

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, March 4, 2024
INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, April 1st, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, March 18th, 2024, Monday, March 25th, 2024 and Monday, Monday, April 1st, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2024 starting at 2:00 p.m. Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder will be the Grand Marshal.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. on the Village Green (rain date Sunday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m.).
- The following resolutions were approved at the February 20th Work Session:
 - Approved a contract with Auctions International to auction vehicles that the Village declares surplus.
 - Approved a request from Teresa Pelio and John DeVito to use the Gazebo and Village Green for a wedding ceremony and photos afterward on Saturday, October 5, 2024. Chairs and decorations to be set up prior to the 2:00 ceremony, with a tent to be set up if it rains. They will have an acoustic guitar player. 50-60 people are expected.
 - Approved the hiring of Municipal Valuation Services Inc. to complete the 2025/2026 Assessment Roll at a cost of \$23,500, Adjusted Base Proportions at a cost of \$2,500 and 2024 Small Claims Proceedings for \$120 per parcel, with preference for a two year contract holding prices.

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- Approved Phoenix Wall Covering and Painting Inc. to prep & paint walls in the Courtroom at a cost of \$1,365 for labor and materials.
- Approved a request from Peanuts at St. Gregory's for the use of Gerngras Park for a nursery school picnic on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (rain date Friday, June 7th).
- Approved The Runners Edge to hold a three race fun run on Sunday, February 25, 2024.
- Approved a Veteran's Assessment reduction in the amount of \$270,000 for 129 Staples Street.
- Approved a \$2,000 payment to Chris Wright as a consultant to repair Farmingdale Fire Department dispatch system at the recommendation of the FFD Board of Fire Commissioners and to maintain his services for future needs at an hourly rate to be provided.
- Approved FT Construction NY Inc. to supply and install one metal hollow door include jamb in the FFD apparatus floor bathroom in the amount of \$3,760.
- Add 2 handicapped parking spaces in Parking Lot 1.
- Support of increased AIM funding to be forwarded to Governor Hochul.
- The following resolutions were approved at the February 26th Work Session:
 - Appointed Robert Carle as an Alternate election Inspector (Democrat) to replace Arlene Taiclet, who had to withdraw due to another commitment.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2024-03-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1183 dated March 4, 2024. Holding JD Faro and Sign Max.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 2/5/24
- Use of Village Property:
 - The Spanish Charismatic Renewal Group from St. Kilian's is requesting to have a walk commemorating the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday) from 12:00 Noon until approximately 3:00 p.m. The walk will begin at the cafeteria of St. Kilian School and proceed south onto Rose Street, then left on

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Richard Street, then left on Cherry Street, and left on Wesche Drive, ending at the school cafeteria.

- Schneider’s Farm is requesting use of the Village Green for their Farmer’s Market on Sundays starting June 5th, 2024 and running through November 20th, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
- Block Party Applications:
 - None
- Tax certiorari’s:
 - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: TP Realty Enterprises Sec 49, Blk. 97-01, Lot 550: Premises 354-356 Main Street (Cara Cara), for tax years 2018/2019 through and including 2023/2024 for a refund of \$4,000, with a reduction in assessed value to \$800,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2024/25 through and including 2026/27, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

BUILDING PERMITS – The Board of Trustees accepted the listing of the following building permits issued since last month’s meeting:

DATE	LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION/COMMENTS	ARB	C/R
2/2/2024	337 MAIN ST SPA 79 E.L.P PP24-00005	1 WATER CLOSET, 1 LAVATORY, 27 SERVICE SINKS, 3 WASHING MACHINES & 2 DRINKING FOUNTAINS	N/A	C
2/2/2024	174 STAPLES ST JUDITH CIMORELLI DB24-00008	MAINTAIN OLD PERMIT #3138 TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION TO ONE FAMILY DWELLING	N/A	R
2/2/2024	190 GRANT AVE DENISE RIVERA DB21-00119	FRONT PORTICO AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY RAY DONER ARCHITECT	N/A	R
2/2/2024	147 OAKVIEW AVE THOMAS KENNEDY FP24-00002	6’ HIGH PVC FENCE	N/A	R
2/6/2024	186 E. PKWY ROSEANN LOPICCOLO PP24-00006	GAS RANGE	N/A	R
2/6/2024	272 OAKVIEW AVE DAVID HART PP24-00007	OIL BOILER IN BASEMENT	N/A	R
2/9/2024	202 MAIN ST A & F FIRE PROTECTION PP24-00008	HYDRANT FLOW TEST FOR NEW FIRE SYSTEM SERVICE INSTALLATION	N/A	C
2/9/2024	314 MAIN ST MLB PLUMBING PP24-00009	REMOVE GAS LINE	N/A	C
2/9/2024	533 FULTON ST SCOTT KHAN DB24-00009	INTERIOR ALTERATIONS FOR NEW TENANT AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY OYSTER BAY DRAFTING AND ARCHITECTURE	N/A	C

