

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, December 6, 2021
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, December 6, 2021.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Anthony Addeo
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Steve Fellman
Public Works Superintendent Andrew Fisch

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 Monday, January 3rd, 2022. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, December 20th, 2021 and Monday, January 3rd, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the November 15th Work Session:
 - Accepted the 2020/2021 Justice Audit report as submitted by Satty, Levine & Ciacco CPAs.
 - Approved a request from Group Guadalupano of St. Kilian's Church for a parade/procession on December 11, 2021 beginning at approximately 8:00 p.m., after Mass has ended. It will begin in front of the church on Conklin St., where the procession will head east to Secatogue Ave. It will make a right turn on Secatogue Ave., then a right turn on Van Cott Ave., a right turn on Grant Ave., and a right turn on Cherry St., ending at St. Kilian School. Highway Dept. to supply light tower to be sure there is enough lighting at Cherry St. & Conklin St.
 - Amended the Bereavement Policy to specify full-time employees.
 - Approved PWGC contract for phase 2 & 3 as listed in the attached documents for a fee totaling \$615,000. This is a necessary step in order to apply for a WIIA grant as also indicated in the attached documents. The grant amount is approximately \$4,000,000.

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- Approved the Bond Resolution in the amount of \$7,994,000. This is a requirement in order to apply for the WIIA grant.
- Approved the SEQRA document indicating that the proposed wellhead treatment system as designed by PWGC is determined to be a Type II Action. In order to meet the 11/22/21 deadline for WIIA grant submission to the State.
- The following resolution was approved at the November 29th Work Session:
 - Revised the Grievance Board & Work Session meeting date from the previously approved date of Tuesday, February 22, 2022 to Tuesday, February 15, 2022, as the Grievance Board must meet on the third Tuesday of the month.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2022-12-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1156 dated December 6, 2021.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 11/1/21, 11/15/21, 11/29/21 as amended
- Use of Village Property:
 - The Cultural Arts Committee is requesting the use of the Courtroom for a Genealogy lecture, to be held on Sunday, February 6th, 2022 (Snow date February 20) from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - The Cultural Arts Committee is requesting the use of the Courtroom for a LI Suffragette Lecture, to be held Sunday, March 6th, 2022 (Snow date March 27) from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Block Party Applications:
 - None
- Tax certiorari's:
 - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Rainbow House Owners Corp. Sec. 48, Blk. 447, Lot 315: Premises Rainbow House (corner of Fulton St. and Main St.), for tax years 2010/22 through and including 2021/2022 for a refund of \$49,000, with \$24,500 to be payable within 90 days of the date of the signed Order & Judgment and \$24,500 to be payable one year after the signed Order & Judgment, with a reduction in assessed value to \$4,700,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2022/23 through and including 2025/25, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

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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
10/29/21	90 Prospect St Mazhar Iqbal PP21-00038	Install new gas service and stove	N/A	R
10/29/21	86 Powell Pl Luis Gomez FP21-00033	6’ vinyl PVC fence	N/A	R
10/29/21	25 Sherman Rd. Jennifer Renneisen FP21-00034	6’ white PVC fence	N/A	R
11/3/21	67 Jerome Dr Trinity Solar DB21-00103	Install 28 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Trinity Solar dated 9/27/21.	N/A	R
11/3/21	3 Vernon St Kevin Sexton FP21-00035	6’ white PVC fence	N/A	R
11/3/21	39 Quaker Ln National Grid RO21-00015	One 4 x 4 bellhole	N/A	R
11/3/21	2 Circle Dr. Corinne Suckle DB21-00105	Install 24 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by NY State Solar dated 10/6/21.	N/A	R
11/3/21	35 William St. Maria Benjamin DB21-00106	Redo kitchen cabinets, floors and baseboard heat.	N/A	R
11/4/21	247-249 Main St. MSC Properties II Inc. PP21-00039	Gas pressure test	N/A	C
11/5/21	3 Jerome Dr Steven & Nancy Kelly DB21-00104	Replace 9 windows	N/A	R
11/5/21	6 Puritan Lane Kevin McGinn RO 21-00016	One 4x4 bellhole to reconnect gas service	N/A	R
11/5/21	1 Quaker La Karen Foley PP21-00040	Install gas fireplace	N/A	R
11/5/21	331-337 Main St. Spa 79 ELP DB21-00107	Façade demolition	N/A	C
11/5/21	2 Soma Pl Lawrence Trapasso PP21-00041	Replace existing 275 gallon oil tank	N/A	R
11/9/21	977 Fulton St. Long Island Power Solutions DB21-00108	Install 22 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings by Pacifico Engineering dated 10/4/21.	N/A	R
11/16/21	207 Lenox Ct. Marisa Tully PP21-00042	Install new gas powered generator	N/A	R
11/17/21	19 Jerome Dr. National Grid RO21-00017	One 4 x 4 bellhole to install gas service.	N/A	R

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11/17/21	416 Secatogue Ave Zenith Contractors LLC DB21-00109	New roof shingels	N/A	R
11/22/21	273 Main St. Doodyman to the Rescue RO21-00018	Water supply installation 4” meter and road opening.	N/A	C
11/23/21	170 Conklin St. St. Lukes Lutheran Church PP21-00043	Gas line for new kitchen area.	N/A	C
12/2/21	128 Elizabeth St. National Grid RO21-00019	One 4 x 4 bellhole for emergency gas leak	N/A	R

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

RESOLVED (#2022-12-02), to set the following public hearing for Monday, January 3, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Special Use Permit for 220 Fulton Street to erect an 8 foot high fence made of masonry.
- 1 Conklin Street – change zoning from Office Residence to Business Residence (BB).
- Special Use Permit & Parking for 247-249 Main St. (Burgerology) – restaurant with seating for 80.

PUBLIC HEARING TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN VILLAGE AREAS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-12-03), to continue the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-12-04), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-12-05), to adopt the local law prohibiting smoking in specific Village areas, with fines of no more than \$1500 for the first offense, no more than \$3000 for the second offense, no more than \$5000 for the third offense with additional fines for a fourth or subsequent offense.

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PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW TO DELETE SEC. B-4 OF CODE SEC. 259-8 – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-12-06), to adjourn the hearing until Monday, January 3, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A LOCAL LAW TO LIMIT OPERATIONS OF BUSINESS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-12-07), to withdraw the hearing.

OVERHEAD TO UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC FACILITIES ON MAIN STREET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was,

RESOLVED (#2022-12-08), to approve PSEGLI letter to convert electric facilities from overhead to underground on Main Street from Propsect Street to Conklin Street as Phase I of pole removal and wire burial on Main Street. The PSEGLI charges for this work are \$624,192.42 with a 40% deposit payable in the amount of \$249,676.97 in order to commence the project. Funding for this project is as follows: \$500,000 from Senator Kevin Thomas, \$400,000 from CDBG.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-12-09), to declare as surplus a 2003 Chevy Tahoe VIN# 1GNEK13Z13J278556 as it has exceeded its useful life in service to the Village.

NYCLASS MUNICIPAL COOPERATION RESOLUTION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-12-10), to approve the signing of the Municipal Cooperation Resolution with NYCLASS, with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, New York General Municipal Law, Article 5-G, Section 119-o (Section 119-o) empowers municipal corporations [defined in Article 5-G, Section 119-n to include school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, counties, cities, towns and villages, and districts] to enter into, amend, cancel, and terminate agreements for the performance

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among themselves (or one for the other) of their respective functions, powers, duties on a cooperative or contract basis;

WHEREAS, the Village of Farmingdale wishes to invest portions of its available investment funds in cooperation with other corporations and/or district pursuant to the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Village of Farmingdale wishes to satisfy the safety and liquidity needs of their funds;

Now, therefore, it is hereby resolved as follows:

That Brian Harty, Village Administrator of the Village of Farmingdale is hereby authorized to participate in the NYCLASS program under the terms of the NYCLASS Municipal Cooperation Agreement Amended and Restated as of March 28, 2019. (Note: Investment policy will be amended to reflect approval of this organization.)

BUDGET TRANSFER POLICY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-12-11), to approve the following budget transfer policy: The transfer of funds between and within functional unit appropriations of the General and Water Funds are commonly required during the fiscal year. The Village Administrator or his/her designee is authorized to make such budget transfers within functional unit appropriations for line item accounts. The Village Administrator or his/her designee will report any transfers to the Board on a monthly basis. Transfer of funds between functional unit appropriations will be submitted to the Board for prior approval before a transfer is made.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CANCER COVERAGE UPGRADE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-12-12), to approve upgrade of cancer coverage for Farmingdale Fire Department firefighters to include all cancer categories. This change will result in a premium increase for this coverage in the approximate amount of \$3,000.

BEAUTIFICATION – Trustee Parisi reported the following:

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- Both tree lightings at the Village Green and Gerngras Park were well attended with the Historical Society providing refreshments at the Village Green and the Village providing refreshments at Gerngras Park.
- Trustee Parisi thanked the volunteers for their hard work along with the Highway Department and CJ Flag for their ongoing work in making the Village look great during the holiday season.

OLD BUSINESS - None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident asked is there is any chance of securing a taxi company to operate in the Village. Administrator Harty will follow up.
- A resident noted that wreaths were not lit in Northside Park. Superintendent Fisch will follow up.
- A resident asked why the hearing on business closing was withdrawn. The answer was that the Village has hired incremental security.
- A resident noted that the pole removal and line burial on Main Street will be a massive project and a signature for the Village.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-12-13), to move to Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-12-14), to reconvene the meeting.

SALARY CHANGE - WATER DEPARTMENT – After an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

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RESOLVED (#2022-12-15), to approve John Falbo, having achieved a 1B operating license to enable him to fully operate the Water Department as a licensed operator, to a fixed salary of \$85,000 effective immediately. By accepting this salary, he is not eligible to receive overtime with the exception of snow removal and other extenuating weather circumstances. A copy of his 1B license certification will be in his file.

SALARY CHANGE - CODE DEPARTMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2022-12-16), to approve a change in salary for the Code Department as follows: change the starting salary to \$18.00 per hour, \$19.00 per hour after six months and \$20.00 per hour after one year, with raises thereafter to match the percentage raise of other Village employees as approved by the Board of Trustees.

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

RESOLVED (#2022-12-17), to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer