

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, October 7, 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 Monday, October 7, 2024.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Manjinder Kaur
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

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

Presentations of portraits of former Mayor Butch Starkie and former Deputy Mayor Pat Christiansen to be added to the “Wall of Honor” on the Courtroom wall:

- Former Mayor Starkie thanked the Board for the honor and spoke about his six years on the Board, with four years as Mayor. He expressed his love of Farmingdale and thanked his wife and family for their support during his time in office. He spoke of his respect and fondness for former Deputy Mayor Christiansen and that she is missed by many. He said she was an inspiration and he admired her dedication to the Village, her determination and positive attitude in getting things accomplished. He also thanked Debbie Podalski as Chair of the Master Plan committee during his term.
- Former Deputy Mayor Christiansen’s children, Nicole and Peter, reflected on their mother’s love of the Village and said that she thrived on making Farmingdale a better place. They thanked the Mayor, Board and Village staff for the kindness shown since her passing and said that she has “come home” with being placed on the Farmingdale “Wall of Honor” along with her good friend and colleague, former Mayor Butch Starkie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, November 4th, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, October 21st, 2024, Monday, October 28th, 2024 and Monday, November 4th, 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.

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- The following resolutions were approved at the September 16th Work Session:
 - Approved a request from the Cultural Arts Committee for the use of the Courtroom for Open Mic Nights, all to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2024, Tuesday, November 19, 2024 and Thursday, December 5, 2024. (4/0 vote)
 - Approved H2M to provide survey work that is needed to make plans for the Linwood drainage issue.
 - Hired Anthony Tarricone as a Part-Time Substitute Firehouse Maintainer at a rate of \$21.00 per hour.
 - Approved Castro Family Landscaping to furnish all labor and planting materials for the new Yoakum Street Park at a total cost of \$32,069.05. (need comps on plant materials)
 - Approved Roadwork Ahead, under our requirements contract, to pave and crack-seal (included in 10% contingency in estimate) Powell Place (from Main St. to Normandy Dr.), Dale Drive, Hallock Street, Staples Street (from Secatogue Ave. to Conklin St.), Hudson Street, Elizabeth Street (from LIRR to Secatogue Ave.) and Secatogue Avenue (from LIRR to Melville Rd.) as directed by the Superintendent of Public Works in the amount of \$512,048.00. Paving to start September 26.
 - Approved a proposal to name the entrance into Parking Lot 4 “Nuttty Irishman Way” for one month.
 - Approved the following changes for the Sunday, October 6 Art Crawl on Main Street: Closing the entrance to Parking Lot 4 from Main Street where a Vitamin Water truck and Coca Cola truck will park in support of give-away of product and other items from two 10 x 10 canopy tents in front of the recovery Room. Additionally, there will be children’s games available in the closed entrance. No parking on the east or west side of Main Street between the access-way and Conklin Street.
 - Approved the Farmingdale Business Improvement district’s request to hold a Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 26th at 1:00 p.m. (Rain date: October 27th). 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, costume contest) on the Village Green until approximately 4:00 p.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the September 23rd Work Session (4/0 vote):

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- Approved the purchase of a trailer mounted Pioneer Prime Pump model 44S10 pump to use in flooding conditions in the amount of \$48,700 from United Rentals.
- Approved certain labor and materials to install plantings along the streetscape of the Jefferson Road sump in the amount of \$18,750 by Castro Family Landscaping.
- Hired Luke Rosenthal as a Part-Time Cleaner for the Fire Department at a rate of \$21 per hour.
- Approved Will Merrins as Fire Commissioner to complete the unexpired term of Commissioner Frank Romano who has recently resigned. Term expires April 2026.
- Approved milling and paving of Lenox Court under the Requirements Contract with Roadwork Ahead at a cost of \$75,000. (3/0/1 vote, Trustee Priestley recused himself)
- Accepted the resignation of Building Inspector Ron DeMarrais.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2025-10-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1190 dated October 7, 2024.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 9/3/24, 9/16/24, 9/23/24 as amended
- Use of Village Property:
 - Women’s Club Breast Cancer Walk Sunday, October 27 at noon. Registration at the Village Green where the walk will begin, then process down Main Street (on the sidewalk) to Northside Elementary School and back to the Village Green.
- 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
8/30/2024	30 PROSPECT ST	INSTALL AC CONDENSER AND AIR HANDLER	N/A	R

