

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, December 7, 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, December 7, 2009.

Present: Mayor George Starkie  
Deputy Mayor Patricia Christiansen  
Trustee William Barrett  
Trustee Ralph Ekstrand  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
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 Inspector Healy, followed by a moment of silence.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Barrett, to approve the minutes of November 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 #1012, with the exception of #64629 and 64610 pending additional review. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

Audited  
Voucher  
#1012

Mayor Starkie announced the next board meeting to be held Monday, January 4, 2010 at 8:00 pm, work session at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Starkie announced the Menorah lighting to be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 8:00 pm.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, seconded by Trustee Ekstrand, to approve the Farmingdale Baseball Parade to be held Sunday, April 18, 2010. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Baseball  
Parade

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Ekstrand, to approve the following taxi permits, one held for an address update:

Taxi  
Permits

- Charles Burgio
- Joseph Romeo
- Steven Traietta

Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Commanding Officer Healy and POPS Officer LaMonaca updated the board on the status of crime, graffiti and other incidents in the Village over the past year. Tips were given to help prevent crime. Officer LaMonaca offered to remain after the meeting to meet with residents on their individual concerns.

Preve  
Crim

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Mayor Starkie presented the following building permits issued since the last meeting:

LOCATION                      TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS                      ARB

Reilly 21 Ridge Rd. DB 09-75	Maintain above ground swimming pool.	N/A
Scire 25 Doud St. DB 09-76	Second story modular addition.	N/A
Wantagh Baptist Church 25 Hempstead Tpke. DB 09-77	Free standing monument sign.	N/A
Singas Pizza 313 Main St. DB 09-78	Convert bakery to pizza parlor. No seating.	N/A
Hefferon 875 Fulton St. DB 09-79	Repair of interior staircase.	N/A
LIPA I/F/O 425 Conklin St. DB 09-80	New LIPA pole.	N/A
Biacchi 336 Main St. DB 09-81	Interior alterations to create clothing store.	N/A
Schwabe 45 Bernard St. DB 09-82	Kitchen addition and second story bathroom dormer.	N/A
Fairfield Conklin LLC 675 Conklin St. DB 09-83	Kitchen and bathroom renovations apt. 22A.	N/A
Damo 15 Puritan Lane DB 09-84	Maintain 8'x12' shed.	N/A

Beautification

Deputy Mayor Christiansen thanked the Beautification Committee volunteers, DPW personnel and fire department volunteers for their help decorating for the holidays.

General  
Fund  
transfer

It was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to authorize transfer of \$82,626.70 from General Fund Balance to the Fire Department Capital Reserve, representing savings from the prior year's Fire Department budget as well as grant monies received. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Water  
Fund  
transfer

It was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to authorize the transfer of \$18,600 from the Water Fund to Water Fund Reserve for Repairs, representing a remediation payment from Motorola for damage done to the Water Tank when installing radio antennae for

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Nassau County. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to accept the resignation of David Smollett as Administrator, Village Clerk/Treasurer effective November 18, 2009. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

David  
Smollett  
resignation

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Ekstrand, to authorize Betsy Healey to write the 2010 Records Archive Grant for a stipend of \$599.00. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Archive  
Grant

It was moved by Trustee Ekstrand, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to remove David Smollett as an authorized signer and authorize the following bank signatories:

Authorized  
Signer

George Starkie, Mayor  
Patricia Christiansen, Deputy Mayor  
Elizabeth Kaye, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Barrett, to approved signage for 356 Fulton Street and 185 Main Street as recommended by the ARB. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Approved  
signage

It was moved by Trustee Ekstrand, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approved H2M's proposal to inspect the water tanks for a fee of \$1,200 for elevated and \$850.00 for ground. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

H2M's  
proposal

It was approved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, to approve hiring Elite Reporting on a trial basis, to stenographically record Zoning Board meetings. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Elite  
reporting

It was moved by Trustee Ekstrand, seconded by Trustee Barrett, to open the public hearing on proposed Local Law 6 of 2009 regarding the establishment of an Ethics Board. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

LL6,  
2009

Village Attorney Walsh explained that the Village has an Ethics Code but not an Ethics Board.

Ethics  
code/board

Deputy Mayor Christiansen asked if one trustee could request the advice of the Ethics Board. Village Attorney Walsh responded in the affirmative.

Trustee Parisi expressed her opinion that a Trustee plus one other be required to move a matter to the Ethics Board.

Trustee Ekstrand expressed his opinion that one trustee be allowed to move a matter for ethical review; otherwise political motivations might hold up a matter.

Mr. DiUrno, Fairview Road, commented that an Ethics Board would just add another layer of government.

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Mr. Carosella, Sherman Road, asked why the Board of Ethics would not be allowed to make a binding decision. Village Attorney Walsh responded that the Board of Trustees should be able to review any recommendation.

Mr. Dash, Yellow Taxi, asked if it was unethical for the Board of Trustees to issue taxi licenses to another cab company. Village Attorney Walsh responded that because the Village is in court with Yellow Cab, there would be no comment from any board or staff member.

Mr. LoPiccolo, Eastern Parkway, asked if the Ethics Board could hold up business. Village Attorney Walsh responded that the Board of Trustees would make sure the Ethics Board met expeditiously.

Mayor Starkie commented that his business had sold to the Village at cost which resulted in a savings to the Village but would have liked a review by an Ethics Board. Deputy Mayor Christiansen commented that this is what prompted the consideration of an Ethics Board.

Seymour Weinstein, Hillside Road, commented that an ethical issue should be widely publicized.

There being no further comment from the public, it was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Ekstrand, to continue the public hearing to a non-specific future date. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Under Old Business, the board addressed the following:

- Status of Hubbard property. Mayor Starkie will set up a meeting with Legislator Elect Belesi to discuss the Board of Health items
- Woodbridge II – the management company never returned phone calls. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Kaye will pursue.
- Newsday circulars – the Newsletter will include a notification that residents can call Village Hall if they want to be placed on an opt-out list which will be transmitted to Newsday to stop delivering circulars.

Good & Welfare

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

Skateboard  
park

A group of teenagers in attendance asked the board about building a skateboard park to replace the one which closed at Allen Park. Mayor Starkie indicated that he would talk to the Town of Oyster Bay about building one at the Allen Park expansion.

Ms. Sena, Jerome Drive, asked when the newsletter would be mailed. Ms. Sena asked if the board would consider eliminating life-time health benefits for elected officials. Mayor Starkie commented that no one was close to receiving this benefit and it would be addressed in the future.

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Mr. Dash, Yellow Cab, read a statement to the board, which referred to the fact that Yellow Cab is in litigation with the Village. Mayor Starkie commented that the Board made the best decision for the residents, but on advice of counsel, no further comments would be made.

Yellow  
Cab

Ms. Hare, Arthur Street, complained about cars running through the stop sign recently placed at Arthur Street and Thomas Powell Place, noting that three neighbors were against the stop sign. Mayor Starkie commented that the majority of the neighbors were in favor of the stop sign. Officer LaMonaco indicated that he would monitor the intersection.

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

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Mayor Starkie