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2/13/2024	345 STAPLES ST. WALTER GIGLIO DP24-00001	DEMOLISH LARGE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE	N/A	R
2/13/2024	207 MAIN ST INGRID DE LA CRUZ DB24-00010	CREATE STUDIO APARTMENT BEHIND BARBERSHOP AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED DATED 1/15/2024.	N/A	R
2/13/2024	36 DUANE ST JENNIFER BLOVSKY DB24-00006	ONE STORY ADDITION AS PER DRAWINGS BY KURT JACOBS ARCHITECT AND MAINTAIN AN ABOVE GROUND POOL	N/A	R
2/13/2024	293 STAPLES ST ERIK GALLO PP24-00010	GAS HOT WATER HEATER	N/A	R
2/13/2024	11 BALCOM RD ERIK GALLO PP24-00011	GAS HOT WATER HEATER	N/A	R
2/13/2024	50 MAIN ST THOMAS BLORE DB24-00011	SECOND STORY ADDITION AND COVERED DECK AS PER DRAWINGS PREPARED BY THOMAS BLORE ARCHITECT DATED 9/23/23.	N/A	R
2/16/2024	39 HARRISON PL JOHN MICHAEL ADDIS PP24-00012	MAINTAIN BAR SINK	N/A	R
2/16/2024	26 ROXBURY ST EDNA CREUS PP24-00013	INDIRECT WATER HEATER	N/A	R
2/26/2024	300 MAIN ST CORE GROUP ARCHITECTS DB24-00012	INTERIOR ALTERATIONS FOR A 60 SEAT RESTAURANT	N/A	C
2/27/2024	5 HILL RD ROSEMARIE BURNS DB24-00013	REPLACE WOODEN PLANTER WALL WITH MASONRY WALL BY CAMBRIDGE.	N/A	R
2/27/2024	336 MAIN ST MELISSA OAKLEY DB24-00014	REMOVE NON LOAD BEARING WALL AND DRESSING ROOM WALLS	N/A	C
2/27/2024	533 FULTON ST BOTTO BROTHERS PLUMBING & HEATING PP24-00014	INSTALL 7 GAS APPLIANCES, 1 THREE COMPARTMENT SINK, 1 HAND SINK AND 1 MOP SINK.	N/A	C

PUBLIC HEARING DATES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-02), to set the following public hearing for Monday, April 1, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.:

- To revise the Village Code to make Bernard Street a two-way street with do not enter from Fulton Street to remain along with one-way exit from Bernard Street to Fulton Street.
- To revise the Village Code to reflect the need for a Special Use Permit in the Business District restaurants to 21 seats.
- To renew the Business Improvement District for a 5 year term.

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PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 195 MAIN ST. – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-03), to open the hearing.

There being no public comment, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-04), to close the hearing.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-05), to approve a Special Use Permit for 195 Main Street for a bar/restaurant.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SUBDIVISION AT 345 STAPLES STREET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-06), to open the hearing.

Both lots meet all Village standards, no variances are required.

The following public comments were made:

- A few residents understood the legality of the proposed subdivision but expressed regret.
- A resident requested that a survey be done Village-wide to determine how many residential lots might qualify to be subdivided.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-03-07), to close the hearing.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-08), to approve the subdivision at 345 Staples Street with the fee to be paid to the Parkland Fund.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND CODE FOR CVS PARKING LOT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-09), to open the hearing.

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There being no public comment, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-10), to close the hearing.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-11), to revise the Village Code to include a Local Law to allow Code Enforcement to manage/ticket the CVS parking lot at 450 Main Street.

WIIA GRANT APPLICATION SUPPORT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-12), to approve a proposal from P. W. Grosser for continued Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) grant application support at a cost of \$45,000 with additional services beyond the scope of the proposal to be billed at attached hourly schedule.

SPANISH TRANSLATOR FOR ELECTION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-13), to appoint Laura Sanchez as a Spanish Translator for the Village Election.

VETERAN’S EXEMPTION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-14), to remove a Veteran’s Exemption from 25 Stratford Green (Sec. 49 Blk. 298 Lot 25) due to selling of property.

SENIOR EXEMPTION – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-15), to remove a Senior Exemption from 53 William Street (Sec. 49 Blk. 291 Lot 26) due to passing of owner.

VILLAGE AND COURT AUDIT REPORTS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-03-16), to accept Village and Court audit reports from Nawrocki Smith LLP.

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BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi reported Impact Architecture presented their recommendations and acceptance by the Board to add approximately 12 planters with trees and boxes with flowers at various locations on Main Street between Prospect St. and Conklin St.
- Additionally, new seasonal decorations are planned for the fall of 2024.

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

- None

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A group of Linwood Avenue residents attended and asked about the status of the H2M report and asked for a “hard date” when the final report would be available. Mayor Ekstrand explained that soil borings indicating the types of soil in each basin and percolation/infiltration rates needed to be added to the modeling. Additionally, work has been done on the Tulane St. & Jefferson Rd. sumps. All 3 sumps will be renovated by May 1st of this year. A resident asked if the Village could look into Islip’s ability to pump water using a tank truck. The residents asked if the Village could advocate for them to receive funding from Nassau County for their losses. Mayor Ekstrand said that he would speak with County Executive Blakeman about that possibility.
- A resident of Waverly Place complained about bass sounds coming from a Main Street location at approximately 11:00 p.m. on the previous Saturday and also asked that the Village look at road cracks on Waverly Place.
- Concerns were raised about the demolition of 215 Prospect Street. They were assured that all necessary permit requirements have been met and that the demo company will ensure that windows would be shielded during demolition.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer