

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, September 8, 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 Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

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

Mayor Starkie opened the meeting at 8:00 pm with the pledge to the flag led by Commissioner Ken Romeo, followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Starkie presented Village Historian William Johnston with a proclamation from NYCOM recognizing his 40 years of combined public service with the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society and as Village Historian.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Ekstrand, to approve the minutes of August 3, 17, as corrected. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Ekstrand, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve the work session minutes of June 8, 22, July 27, August 10. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1009, with the exception of #64231, 64196 and hold claims for tax certioraris until due. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Mayor Starkie announced the next board meeting to be held Monday, October 5th, 2009 at 8:00 pm, work session at 7:00 pm.

It was moved by Trustee Ekstrand, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, to approve the Chamber's Annual Holiday parade on Saturday, November 21, 2009 starting at noon. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

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

- Debra Hansen
- Shawn Byrd

Motion carried, all voting Aye.

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

LOCATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS	ARB
10 Division LLC 10 Division Street DB 09-50	Repair vehicle damage to rear wall of building.	N/A
Tischner 29 Columbia Street DB 09-51	Install sub-soil and roof drains in rear yard.	N/A
Morrison 246 Van Cott Ave. DB 09-52	Replace wood frame porch with sunroom.	N/A
Caranza 132 Elizabeth St. DB 09-53	Maintain finished basement w/3 pc. bath.	N/A
Fabian 5 Wall St. DB 09-54	Replace siding, windows, door. Rehab. Grant money.	N/A
Cinque 203 Prospect St. DB 09-55	Maintain single family dwelling and garage.	N/A
Fitzpatrick 187 Thomas Powell DB 09-56	New roof, siding, gutters, door. Rehab. Grant money.	N/A
Geiger 422 Conklin St. DB 09-57	Exterior and interior alterations.	X
Reilly 21 Ridge Rd. DB 09-58	Rear two story addition.	N/A
Perez 169 Main St. DB 09-59	Replacement windows for Viva Juan restaurant.	N/A
Rashid 49 Van Cott Ave. DB 09-60	Maintain side stairs and deck for second floor.	N/A
Rashid 49 Van Cott Ave. DB 09-61	Maintain deck for main floor.	N/A
Maeurer 33 Duane St. DB 09-62	25'x19' open roof over patio.	N/A
Finnegan 29 Linwood Ave. DB 09-63	Maintain one story rear addition.	N/A
Cona 190 Oakview Ave. DP 09-05	Demo above ground swimming pool.	N/A

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On Beautification Committee business, Deputy Mayor Christiansen reported that fall plantings would be limited due to the short season between the summer and the holidays.

Administrator Smollett updated the board on the revaluation project.

The board decided to postpone voting on amending the Village's longevity policy to allow the board to address certain questions.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, to establish a No-Smoking" entryway in front of Village Hall and the Fire Department. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Upon resolution of the board which was moved by Trustee Ekstrand and seconded by Trustee Parisi (a copy of which is appended to these minutes), Bullseye Signs was approved as the lowest responsible bidder as the Downtown Sign Maker for a contract period of two years. Motion carried, all voting Aye. Mayor Starkie explained that CDBG monies would be used to cover a portion of the cost of the signs, which is yet to be determined.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, to approve placement of a stop sign at the north-west corner of Thomas Powell and Arthur Street, pending discussion with neighbors who were not already contacted. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

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

-	49/70/471, 472	230-234 Main Street	\$5,500	AV reduced to \$7,000
-	49/102/245,250,260	450 Main St.	\$48,000	AV reduced to \$125,000
-	49/106/167	297 Main St.	\$5,000	AV reduced to \$7,500

Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Under Old Business, the following items were addressed:

- Trustee Parisi asked about the status of the 150 Secatogue tax certiorari
- Deputy Mayor Christiansen reported that a residential rehab candidate was approved in work session which leaves a balance of \$1,200 to be used toward the next round
- Mayor Starkie gave an update on Gerngras Park improvements
- Trustee Ekstrand reported that the public hearing on the Downtown Master Plan for September 29th needed to be advertised. Trustee Ekstrand reported that the Parking Management Plan report would be sent to the board shortly
- Administrator Smollett reported on the following items:
 - Hubbard property
 - DOT assigned a field engineer to look into another traffic signal on Route 109
 - Manufacturer for light system in the cross-walk agreed to replace defective device

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

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Seymour Weinstein, Hillside Road, complained about Newsday circulars being thrown in driveways which is unsightly and could alert someone that a home is empty. Administrator Smollett was asked to draft a letter to Newsday.

A resident of Woodbridge II complained about the rent increase and asked the board to contact HUD on his behalf.

Neighbors of the Hubbard property inquired about the upcoming meeting with Mr. Hubbard to discuss the odor from the property and other concerns. Administrator Smollett indicated that he would be discussing specific remediation items with Mr. Hubbard.

An employee with Farmingdale Music Center complained that her car was towed from the 7-11 across the street where she and other employees always park. Mayor Starkie commented that the 7-11 lot is private.

A resident of Elizabeth Street Apartments asked about the Village's street light maintenance program with the Town of Oyster Bay. Mayor Starkie commented that the program is on a six-month trial basis but is working well so far.

Former Mayor Graf expressed concern over the board's decision to roll certain short-term debt into a long-term bond instead of paying off the short-term debt as scheduled and saving on interest. Mayor Starkie explained that the Village's budget could not sustain a large increase in taxes to pay off the short term debt. Trustee Barrett commented that the board's intention was also to spread the debt over the useful life of the capital items instead of placing the burden entirely on current residents.

Former Mayor Graf also addressed a letter written by Mayor Starkie which pointed out that the Water Fund had been in a deficit, but failed to mention that the Fund had paid for the Prospect Street water main project. Former Mayor Graf also expressed concern over the Water Fund incurring long-term debt.

Mr. Fortuna with L.I. Checker Cab asked the board to distinguish between a bid and a Request for Proposal. Mr. Fortuna commented that a letter from the other cab company stated that their prices were lower "as requested." Village Attorney Walsh commented that the Village was contacted by the attorney for Checker Cab and may potentially end up in litigation, so would not be responding to Mr. Fortuna.

Ms. Sena, Jerome Drive, asked if the proposed game tables for Northside Park were part of the grant and asked for a breakdown of costs. Mayor Starkie indicated that the tables were covered under the grant and that a breakdown of costs could be provided. Ms. Sena also complained about a trailer parked on Thomas Powell Boulevard. Deputy Mayor Christiansen indicated that the board would be discussing the trailer in Executive Session as a legal matter.

There being no further business before the board, it was moved by Trustee Ekstrand, seconded by Trustee Parisi to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Mayor Starkie