

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-02-18)**, to convene the Village of Farmingdale Board of Assessment Review at 5:00 p.m. With Mayor Ekstrand, Deputy Mayor Barrett and Trustee Parisi present establishing a quorum.

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Anthony Addeo  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty

**CONVENE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-02-19)**, to convene the Village of Farmingdale Board of Trustees Work Session at 7PM to run concurrently with the Board of Assessment Review.

The following topics were discussed:

- Village Pops
- Michael Haberman Associates: Small Claims Court
- Fire Department:
  - Garage fire
  - House & car fire, South Farmingdale assist
  - Installation dinner under review
  - Fire Department has a 50 year member this year
- Building Department:
  - 20 Merritts Road:
    - Potential legal action has been addressed with a letter from the plaintiff's attorney indicating the desire to plant grass on the slope.

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- A question of taxes paid for c/os and sold houses along with parkland fees paid.
- Estate fencing was installed
- 60 Maple St. SE – shed has been removed.
- 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane – submitted building permit, denial letter issued enabling application for special use permit request to be filed to operate food concession and expecting application for repair shop and provide adequate parking. Ongoing property maintenance summons issued.
- The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) will restart construction in the near term.
- 7-11 and Sunoco are waiting for Southland, approval filed and denial letter issued.
- Peter Florey/D&F Development have received approval from New York State and have submitted plans and an application for a building permit. The first stage of review has been completed by H2M.
- 505 Conklin St. (formerly taco store) will be coming in for a Special Use Permit as they have a permit for more than 12 seats.
- Ladies boutique possible for 223 Main Street.
- 52 Maple Street has heating and occupancy issues. Summons was issued, no response from the property owner.
- Rodent and property maintenance issues are being addressed on Cobb Place, summons has been issued.
- Grocer on Rte. 109 has been repeatedly advised that window lighting surrounds are not allowed.
- 94 Grant Street has been cited as an illegal 2 family residence, summons has been issued.
- Discuss fines daily vs. weekly, realtor advertising fines for illegal apartments and fines for unauthorized signage affixed to poles or lawn signs.
- Need a general poster to be placed on properties for public notification.
- A general discussion was held regarding Governor Hochul’s elimination of single family zoning. The Board is opposed and will work with NCVOA to let the governor know that this type of proposal will not only be detrimental

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to neighborhood quality of life but to traffic, infrastructure that is already stressed and air quality.

- Racanelli will have the new DPW Garage pricing in about a week.
- The Board requested a punch list to complete the 20 Merritts Road project.
- Highway Department:
  - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
  - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
  - Ongoing storm prep/planning and debris removal
  - Savik & Murray working on 5 Corners Park:
    - The balance of the project is on hold until the weather breaks.
  - Street light needs to be replaced at Whiskey Down Diner and Conklin Street. (Magniflood poles delivered, to be installed by the Town of Oyster Bay.)
  - Received \$230,000 from National Grid for street repaving where National Grid installed new gas mains.
  - Richard St. & Rose St. – street lighting and landscaping completed.
  - Tree in front of Jaylors is not lighting, need electrician. Gina Electric has been notified and it has been repaired.
  - The final estimate for the DPW Garage is due, based on mechanical drawings being provided to Racanelli by Carlos Calla.
  - Parking Lot 3 – damaged tree and stump were removed, will be replaced in the spring. An orange barrel has been placed there for safety.
  - Removed Christmas/Holiday decorations, but decorations in Village Green fountain remain.
- Water Department:
  - Water tower construction continues.
  - Discussion about wireless services move from existing tank to temporary pole has been resolved. Discussion about new tank including NCPD microwave continues.
  - Water testing with PWGC continues and WIIA Grant submitted with follow up.

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- D&B forwarded a rendering of the new water tank for publication in the newsletter.
  - Location for new generator for emergency support of new tank has been determined
  - New gas line arranged with National Grid
  - Mayor Ekstrand requested a review of the number of cell providers that can be placed on the new water tank.
- Code Department

**NEW HIRE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-02-20)**, to hire Laura Sanchez as a Parking Meter Attendant at a salary of \$20.00 per hour and a fixed fee of \$75.00 for court nights.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-02-21)**, to close the Village of Farmingdale Board of Assessment Review.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- The Special Olympics will be held at Howitt Middle School on May 21, 2022
- Village Pops and Movies on the Green will have a full summer schedule
- Proposed code change of stipends in the Court by Trustee Addeo
- The Greater Long Island Running Club (GLIRC) will hold a fun run on February 20, 2022 from the Runner's Edge to the Long Island Expressway and back. Insurance has been received and the cooperation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Pct. NCPD was secured by the GLIRC. Barricades for cross streets on Main Street and Bethpage Road to be provided.
- The St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 p.m. with Farmingdale Superintendent of Schools Paul Defendini as the Grand Marshal.
- Discuss SCARS with Tom Donato.
- Need an in-house notary

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- 10 locations on Main Street needed on new poles to support music activities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer