

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, February 5, 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, February 5, 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, March 4th, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Work Session/Tax Grievance Night will be held on Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, February 26th, 2024 and Monday, March 4th, 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 January 16th Work Session:
 - Approved to renew a contract with Rave Mobile Safety to provide Farmingdale Fire Department SMS/Text and Voice Messages at a cost of \$3,852 for one year, from February 1, 2024 to January 31, 2025.
 - Approved the 2024 St. Patrick’s Day Parade, to be held on March 10, 2024 beginning at 2:00 p.m. The parade will kick off at Northside Elementary School and end at the Village Green. Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder will be the Grand Marshal.
 - Approved the following dates for Music on Main 2024, all to be held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Thursday, July 11, 2024, Thursday, July

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25, 2024, Thursday, August 8, 2024 and Thursday, August 22, 2024
with a rain date of August 29, 2024.

- The following resolutions were approved at the January 22nd Work Session:
 - Acknowledged the return of the 2023/2024 tax roll and warrant and report of unpaid taxes pursuant to §1436 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.
 - Approved Kiwanis Club Craft and Gift fairs to be held on the Village Green on Saturday, June 22, 2024 & Sunday, June 23, 2024 and Saturday, September 21, 2024 & Sunday, September 22, 2024. As Sunday, September 22 is a scheduled rain date for Art in the Park, the Kiwanis event will be cancelled on that date if needed.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2024-02-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1182 dated February 5, 2024.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 1/2/24, 1/16/24, 1/22/24 as amended
- Use of Village Property:
 - The V1 Church is requesting the use of the Village Green for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. About 50 people are expected.
 - The Nassau County SPCA is requesting to hold a Stop Animal Abuse Parade/Walk and Adoption event on Saturday, April 13, 2024 (rain date April 20). They would like to begin the parade/walk at the Village welcome sign on Main Street and end at the Village Green/Gazebo, where they could have animals available for adoption and pet related vendors/services.
 - The Cultural Arts Committee is requesting the use of the Courtroom for Open Mic Nights, all to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, Tuesday, May 21, 2024 and Tuesday, June 11, 2024. In addition, they are requesting the use of the Gazebo/Village Green for and Open Mic Night on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Block Party Applications:
 - None
- Tax certiorari's:
 - None

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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
1/2/2024	725 FULTON ST DIANNE BAGWELL DB24-00001	INSTALL 15 STEEL BOLLARDS AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY V.P.A. DATED 12/5/23	N/A	C
1/2/2024	900 FULTON ST STERLING GREEN TP24-00001	FLOOR LEVELING. USE OF VOF 1” RPZ & METER	N/A	C
1/2/2024	59 CLINTON AVE MICHAEL CLEMENS PP24-00001	INSTALL NEW OIL BURNER	N/A	R
1/2/2024	80 POWELL PL TOM RIZZO PP24-00002	INSTALL NEW GAS BOILER	N/A	R
1/2/2024	205 CHERRY ST HEIDI DISTANTE DB24-00002	INTERIOR ALTERATIONS AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL PALOMBA ARCHITECT DATED 9/14/2023	N/A	R
1/2/2024	502 MAIN ST. 502 MAIN ST LLC DB24-00003	INSTALL 29 PLATINUM DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS	N/A	C
1/4/2024	66 SULLIVAN RD. ZACH MIGLIOZZI SWR24-00001	INSTALL SEWER MAIN	N/A	R
1/12/2024	331-337 MAIN ST STALLER PROPERTIES PP24-00003	GAS HEATER	N/A	C
1/23/2024	299-315 E. PKWY VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE DB24-00004	INSTALL NEW GENERATOR	N/A	C
1/23/2024	85 DUANE ST LORETTA KEATING DB24-0005	INSTALL 17 ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY SUNRUN SOLAR DATED 1/10/24.	N/A	R
1/26/2024	222B MAIN ST. JENNIFER ROHM SP24-00001	1/23/24 APPLICATION APPROVED FOR REAR SIGNAGE AS PRESENTED WITH FOLLOWING PROVISIONS: REAR FACADE WILL REMAIN BEIGE. SAME GOOSENECK LIGHTING WILL BE USED (SOFT LIGHTING 2700-3000 KELVIN). WILL ADD SILVER METALLIC BORDER. AWNINGS WILL BE RE-SKINNED BELOW SIGN AND ALONG SIDE IN BACK.	X	C
1/26/2024	195 MAIN ST. BLUE HAWAIIAN BAR & RESTAURANT INC. SP24-00002	1/23/24 APPLICATION APPROVED AS PRESENTED WITH FOLLOWING PROVISIONS: BLACK GOOSENECKS ALREADY THERE AND WILL BE USED. SIGNAGE IS BLACK ALUMINIUM WITH WHITE 1" KOMACEL LETTERING. METALLIC REQUIREMENT WILL BE MET IN METALLIC SILVER LINE BELOW "X BAR". AWNING RE-SKINNED.	X	C
1/26/2024	250 FULTON ST. SUSHIL SAGGAR SP24-00003	1/23/24 APPLICATION APPROVED AS PRESENTED WITH FOLLOWING PROVISIONS: WALL SIGNAGE APPROVED	X	C

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		WITH BLACK PIN LETTERS MOUNTED DIRECTLY INTO WHITE HARDY BOARD. ADDITIONALLY, REPLACE PRE-EXISTING WHITE TWO SIDED MONUMENT SIGN APPROVED WITH BLACK, BACKLIT LETTERS.		
1/26/2024	202-204 MAIN ST CHRIS WERLE PP24-00004	FIRE SPRINKLERS	N/A	C
1/31/2024	26 N. MAPLE ST. ISMAEL RIVERA DB24-00007	INSTALL 34 ROOF MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS AS PER DRAWINGS SUBMITTED BY SUNPOWER DATED 12/19/23.	N/A	R

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

RESOLVED (#2024-02-02), to set the following public hearing for Monday, March 4, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Special Use Permit for 195 Main St. for a bar/restaurant.
- Granting of a subdivision at 345 Staples Street.
- To revise the Village Code to include a Local Law to allow Code Enforcement to manage/ticket the CVS parking lot. The owner of this property made the request for fire safety and handicapped access.

207 MAIN STREET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-02-03), to approve a Special Use Permit for an apartment in the rear of 207 Main Street, incorporating approval by the Planning Board to include the ingress and egress to the residential area must be in the rear and the residence must be used by the owner/tenant. One parking space in the rear of the property has been approved to meet the parking requirement. A curb cut is to be installed at the expense of the applicant.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-02-04), to appoint the following election inspectors for the Village election for a stipend of \$150 for the Chairperson and \$125 for the Inspectors:

- Kathleen Verbil – Republican – Chairperson

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- Patricia Reynolds – Republican
- Claudia Kulba – Democrat
- Sandy Riley – Democrat
- Marilyn Finger – Alternate Republican
- Arlene Taiclet – Alternate Democrat

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

RESOLVED (#2024-02-05), to approve Blink Fitness as the designated fitness provider in 2024 for the Farmingdale Fire Department at a cost of \$240 for 45 members at a cost of \$10,800.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-02-06), to approve an agreement with MuniReg regarding vacant and/or abandoned properties.

MUNICIPAL AUDIT SERVICES AGREEMENT – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-02-07), to approve an agreement with Municipal Audit Services, LLC to review the reports and receipts provided to the Village by the Utility and Telecommunication Companies regarding the Tax Receipts, as well as the relevant underlying records of the Utility and Telecommunication Companies, for the purpose of uncovering underpayments and other reporting errors, or as directed by the Village.

PEACE POLE INSTALLATION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-02-08), to approve the installation of a “Peace Pole” to be supplied by the Farmingdale Breakfast Rotary Club to be installed at a location to be determined on the Village Green.

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

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RESOLVED (#2024-02-09), to declare the following vehicles as surplus:
2009 Dodge Durango VIN# 1D8HB3P99F712549 and 1999 Ford
Suburban Ambulance VIN# 1FDXE40F6XHA70573.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 300 & 302 MAIN ST. –
Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-02-09), to open the hearing.

Thomas Milana Jr. appeared for Uncle Tony’s of Farmingdale LLC dba Casa Stellina Restaurant, a 60 seat restaurant located at 300 Main Street, and Casa Stellina Pizza, a 32 seat pizza parlor located at 302 Main Street. Both locations are adjacent to each other and internally accessible with the kitchen for both located on the pizza side. A Special Use permit is required for more than 12 seats for these businesses and is the reason for this hearing. Parking requirements have been met.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-02-10), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-02-11), to approve a Special Use Permit for 300 Main Street (Casa Stellina Restaurant), a 60 seat restaurant and 302 Main Street (Casa Stellina Pizza), a 32 seat restaurant with a kitchen for both restaurants located on the pizza side of the businesses. Parking requirements have been met.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi reported that the new holiday lighting was well received with many compliments. Hearts have been installed for Valentine’s Day and shamrocks are coming for St. Patrick’s Day.
- Additionally, flowers have been ordered for spring planting and benches will be reinstalled on Main Street within two weeks.

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

- None

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FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident complimented the improvements on Main Street and asked that, if a building is completely torn down, is there a new set back requirement from the lot line facing Main Street. The resident thought that such a requirement existed.
- Update on drainage in the Linwood Avenue area: The Tulane Street sump is being addressed by the Nassau County DPW as the basin is not in good condition. Debris is being removed and other improvements will be made. This is an ongoing process per Mayor Ekstrand and soil samples will be scheduled ASAP in both the Tulane Street and Jefferson Road sumps. The Village Engineer is arranging soil sampling.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer