

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, February 25, 2019**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Administrator Brian Harty  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman  
DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

**Absent:** Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Anthony Addeo

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON BID DISTRICT** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2019-02-25)**, to continue the hearing.

The following public comment was made:

A general discussion was held between the Board and two property owners, Willis Carman and Greg Carman, who are in opposition to the formation of the Business Improvement District, as proposed. The discussion centered on differing opinions with regard to timing issues affecting the outcome negative letters that were solicited by the opponents and the subsequent reversal of those letters during the 30 day period following the required public hearing to establish the proposed Business Improvement District.

After some discussion the village attorney confirmed that the public hearing had been closed on January 22, 2019 and the 30 days to object would expire on February 21, 2019. It was also confirmed the vote to establish the BID had been adjourned to February 25, 2019. At that point the Board tasked the Village Attorney with finding out the legality of reversing an opposition letter after it was submitted within the 30 day

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period. The opponents stated position is that once a letter is submitted it cannot be reversed by that property owner.

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

**RESOLVED (#2019-02-26)**, to continue the hearing until March 4, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
  - Real Island Fire Department from Equality, Alabama has made an offer of \$15,000 for the 1994 Saulsbury Spartan Pumper #923.
  - The Fire Department told Mayor Ekstrand that two meetings between SCVOA and NCVOA are approved to use the department's multi-purpose room on March 6 and March 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- Building Department: Proposed a new local law to establish rental permits for single and two family residences.
- Highway Department:
  - 5 street trees on Thomas Powell Blvd. that were downed due to high winds were removed by the highway crew.
  - Roadwork Ahead is working on construction of new yard at Oakdale Blvd. and finishing work for new road and drainage at Ridge Road.
- Water Department: Met with Dvirka and Bartilucci regarding progress report of new elevated tank and/or options for the water system.
- Code Department: Making plans for gated community for properties potentially impacted by the PGA Tournament at Bethpage Park in May.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator