

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, May 15, 2023**  
**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, May 15, 2023.

**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  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MS4 ANNUAL REPORT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-11)**, 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 (#2023-05-12)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-13)**, to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign the annual Stormwater MS4 report.

**ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-14)**, to appoint David Nostrand as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**USE OF FACILITIES – CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-15)**, to approve a request from the Cultural Arts Committee to use the Gazebo and lawn in front of it for a Medieval History Day with the SCA on Saturday, June 3, 2023 (rain date June 4) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-16)**, to approve a request from the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society for the use of the Courtroom, hallway and restrooms on Sunday, June 11, 2023 for a members only Annual Meeting and Strawberry Festival from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**PAY-BY-PHONE AGREEMENT** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-17)**, to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign agreement for Pay-By-Phone to provide wireless applications for metered parking in the municipal parking lots and Main Street.

**2021/2022 AUDIT REPORT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-18)**, to accept the 2021/2022 audit report as submitted by Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPAs.

**2023/2024 TAX WARRANT** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-19)**, to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign the 2023/2024 Tax Warrant, as annexed to these minutes.

Resolution to approve a request from the Kiwanis Club of Farmingdale for the use of Parking Lot #4 for a Summer Festival fund raiser on Saturday, August 25, 2023 and Sunday, August 27, 2023. **On hold: Need layout, 2 port-a-potties. No food trucks.**

**ST. KILIAN SOCIAL MINISTRY/OUTREACH FAIR** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-20)**, to approve St. Kilian Social Ministry/Outreach’s use of the Outreach parking lot (across the street from the church) with parking at the school lot for a Health, Wellness and Craft Fair to benefit Outreach on Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**VILLAGE POPS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

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**RESOLVED (#2023-05-21)**, to approve the following dates for the 2023 Village Pops concert: June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26 and August 2. Farmingdale Public Library will have a table at these events.

**MOVIE NIGHTS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-22)**, to approve the following dates for the 2023 Movie Nights: Every Tuesday starting July 11 and ending August 22.

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department: The Chief’s truck will be delivered the first week of August per dealer.
- Building Department:
  - Blue and Gold Development will be bringing final plans for a building permit for development at 1 Conklin Street in the near future, approved for 12 units. Waiting for state DOT sign off.
  - 7-11 and Sunoco – the ZBA has approved the plans and the Board approved the Special Use Permit, awaiting construction drawings in order to issue building permit.
  - Daler Pizza at 331 Main Street – construction continues. Natural gas easement completed. Permit received from Nassau County.
  - New fence has been requested along the LIRR from Melville Road to Secatogue Avenue.
  - LIRR has announced that trestles at NY 24 and Merritts Road will be rehabilitated starting in mid-April and finishing by end of August 2023.
  - Eastern Parkway house in court with derelict garage. Permit issued for roof repair.
  - New parking arrangements on Eastern Parkway are being finalized in front of 4 family houses. Need agreement to move forward.
  - New application for 250 Conklin St. office building has been received and new public hearing will be announced on April 3 for hearing on new plans for May hearing. On schedule for hearing May 1.

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- Stratford Green nearing completion (final with new trees anticipated in two weeks) to rehabilitate the area on Rte. 24 that was damaged by a car. Insurance settled, permit to repair condo has been issued and repairs are underway.
- Noise code review
- New ice cream parlor in Palmer's shopping center needs a Special Use permit for 24 seats.
- Eagle Scout project for Gergras Park plans and location approved.
- Highway Department:
  - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
  - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
  - The new DPW garage foundation construction is completed and construction of the steel building is complete. New fence along property line on south exposure to be installed with increases to block wall and backfill. Construction started and plantings ordered for screening of new facilities for neighbors.
  - New blinds have been installed in Village Hall.
  - Main St. pole removal project Phase 1 complete, with the exception of the NY24 crossing – waiting for NYS permit. Waiting for one property owner to sign Altice access agreement to be able to proceed with Altice/Verizon installation.
  - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations.
  - A tree on Prospect St. across from Doud St. needs to be evaluated for possible removal.
  - A request to remove a tree in front of Burgerology was approved & completed.
  - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments for week of May 12:
    - DPW is getting ready for Memorial Day weekend.
    - Crews were out weed trimming Main St. and the downtown areas.
    - Sweeper #2 is out getting repaired.

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- Highway light duty truck #17 is out for warranty work at Dodge in Amityville.
- Installed a sign light at Gergras Park, waiting for the Town of Oyster Bay to wire it up.
- Roberto Landscaping is currently mulching at multiple locations.
- Waterfalls are being prepped and should be flowing next week.
- Flower arrival should be next week on the 19<sup>th</sup> and planting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. DPW will assist.
- DPW will be putting out barricades for this weekend's car show.
- Water Department:
  - Water tower construction with few punch list items remaining.
  - Cell providers organizing contractors to remove old equipment from the old tank and install new on the new tank, including NCPD microwave. Under construction. All cell providers will be on the new tank by April 30, 2023.
  - AOP installation by Philip Ross is underway with foundation and installation of tanks along with health department submittals. Anticipated completion mid-May 2023 with testing and NCDOH approvals to follow.
  - \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be used to install new pollution control equipment. Documents have been signed and submitted to the state to receive funding.
  - Coordinating with Bob Holzmacher and the Health Department to install piping and new valves to enable filling of ground tank at Ridge Road from both wells - completed.
  - New site plan and location of equipment has been agreed. PWGC to handle NYS submittals for reimbursement of WIIA grant and legal consulting services only.
  - A meeting was held with Bethpage Water District to discuss meter pit and water purchase agreement.
  - A meeting was held with South Farmingdale Water District to explore ways of working together.

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- Met with Philip Ross Industries to develop Plant 2 treatment. Initial site plan is in working phase. Excavation has begun at Plant 2 site with foundation nearing completion.
- Meeting was held with SCWA.
- Need update from D&B regarding wireless providers.
- From John Falbo – Recent work, mostly progress at both water plans for AOP's:
- New vault at piping installed at 2-3 to be able to feed ground storage tank, was installed for POSSIBLE emergency shutdown due to emerging contaminants at Well 2-2.
- All samples and monitoring of all wells were done with more frequency this week due to rusty water event in system. ALL SAMPLING CAME BACK GOOD.
- Investigated the day's events and reported to the Board of Health on work done and findings to remedy the situation was approved and accepted. All good.
- Met with Mr. Ilchuk, the Director of the Olympic Pool facility, to see their water intake operation and to inform as to how it affects us. He was very receptive and is now working with us to remedy.
- I made as many house calls and phone calls as I possibly could this week to personally ease customers' concerns. After explaining what happened and the steps taken to remedy the problem, most residents were understanding and grateful for the response. Most customers just wanted to be sure it wasn't a problem with just their home that they needed to remedy.
- Ordered and waiting for a 2 foot hydrant extension to place on new hydrant in front of Palmer's for us to complete the project.
- Code Department:
  - Working until 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
  - Noise issues were discussed regarding outdoor music, types and volume levels to develop new Village Code.
  - The Board requested a review of nighttime personnel as outdoor dining and open windows have changed with the season.
  - Contact FBS for rollout and administration of parking meter policy.

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- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2023.

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-23)**, to move to Executive Session.

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-05-24)**, to reconvene the meeting.

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