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	PETRO HOME SERVICES DB24-00059			
9/4/2024	953 FULTON ST SUNATION SOLAR SYSTEMS DB24-00060	INSTALL 16 ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL DUNN ARCHITECT	N/A	R
9/4/2024	345 STAPLES ST LOT B VICTORY DREAM BUILDERS SWR24-00002	SEWER CONNECTION	N/A	R
9/4/2024	345 STAPLES ST LOT A VICTORY DREAM BUILDERS SWR24-00003	SEWER CONNECTION	N/A	R
9/9/2024	203 THOMAS POWELL SARAH LIEBLICH PP24-00037	DIRECT REPLACEMENT OF 275 GALLON OIL TANK IN BASEMENT	N/A	R
9/11/2024	185 PROSPECT ST DENNIS SCHOTT DB24-00061	DUMP TRAILER IN DRIVEWAY	N/A	R
9/16/2024	44 MELVILLE RD. ROSE LOPEZ SW24-00005	REPLCE SIDEWALK	N/A	R
9/19/2024	906 FULTON ST D & F DEVELOPMENT DP24-00003	DEMOLTION PERMIT	N/A	R
9/20/2024	80 STAPLES ST. GURINDER SINGH DB24-00062	REPLACE DRIVEWAY WITH BRICK PAVERS.	N/A	R
9/20/2024	269 E.PKEY SPA 79 MLP SW24-00006	REPLACE SIDEWALK	N/A	R
9/20/2024	193 MAIN ST DISTRIBUTION GROUP USA DB24-00063	REPAIR AND REPLACE FLOOR OF OUTDOOR SPACE	N/A	R
9/20/2024	243 VAN COTT AVE LUIS TORRES DB24-00064	INSTALL 49 ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS	N/A	R
9/23/2024	345 STAPLES LOT B VIRGILIO FRANCO RO24-00010	ONE 4 X 4 BELLHOLE FOR WATER SERVICE	N/A	R
9/24/2024	193 MAIN ST ALDRICH MGMT CO DB24-00065	INTERIOR RENOVATIONS AS PER PLANS SUBMITTED BY IMPACT ARCHITECTURE DATED 9/18/24.	N/A	C
9/27/2024	16 NELSON ST ROSEMARY EMIGHOLZ FP24-00016	OLD PERMIT #91-118 FOR 6' WOOD FENCE	N/A	R
9/27/2024	5 TULANE ST SLOMINS INC. DB24-00066	REPLACE EXISTING AIR CONDITIONING UNIT.	N/A	R
9/27/2024	182 GRANT AVE BARRY POTAVIN PP24-00038	DIRECT REPLACEMENT OF 275 GALLON OIL TANK OUTSIDE ABOVE GROUND	N/A	R
10/1/2024	217 MAIN ST ROSS FINN/RICHARD	6' VINYL FENCE	N/A	C

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	CHLYSTON FP24-00017			
10/1/2024	25 HEMPSTEAD TPKE LIVING FAITH CHURCH DB24-00067	INTERIOR ALTERATIONS AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY IMPACT ARCHITECTURE DATED 9/18/24	N/A	C
10/2/2024	58 CLINTON ST. GAETANO FLORESTA FP24-00018	MAINTAIN OLD FENCE PERMIT #92-123	N/A	R
10/2/2024	217 MAIN ST RICHARD CHLYSTON/FINN ROSS DB24-00068	REPLACE FENCING, PATIO AND SIDEWALK	N/A	C

PUBLIC HEARING DATES – None to be scheduled for November 4, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 215 PROSPECT ST. –
Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-10-02), to open the hearing.

Superintendent Fellman said that the applicant has met all requirements to maintain the non-conforming use including square footage and bedrooms. In addition, he said that no front yard variance will be needed as the applicant has proposed to move the building back to accommodate the requirement.

The following public comments were made:

- A question was raised about the non-conformity issue: The building had been designated as a two family home since 1954 and had been operating as such since that time, until a fire destroyed the home. Also, it has been considered non-conforming as the Village has not allowed any new two family homes since 1992.
- A question was raised about parking: Superintendent Fellman said that on-site parking is the same as before the fire. In addition, the applicant indicated that one garage spot in the existing two car garage will be leased to occupants of each apartment.
- Questions were raised about tenancy: The neighbors complained about prior tenants. Village Attorney Kaur said that the Village cannot regulate tenancy. However, a new Village rental law requires inspections of the premises every two years.
- A request to remove a tree was made by a neighbor. The applicant said that it would be removed.
- Question about time of construction of the new building: The construction will take between 8 and 22 months to complete.

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- The color of the building was a concern to neighbors. The applicant said that he would accommodate the wishes of the neighbors.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-10-03), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-10-04), to approve a Special Use Permit to reinstate the non-conforming use of a two family residence at 215 Prospect Street.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR 215 PROSPECT ST. – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-10-05), to open the hearing.

Superintendent Fellman said that the Planning Board has recommended approval of the site plan. He reiterated that the property has been a two family home since 1954 and that due to the applicant moving the building back, no front yard setback variance is required.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-10-06), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-10-07), to approve the Site Plan for 215 Prospect Street.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR VERIZON CELL INSTALLATIONS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-10-08), to adjourn the hearing for a Special Use Permit for the installation of Verizon cell services at Palmers Shopping Center until Monday, November 4, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. at the request of the applicant.

NEW HIRE – FIRE DEPARTMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2025-10-09), to hire Brandon Cohen as a Part-Time Cleaner for the Fire Department at a rate of \$21 per hour.

NEW HIRE – CODE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-10-10), to hire Keith Dippolito as a Part-Time Parking Meter Attendant at a rate of \$18 per hour.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-10-11), to declare two pick-up trucks as surplus:
DPW 2007 Chevy Silverado Pickup VIN #1GCHK34U77E147280 &
DPW 2012 Ford Pickup VIN #1FTRF3B6XCEC99772.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi reported that mums have been placed and planted in various Village locations. She also said that the Village landscaper, Castro Family Landscaping, had donated labor to complete these tasks.
- Trustee Parisi thanked DPW for their ongoing efforts for watering all summer, keeping flowers in great shape.
- The new Yoakum Street Park is completed.
- Various seasonal lighting schemes including pumpkins, snowflakes, hearts and shamrocks will be displayed on Main Street.

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Two letters from NYS Department of Transportation in response to letters from the Village because of accidents, indicating NYS DOT improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A non-resident asked about parking availability at the LIRR Station during commuter hours.
- A person asked to evaluate the number and location of handicapped parking spaces in Lot 4.

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- It was reported that requested easements from residents of the Linwood area have not been received. Follow up is needed.
- A resident asked about the County-proposed intersection roundabout upgrade at Quaker Meeting House Rd., Round Swamp Rd., Bethpage Rd. and Thomas Powell Blvd. Mayor Ekstrand replied that it appears that the project start may be delayed due to personnel needs at the County DPW.
- A representative of St. Thomas Fellowship Café requested that they be considered for grant monies coming to community organizations from the Ryder Cup.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-10-12), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-10-13), to reconvene the meeting.

NEW VEHICLES – DPW & BUILDING DEPT. – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-10-14), to approve Real Lease to finance two pick-up trucks, one trailer mounted pump and two new Building Department vehicles in the amount of \$251,608.68.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer