

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, February 1, 2021**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held remotely at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Anthony Addeo  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk Barbara Kelly  
Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Superintendent of Buildings Steve Fellman

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 8:00 PM with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for Village Justice Salvatore Nicosia.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** –Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcement:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Work Session/Tax Grievance Night will be held on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held virtually, look at the Farmingdale Village website at [www.farmingdalevillage.com](http://www.farmingdalevillage.com) for further details.
- The St. Patrick’s Day parade is being postponed.

**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2021-02-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1146 dated February 1, 2021.
- December Wire Transfers
- Minutes of Work Sessions of 1/4/21, 1/19/21, 1/25/21
- Use of Village Property:
  - None
- Tax certiorari’s:
  - Tax Certiorari settlement Re: Elizabeth Gardens Corp. Sec 49, Blk. 74, Lots 102, 202: Premises 25 Elizabeth Street, Farmingdale (Elizabeth Gardens Apartments), for tax years 2011/12 through and including 2020/2021 for a refund of \$14,500 with a reduction in

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assessed value to \$5,900,000. If assessment remains at the reduced value for tax years 2021/22 through and including 2023/24, no Article 7 proceedings will be filed.

**PUBLIC HEARING DATES** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2021-02-02)**, to set the following public hearings for Monday, March 1, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.:

- CDBG Grant Application Year 47

**PUBLIC HEARING TO REVISE THE WORKFORCE HOUSING DISTRICT CODE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Addeo and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2021-02-03)**, to open the hearing.

The following public comment was made:

- Bradley Smallberg wanted to know if who qualifies is changing. Village Attorney DeBellis answered no.

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

**RESOLVED (#2021-02-04)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2021-02-05)**, to adopt a local law revising the Workforce Housing District Code.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO SUBDIVIDE PROPERTY AT 368 MELVILLE ROAD** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Mayor Ekstrand, it was unanimously decided to adjourn the hearing to Monday, March 1, 2021 at 8:00 p.m.

**2020/2021 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2021-02-06)**, to approve the 2020/2021 budget adjustments as presented.

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**NEW CHIEF'S CAR** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2021-02-07)**, to authorize the lease/purchase of a 2021 RAM 1500 Tradesman SSV Crew for use by the Fire Department as a Chief's vehicle. Equipment cost \$31,640.23. Financing will be 60 monthly payments at a cost of \$594.34 per month with a \$1.00 purchase at the end of the lease. **Approved subject to Administrator Harty's recommendations in the next month or two regarding cost comparisons and options for leasing vs. purchasing.**

**BEAUTIFICATION** – Trustee Parisi stated that hanging baskets have been ordered.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – A discussion began on the following topics:

- Joe Staudt said that everyone did well with plowing and thanks for the hard work.
- Mr. Staudt also asked if the Board could consider planting a considerable tree or trees to replace what was removed from Village Green.
- Alex Lapidus asked about trees near 20 Merritts Road to be removed. Superintendent Fellman said that the arborist stated that the root system was not compromised.

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

**RESOLVED (#2021-02-08)**, to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2021-02-09)**, to reconvene the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian P. Harty

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