

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, June 1, 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, June 1, 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 Kevin Walsh

Mayor Starkie opened the meeting at 8:00 pm with the pledge to the flag led by resident Jerry Ahern followed by a moment of silence.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, to approve the minutes of April 4, 18, as corrected. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Trustee Ekstrand, to approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1006, with the exception of three claims and one held awaiting additional back-up. Three claims for Fire Department business were approved and added to the Abstract. Motion carried with all voting Aye.

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

It was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve a block party on Balcom Road between Oakdale Blvd. and Melville Road on Saturday, July 11 from noon to 11:00 pm (raindate Sunday, July 12). Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve a block party on Lenox Court on Saturday, July 4 (raindate Sunday, July 5) from 3:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Ekstrand, to approve a block party on Staples Street between Clinton Street and Van Cott Avenue for Saturday July 25 from noon to 9:00 pm. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, seconded by Trustee Barrett, to approve the request by the Eve Foundation to hold a food drive during the POPS concerts. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve Runner's Edge Main Street Mile for Saturday, September 5, 2009. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Ekstrand, to approve the following taxi permit:

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P. Kuchcicki

Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Elizabeth Kaye presented the following building permits issued since the last meeting:

LOCATION	TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS	ARB
F'dale Christian Church 125 Main St. DB 09-28	Repair to exterior surface	N/A
Isaray 1 Quaker Lane DB 09-29	Install brick veneer	N/A
Ahearn 60 Main St. DP 09-04	Demolition of swimming pool	N/A
DelBalso 27 Leonard St. DB 09-30	Maintain shed	N/A
Mejias 29 Puritan Lane DB 09-31	Construct 18'x30' wood deck ZBA approved	N/A
Del Balso 27 Leonard St. DB 09-32	Construct first story rear addition, second story addition, and front porch ZBA approved	N/A

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to document approval of the following Code Department personnel additions approved on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 but not recorded in the minutes:

- D. Sexton - \$15.00 per hour
- G. Ginnikakis - \$12.00 per hour
- B. Watson - \$12.00 per hour

Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Ekstrand, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve an increase for Code employee B. Watson after six months of service from \$12.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Deputy Mayor Christiansen thanked all the volunteers who helped plant flowers in May and who volunteered to place bows around the Village for the Relay for Life event.

It was moved by Trustee Barrett, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to approve the following reimbursement for residential small claims against real property:

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49/298/100	1 Conklin Street	\$200.66
49/40/233	65 Laurel Street	\$317.93
49/72/14	215 Conklin Street	\$159.83

Motion carried, all voting Aye.

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

49/85/57	575 Conklin Street	\$8,000.00
49/150/65	525 Main St.	\$9,800.00
49/75/5	100 Secatogue Ave.	\$17,500.00

Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, seconded by Trustee Parisi, to establish temporary "No Parking Except with Residential Tag" rules on roads north of the railroad tracks for the period June 15 – 22, 2009 during the U.S. Open, in accordance with Section 98-7.1 of the Code which permits the Board by resolution to impose parking restrictions:

ADRIENNE COURT	LINCOLN ROAD	SOMA PLACE
ANITA PL	LINWOOD AVE	STERN COURT
ARTHUR ST.	MAIN ST	TAYLOR ROAD
AZALEA COURT	MANETTO ROAD	THOMAS POWELL BLVD.
BALCOM RD	MCCARTHY COURT	TULANE STREET
BARBERRY COURT	MELVILLE RD	YOAKUM ST
BENEDICT COURT	MERRITT RD	
BETHPAGE RD	N. FRONT ST.	
COOPER ST	N MAIN ST	
DIVISION ST	NELSON ST	
ELIZABETH ST	NORMANDY DRIVE	
FAIRVIEW RD	OAKDALE BLVD	
HAMILTON ST	PAINE AVE	
HAMPSHIRE DR	PARK AVENUE	
HILL RD	PINEHURST RD	
HILLSIDE RD	POWELL PL	
HOLLY AVE	PURITAN LANE	
HYNES COURT	QUAKER LANE	
IVY ST	RIDGE RD	
JEFFERSON RD	ROXBURY ST	
JEROME DR	SECATOGUE AVE	
LAFAYETTE RD	SHERMAN RD	
LAUREL ST		
LENOX COURT		
LENOX ROAD		
LEONARD ST		

Motion carried, all voting Aye.

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Trustee Ekstrand noted that New York State would be closing those roads which would be used as the bus routes from the train station to Bethpage State Park.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Ekstrand, to open the public hearing to consider adoption of Local Law 4 of 2009 to amend Code § 83.6 O. with regard to political signage. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Mayor Starkie explained that the existing Code only permits one political sign per lawn. The proposed law would allow one sign per office to be filled.

Former Mayor Graf expressed opposition to changing the law. Mr. Graf described the scenario where several elections are held in a row which would allow residents to have signs on their lawns on an on-going basis.

Ms. Sena, Jerome Drive, inquired why the board was opposed to having only one sign with multiple names. Mayor Starkie used the school board election as an example where individuals run at large.

Former Mayor Graf pointed out that during the general election in the fall where multiple offices may be open; residents could place as many signs as they wanted which would be unsightly.

Mayor Starkie suggested limiting the square footage or limiting the number of signs to no more than three.

Former Mayor Graf recommended keeping the existing law.

Deputy Mayor Christiansen commented that the proposed amendment would expand a resident's right to free speech.

There being no further comments from the public, at 9:15 pm, it was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, to close the public hearing. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

It was moved by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Deputy Mayor Christiansen, to adopt Local Law 4 of 2009 adding the condition that no more than three signs per property are permitted per election. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Mayor Starkie discussed appointing an Ethics Board for the times when an ethical issue arises.

Village Attorney Walsh pointed out that the board already has a Code of Ethics to rely on. Village Attorney Walsh asked who would have the responsibility for deciding when a matter should be sent to the Ethics Board.

Trustee Ekstrand commented that this might hamper the board's work.

Deputy Mayor Christiansen commented that the matter should be explored further and would call NYCOM to discuss.

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Under Old Business, Mr. Gosline, Linwood Road, commented that his water bill which he had questioned at the last meeting had been taken care of.

Deputy Mayor Christiansen reported that maintenance of Powell Cemetery is managed by the cemetery board and that she is continuing to try and locate a contact person. Deputy Mayor Christiansen pointed out that the cemetery was cleaned-up prior to Memorial Day.

Deputy Mayor Christiansen and Trustee Parisi would be setting up a meeting with the Town of Oyster Bay to discuss picking up garbage behind Main Street.

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

Mr. LoPiccolo, Eastern Parkway, complained about an abutting property which he claims is being used as a commercial garage. Code Officer Edling indicated that she was familiar with the property and that the homeowner owns the cars. Mr. LoPiccolo indicated that he would bring in pictures.

Ms. Brey, Circle Drive, asked about placement of a sign recognizing the High School Varsity Golf Team. Mayor Starkie indicated that he would like to see a picture of the proposed sign.

Mr. Lowig, Bethpage Road, asked why the latest water bill did not disclose the \$40.00 credit and charge and why the tax bill did not disclose the Highway Bond Assessment. Trustee Barrett commented that the highway debt was part of the operating budget and not a separate tax.

Mr. Paul Askedall indicated that he had spoken to Administrator Smollett about providing musical entertainment in the Village and possibly performing during the U.S. Open. Mr. Askedall indicated that he would drop off another compact disc for the board to listen to.

Mr. Askedall asked if parking was permitted on Main Street during the U.S. Open. Mayor Starkie indicated that normal parking rules would be in effect on Main Street. Mr. Askedall inquired about handicap parking on Main Street. Mayor Starkie explained that Main Street is not wide enough for handicap parking.

Ms. Elvarado, Eastern Parkway, expressed concern about the proposal to redevelop the train area and construct a parking facility. Mayor Starkie indicated that the Planning Firm will be holding a series of public hearings where she can give input.

Mr. Orobona, Eastern Parkway, complained about the cars parking head-in at the drop-off area of 150 Secatogue Avenue. Mayor Starkie indicated that the board would drive by and investigate.

Commissioner Romeo asked who had permission to park in the Jackson Avenue lot during the U.S. Open. Mayor Starkie responded that the 12-hour and railroad permit holders were permitted to use this lot. Commissioner Romeo asked if a fire truck could get into the lot. Mayor Starkie responded in the affirmative.

Deputy Mayor Christiansen thanked the Fire Department for a wonderful Memorial Day Parade.

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

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Mayor Starkie