

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, January 6, 2025

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, January 6, 2025.

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
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence, remembering all first responders, the military and President Jimmy Carter who recently passed away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, February 3rd, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 and Monday, February 3rd, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the December 16th Work Session:
 - Authorized expenditures from the Special Use/Incentive Bonus Reserve in the amount of \$13,800.
 - Do the following budget adjustments and transfers to the General Fund as of May 31, 2024:
 - To increase the budget by \$415,000 due to unanticipated revenues in fines and forfeitures and to be used for General Fund expenditures.
 - To increase the budget by \$42,896.24 due to DASNY grant for the purchase of gators and related equipment for the Fire Department.
 - To approve of the budget transfers as detailed.
 - To do the following budget transfers to the Water Fund as of May 31, 2024 as detailed.
 - Identified and approved the use of ARPA money in the amount of \$287,633.10 as revenue loss to be used for government services

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specifically for the expenditures related to the burial of the utility poles on North Main St. (Phase II),

- Approved Nawrocki Smith per the amended contract as Village Auditor for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year at a fee of \$27,000.
- Approved a bond resolution in the amount of \$1,300,000 to finance a part of the cost of improvements on North Main St.
- Withdrew the public hearing scheduled for January 6th and set a public hearing for February 3, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. for a Special Use Permit for the installation of Verizon cell service at Palmer's shopping center.
- Approved Linwood Drainage Improvements Phase 2 in the amount of \$380,830 to Roadwork Ahead, Inc. under our requirements contract.
- Approved the Special Use Permit fee schedule.
- Approved the use of an app for a new "Tango-Tango" communication system for the Fire Department. The initial cost for the first three years is \$6,990.00.
- Thanked Nassau County Police Lt. Valerie Troise for her ongoing dedication and service to the residents of the Village of Farmingdale and to congratulate her on her upcoming retirement.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2025-01-02)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1193 dated January 6, 2025.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 12/2/24, 12/16/24
- Use of Village Property:
 - The Farmingdale Fire Department is requesting permission to hold a street fair on Main Street on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, June 14 or Saturday, June 21.
 - The Farmingdale Fire Department and Craft-A-Fair are requesting to host the Annual Columbus Day Street Fair, Carnival and Parade. There will be no fireworks. The Carnival will be held October 10-13, 2025. The Street Fair will be held October 11-12, 2025 with rain dates for the Street fair only on October 18 and October 19 (October 18 if only one day is needed). The Parade will be held on October 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., from Northside Elementary School to Grant

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Avenue. They are also requesting the use of the Village Green on October 11-12, 2025.

- The Farmingdale BID is requesting to hold the 2025 St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 16, 2025 beginning at 2:00 p.m. The parade will kick off at Northside Elementary School and end at the Village Green.
- Block Party Applications:
 - None
- Outdoor Dining:
 - None
- Tax certiorari's:
 - None

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
12/5/2024	29 IROQUOIS PL ROBERT WEINMANN PP24-00047	OIL TANK IN BASEMENT	N/A	R
12/6/2024	1 HAMILTON ST ELLEN MITCHELL PP24-00048	OIL TANK REPLACEMENT	N/A	R
12/6/2024	52 CLINTON AVE IAN KELLY RO24-00013	ONE 4 X 4 BELLHOLE TO INSTALL GAS SERVICE	N/A	R
12/6/2024	21 PINEHURST RD JOSEPH CERIELLO DB24-00079	ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY IMPACT ARCHITECTURE DATED 10/16/24	N/A	R
12/10/2024	45 BARBERRY CT ANTHONY PELLEGRINO DB24-00080	INSTALL 12' X 20' ABOVE GROUND POOL	N/A	R
12/10/2024	19 COOPER ST ALFRED PALLESCI PP24-00049	REPLACE OIL TANK	N/A	R
12/19/2024	328 VAN COTT AVE MICHAEL CHANG PP24-00050	PRESSURE TEST FOR METER	N/A	R
12/20/2024	205 CHERRY ST NATIONALGRID RO24-00014	ONE 4 X 4 BELLHOLE TO INSTALL GAS SERVICE	N/A	R
12/20/2024	385 MAIN ST MCCOURT & TRUDDEN PP24-00051	DIRECT REPLACEMENT OF OIL FIRED BOILER IN BASEMENT	N/A	C

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

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RESOLVED (#2025-01-03), to set the following public hearing for Monday, February 3, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Local law to limit cannabis manufacturing in the Industrial Zone
- Local Law to address rental requirements of two-family homes
- Local Law to address commercial vehicle requirements

RAVE MOBILE SAFETY CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-01-04), to approve the renewal of the Rave Mobile Safety service contract for one year at a cost of \$4,121.64.

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

RESOLVED (#2025-01-05), to approve the sale of the 2007 Chevy Silverado 3500 Pickup Truck with plow, VIN #1GCHK34U77E147280, in the amount of \$6,600 from the winning bid through Auctions International.

TWO FAMILY HOME FEE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-01-06), to charge a fee of \$50 for two family home safety inspections when relatives up to first cousins occupy the premises.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi thanked the Highway Department for all of their work in setting up the Village for the holiday season.
- She reported that snowflake lights will remain until the end of January. They will be replaced by hearts for the month of February and shamrocks for the month of March.
- Spring plantings will be done in April/May.
- Mayor Ekstrand and the Board congratulated Trustee Priestley for the great success of the New Year's Eve Ball Drop.

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

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CORRESPONDENCE –

- None

MERCURY PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2025-01-07), to appoint Kevin Thomas of Mercury Public Affairs to represent the Village in State and Federal issues, as directed, for a fee of \$5,000.00 per month for a period of one year.

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident raised a question about Linwood Phase 1 (completed) and anticipated completion of Phase 2 (completion expected in three weeks). A resident asked about Phase 3 on Thomas Powell Blvd.
- A resident asked about two family house inspection requirements. Superintendent Fellman will do a house visit on Tuesday, January 7.
- A resident asked about the increase in fines and forfeitures.
- A resident expressed opposition to the installation of cell service at Palmers Shopping Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer