

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, April 6, 2009, 8:00 P.M.  
INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

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The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York at 8:00 PM on Monday, April 6, 2009.

Present: Mayor George Starkie  
Deputy Mayor Patricia Christiansen  
Trustee William Barrett  
Trustee Ralph Ekstrand  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Village Administrator David Smollett  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Kaye  
Public Works Superintendent Andrew Fisch  
Village Attorney Kevin Walsh

Mayor Starkie opened the meeting at 8:00 pm with the pledge to the flag led by Trustee-elect Parisi followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Starkie swore in newly elected Trustee Cheryl Parisi and administered the oath of office.

Mayor Starkie read the list of appointed officials, official depositories, newspapers and village policies to be re-adopted for the ensuing year or for the term(s) as specified, and administered the oath of office to those present.

Mayor Starkie reported that the Board would be voting to amend the Code on the twelve hour parking spots to only restrict parking from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. Parking restrictions around houses of worship were also being relaxed during Holy Week.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Barrett, to modify the existing law 98-18 (c) 2 "12-hour parking permit" requirement to read "Monday to Friday, 6:00 am to 6:00 pm." Motion carried, all voting Aye.

At 8:20 pm, it was moved by Trustee Ekstrand, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to open the public hearing to consider amending the "Illegal Occupancies" local law. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Village Attorney Walsh commented that the existing fee section in the law does not give the prosecutor any discretion in imposing a fine.

Deputy Mayor Christiansen commented that the Village is looking for compliance with the law and not just imposing fines.

Mr. Ezzo, Prospect Street, asked how Village personnel obtained access into a home. Code Official Edling responded that she sends a request for inspection.

Ms. Birch, Oakview Avenue, asked whether the Village would be legalizing accessory apartments. Mayor Starkie responded that there is no plan to do so.

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Mr. Carosella, Sherman Road, asked if the board was looking into legal apartments due to the economic downturn. Mayor Starkie responded that the board had talked about shared housing.

Mr. Gosline, Linwood Avenue, referred to Legislator Mejias' home sharing program. Trustee Ekstrand commented that the board was concerned with liability if something happened between a tenant and homeowner.

Mr. LoPiccolo, Eastern Parkway, informed the board about a home on Eastern Parkway with 22 people.

There being no further comments from the public, at 8:40 pm, it was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, to close the public hearing. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Village Attorney Walsh indicated that the board was reserving its vote on the law pending a decision from the County Planning Commission granting local determination.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve the minutes of March 2, 16, as corrected. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Ekstrand, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1004, with the exception of one claim held for clarification. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Mayor Starkie announced the next board meeting to be held Monday, May 4, 2009 at 8:00 pm, work session at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Starkie announced the tentative budget public hearing to be held Monday, April 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

It was moved by Trustee Ekstrand, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve use of the Village Green by the Farmingdale High School on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 5:00 pm for an Earth Day celebration. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Mayor Starkie reported that the Village had reached an agreement with the CSEA Union and thanked the membership for agreeing to no increases in the two year contract renewal. It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Ekstrand, to authorize the Mayor to sign the 2009 CSEA Memo of Agreement with the Union for a two-year contract extension with no salary increases. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Mayor Starkie thanked Trustees Barrett and Ekstrand, Administrator Smollett and Public Works Superintendent Fisch for their hard work with the USGA. It was moved by Trustee Ekstrand, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to authorize Mayor Starkie to sign the agreement with Country Club Services for a fee of \$4,400 to supply parking services at Howitt Middle School on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

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It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Ekstrand, to approve housing improvements for a residential rehab candidate for a total cost of \$12,150. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Barrett, to approve the following taxi permits:

- Carmelo Cabrales
- Sarbjit Goraya

Administrator Smollett presented the following building permits issued since the last meeting:

LOCATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS	ARB
Fairfield Conklin 675 Conklin Street DB 09-15	Interior alterations to kitchen, bath, and door. Apt. 10B	N/A
Fick 381 Secatogue Ave. DB 09-16	Install ventless gas fireplace and mantle.	N/A
Sasha 97A Fulton Street DB 09-17	Misc. interior alterations to create nail salon.	N/A
Kuppelmeyer 290 Staples Street DB 09-18	Install solar panel system.	N/A
Rodriguez 19 N. Front Street DB 09-19	Install new roof, boiler, leaders/gutters, door.	N/A
Carosella 20 Quaker Lane DB 09-20	Construct interlocking block retaining wall.	N/A
Island Gardens 490 Main St. SP 09-04	Install wood ground signs (2)	X
Island Gardens 678 Fulton St. SP 09-05	Install wood ground sign	X
Island Gardens 630 Fulton St. SP 09-06	Install wood ground sign	X
Dominican Restaurant 4 305 Main St. SP 09-07	Install front awning with 12'-6" of signage	X
Dominican Restaurant 4 305 Main St. SP 09-08	Install rear awning with 6'-6" & 6'-4" of signage	X

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Palmer's Restaurant 123 Fulton St. SP 09-09	Install 13'-6"w x 2'-10"h lettering on side wall	X
Robinson 9 Staples St. DB 09-21	20' semi-inground pool.	N/A
McDonald's 665 Fulton St. DB 09-22	Interior alteration for coffee bar.	N/A
Island Gardens 630 Fulton St. DB 09-23	Replacement of entry doors.	N/A
Island Gardens 678 Fulton St. DB 09-24	Replacement of entry doors.	N/A

Deputy Mayor Christiansen updated the board on Beautification Committee items:

- the arrival of new planters
- planting to begin May 16<sup>th</sup>
- DPW Department stripping and painting lamp poles on Main Street

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve the following tax certiorari:

49/249/54 & 49/249/55      47 & 55 Hempstead Tpk.      \$3,500.00

Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to transfer \$64,322.14 from General Fund Balance to Fire Department Equipment Reserve, representing savings from the prior year's Fire Department operating budget. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve the 9-month budget transfers as presented. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Under Old Business, the following updates were reported:

- Administrator Smollett confirmed that signage was changed on Elizabeth Street
- Administrator Smollett would ask the County to assist with drainage problems at the railroad
- Mayor Starkie reported that the cost of the water meter project was \$526,663

Mayor Starkie opened the Good & Welfare portion of the meeting.

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Mr. DiUrno, Fairview Road, asked the board to consider no tax increase for the next budget year.

Mr. Gosline, Waverly Place, asked the board to force storeowners to clean up behind their stores.

Mr. Dash, president of Long Island Yellow Cab, expressed concern over the board's decision to bid the taxi franchise which has been renewed with his company for 30 years. Mr. Dash emphasized the relationships that had developed between the residents and the drivers. Mayor Starkie commented that the Board is required by law to bid the franchise every so often. Mayor Starkie indicated that the franchise would be re-bid with sealed bids.

Several drivers for Yellow Cab spoke to the board in support of renewing the franchise with Yellow Cab and expressed concern over the possibility of losing their jobs.

Mr. Gosline, Linwood Road, asked the Board to consider permitting overnight parking in the back lots if a restaurant patron was too inebriated to drive.

Mr. Carosella, Sherman Road, asked about Mr. Ron Craig not being reappointed as Building Department Superintendent. Mayor Starkie responded that the building department was being reorganized which in no way was a negative reflection on Mr. Craig.

There being no further business before the board, it was moved by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to close the regular meeting. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

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Mayor Starkie