

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, March 28, 2022**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee-Elect Craig Rosasco  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Superintendent of Building Steve Fellman

**Absent:** Trustee Anthony Addeo

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:05 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

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

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-16)**, to remove a Veteran’s Exemption on 2 Arthur Street (49-224-3) because the property was sold.

**USE OF FACILITIES – BASEBALL LEAGUE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-17)**, to approve a request from the Farmingdale Baseball League to hold their Annual Opening Day Parade on Sunday, April 24, 2022. The parade will assemble at the Howitt Baseball fields at 1:30 p.m. and kick off at 2:00 p.m. The parade will make a left from Howitt to Conklin Street and make a left on Main Street and proceed south to a right on Motor Avenue to Allen Park.

**USE OF FACILITIES – GOOD FRIDAY** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-18)**, to approve a request from the Spanish Charismatic Renewal Group from St. Kilian’s to have a walk commemorating the Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 15, 2022 (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 Richard Street, then left on Cherry Street, and left on Wesche Drive, ending at the school cafeteria.

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The following topics were discussed:

- Upcoming public hearings:
  - Dark Horse (277 Main Street) – expanding to second floor and will have games (arcade-like) and will need 3 parking spaces at \$5,000 each.
  - 313 Main Street – 44 seat restaurant will require 2 parking spaces at \$5,000 each.
- Fire Department:
  - Chief Micheal Tortoso reported year-to-date stats: 372 calls, 117 General Alarms, 221 EMS calls, 11 Mutual Aid calls, 23 General Alarms and 23 EMS calls.
- Building Department:
  - 356 Fulton Street/Heisser Lane Repair Shop:
    - Property maintenance summons issued, ongoing
    - Needs to submit an application for a Special Use Permit for parking on the street – issues with neighbors
  - The Carlyle (formerly Robbie Lee) will restart construction in the near term, ordered steel for superstructure. The owner reported that he is waiting for financing.
  - 7-11 and Sunoco are waiting for Southland, approval filed and denial letter issued.
  - Peter Florey/D&F Development (Sterling Green) 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, building permit to be issued by approximately May 1, 2022.
  - 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.

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- Grocer on Rte. 109 has been repeatedly advised that window lighting surrounds are not allowed, summons has been issued.
- 94 Grant Street has been cited as an illegal 2 family residence, summons has been issued. Court date has been delayed until April.
- Discuss fines daily vs. weekly, needs follow up.
- Realtor advertising fines for illegal apartments, fines for unauthorized signage affixed to poles or lawn signs.
- Need a general poster to be placed on properties for public notification. Layout taken to Island Digital, the size will be 3 x 5.
- Racanelli DPW Garage pricing has been received, other proposal is being sought. Foundation soil test is underway to determine if a different foundation can be used at a lower cost.
- Working with 317 & The Nutty Irishman to handle waste stream/dumpsters.
- Former auto body at Rte. 109 and Conklin St. has had no activity. Need to contact the lawyer for the property.
- Lily Flanagan's is taking over Farmingdale Brew Co.
- A recap of Burgerology playing loud music was reported.
- Zoom meeting with LGBT Network (7:30): A number of issues were discussed, Village Attorney DeBellis will discuss contract terms with LGBT Network Attorney Agosti. An in-person meeting will take place on Monday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- 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 nearing completion.
  - Received \$230,000 from National Grid for street repaving where National Grid installed new gas mains.
  - Final estimate for DPW Garage was received from Racanelli. Investigating soil condition to see if different foundation can be used as foundation costs

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are high. Another quote is being requested as an option for the building, based on Carlos Calla plans.

- Parking Lot 3 – damaged tree and stump were removed, will be replaced in the spring. An orange barrel has been placed there for safety.
  - DPW Garage renovations underway, completion is expected in 5 weeks.
  - Light & pole on Lenox Rd. (between Bethpage Rd. and Hillside Rd.) ordered from Magniflood, replaced by the Town of Oyster Bay.
  - Boarded up 285 Secatogue Ave. and painted the boards white – squatters had been in the abandoned home.
  - Plaques installed at Sven Brost sculptures.
  - Flower pots prepped for Main Street.
  - Stapleton took dead branches from tree at 54 William St.
  - Courtroom was prepped for voting and chairs were reset.
  - Gerngras Park was rototilled.
  - A new flag was installed next to the Gazebo.
  - Town of Oyster Bay installed replacement light and pole in Parking Lot 5.
- 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.
    - 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.

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- Discussed letter sent to contractor regarding contract delays.
- Service line leaking on Grant Street repaired
- Driveway apron needs to be replaced.
- Code Department – to 10pm Thursday/Friday/Saturday
- Other:
  - Curb numbering – this is okay but it must be kept to the size of a brick, with black background and white numbering.
  - The BID will be meeting on May 13. The Village will supply labels for BID members for mailing.
  - 5 Corners Park ribbon cutting ceremony was proposed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-19)**, to move to Executive Session.

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

**RESOLVED (#2022-03-20)**, to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer