaf season.
- Added a water patch on Yoakum Street.
- Make sure there is a maintenance schedule for vehicles, especially on sanders for the salt.
- 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.
 - Grant money update – EFC waiting on documents from PRI.
 - Well 2-3 AOP, when can we turn it on? Mayor Ekstrand gave an update on 1,4 Dioxane levels at Wells 2-2 & 2-3 – we are over at Well 2-3.
 - Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
 - From John Falbo:
 - Quarterly sampling for Wells 2-2 & 2-3 and ground storage tank.
 - UCMR sampling of 3 wells for EPA.
 - Well 2-2 communication failures had to be monitored by myself throughout the night due to cable outages.
 - Monitoring alarm company installation.
 - Daily routines of monitoring all wells.

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- Updating of Spill Prevention Reports for DEC and Chemical Bulk Storage Inspection for year completed.
- Electric bill going up due to electric usage.
- 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 VEHICLE – HIGHWAY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-09-12), to approve the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 6500 MD for the Highway Department off of Onondaga Cty. contract #0011171/0011142 at a cost of \$123,374.13, which includes plow, sander and equipment.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-09-13), to declare as surplus Highway Dept. #9 2012 Dodge Dump Truck VIN# 3C7WDLBL8CG173890.

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- The Village Green holiday tree lighting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. (rain date December 3). The Gergras Park tree lighting will be held on Friday, December 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- Fall lights are coming on Wednesday – pumpkins & leaves.
- NY Forward:
 - Barriers on Rte. 109 by Staples Street to prevent people from crossing the dividers.
 - Meeting with the Department of Transportation next week
 - Walkway by ISmash
 - Main Street special bump – Nassau County said no, per Mayor Ekstrand

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-09-14), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-09-15), to reconvene the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Ruckdeschel, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer