

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, April 3, 2023**  
**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, April 3, 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  
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.

**2023/2024 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2023-04-01)**,

- List of appointments
- Village office’s Holiday schedule
- Board of Trustees Meeting schedule, as amended
- Signatures for Village bank accounts – Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Village Clerk/Treasurer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer; any two signing together.
- Use of Mayor’s facsimile signature to the following:
  - Wire transfers between Village’s accounts
  - Wire transfers approved by Board resolution
  - Village of Farmingdale and Youth Council payroll checks
  - Youth Council expenditures as listed on abstract
- Existing Village policies:
  - Employee Manual including the following:
    - Procurement Policy
    - Ethic Policy
    - Sexual Harassment
    - Workplace Violence

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- Investment Policy

**SWEARING IN** – Mayor Ekstrand swore the officials who were present, all others will be sworn in within 30 days.

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

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- April is Fair Housing Month.
- Open Mic Night will be held on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.
- The following resolutions were approved at the March 20<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - Approved Aidan Martin’s Eagle Scout project to install balance beam, pull up bars and push up bar in Gergras Park. He will work with Building Superintendent Fellman to ensure code compliance and location.
  - Approved a request from the V1 Church for the use of the Village Green for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, 2023, either morning or afternoon. 20-30 children are expected.
  - Approved the purchase of timber building materials for a new guard rail to be installed at the corner of Bethpage Road and Thomas Powell Boulevard in the amount of \$3,500.
  - Approved a request from the Farmingdale Baseball League to hold their Annual Opening Day Parade on Sunday, April 23, 2023. The parade will assemble at the Howitt Baseball fields at 1:30 p.m. and kick off at 2:00 p.m. The parade will make a left from Howitt to Conklin Street and make a left on Main Street and proceed south to a right on Motor Avenue to Allen Park.
  - Approved ZOLL Medical Corporation as sole source provider for the purchase of an X Series Monitor/Defibrillator at a cost of \$37,630.77 to be financed at no interest over 24 months and with letter from Chief to indicate need as a sole source.
  - Approved all Small Claims assessment review funds for the 2022/2023 tax year totaling \$880.23.
  - Approved a request from the Cultural Arts Committee to use the Gazebo and Village Green for “Sherwood on the Green” – Eastline

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will perform Robin Hood on Saturday, October 14, 2023 & Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at a cost of \$1000/performance. They will need the space between 12:00 Noon and 6:00 p.m. to set up, perform, and take down the stage.

- Hired Daniel Hickey and Alexis Kashuba as Parking Meter Attendants at a rate of \$18 per hour.
- Install a new fire hydrant to be placed in front of Palmer's Plaza. The estimated installation cost is \$15,605.99.
- Authorized Mayor Ekstrand to sign an agreement of settlement of Village claims against Hitemco and Barchild Properties in legal case against polluters causing pollution to our water system.
- Authorized Mayor Ekstrand to sign an agreement of settlement of Village claims against Aljo-Gefa Precisions Manufacturing and Sweet Hollow Associates in legal case against polluters causing pollution to our water system.
- Pay \$220,454.53 to contractor in exchange for discontinuance of claim and release of liens from legal case for paving work performed.
- Authorized the Village Attorney to write to the counsel of the Suffolk County Water Authority to explore a change in their Charter in order to include the Village of Farmingdale in an amended boundary of their approved franchise/operation/management area.
- The following resolutions were approved at the March 27<sup>th</sup> Work Session:
  - Approved a request from Erin Sharon & Justin Ayoub for the use of the Village Green for a wedding ceremony on Sunday, September 3, 2023 from 1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 80-90 people are expected, a licensed service will set up chairs and possibly a tent if needed.
  - Set the public hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget for Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
  - Increased Village Justice Anthony Addeo's salary from \$7,000 to \$10,000.
  - Approved the installation of new curb in front of 190 Bethpage Rd. in the amount of \$3,000.

**REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2023-04-02)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1172 dated April 3, 2023.

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- Minutes of Board Meetings of 3/6/23, 3/16/23, 3/20/23, 3/27/23 as amended.
- Use of Village Property:
  - Lithology Brewing Co. is requesting the use of 5 parking spaces in Parking Lot 3, behind Lithology (211A Main St.) for live music and poetry on Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Block Party Applications:
  - Kevin Faber, 34 Sullivan Road, Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> (Rain date September 4<sup>th</sup>) from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Sullivan Road will be closed from Secatogue Avenue to Pinehurst Road, and Manetto Road from Sullivan Road to Pinehurst Road.
  - Darlene Hawes, 51 Jerome Drive, Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Rain date July 5<sup>th</sup>). Jerome Drive closed between 51-63 Jerome Drive and 88-100 Jerome Drive.
- 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
3/10/2023	29 Hill Rd. Kenneth O'Connor DB21-00006	Maintain above ground pool. Variance granted 3/9/2023, subject to condition that variance applies only to this above ground pool and said variance shall terminate upon substantial change or alteration to the pool or replacement of pool. Upon such change or replacement, applicant shall require a new permit and new variance (if necessary based upon new location).	N/A	R
3/10/2023	39 Jerome Dr. Robert Betz DB23-00015	Repair rear stoop	N/A	R
3/10/2023	331-337 Main St. Spa 79 LLP DB23-00016	New rear patio and dumpster enclosure as per drawings submitted by John L. Mahler Architect dated 12/28/22.	X	C
3/10/2023	306 Main St. Staller Realty DB23-00018	Add tent for outdoor dining.	N/A	C
3/13/2023	169 Main St. My Grandmother's Kitchen SP23-00002	Application approved 2/28/2023 as presented with modification of colors. Light Green sign to be made Hunter Green 2041-10. All awnings to be installed and repaired on windows. Blade sign auth not to exceed 720 sq inches.	X	C
3/13/2023	769 Fulton St. Premier Building SP23-00003	Application approved as presented 2/28/2023. Note - signs were made prior to ARB appearance. Metallic Flake requirement was waived as sign is	X	C

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3/13/2023	81 Secatogue Ave. Fairfield Knolls SP23-00004	Application approved as presented 2/28/2023. Sign to be lowered so top of sign sits at 7'.	X	R
3/13/2023	39 Doud St. Gerhard Frobart PP23-00005	Install oil fired boiler	N/A	R
3/14/2023	68 William St. Louis Alfieri DB23-00017	Maintain two story addition with finished basement as per drawings submitted by Robert Sotis Architect dated 1/23/04.	N/A	R
3/14/2023	566 Fulton St. Joseph's Petroleum Corp. SW23-00001	Replace sidewalk	N/A	C
3/14/2023	36 Stratford Green Rong Qing Zheng DB23-00017	Repair of damaged structure and interior as required from car crash.	N/A	R
3/14/2023	36 Stratford Green Jean Zheng PP23-00006	1 kitchen sink & 1 dish washer.	N/A	R
3/14/2023	285 Secatogue Ave. Johanna Carcamo PP23-00007	Install new gas heater and air conditioning unit.	N/A	R
3/14/2023	23 Nelson St. Joel Fischer PP23-00008	Oil to gas conversion	N/A	R
3/14/2023	291 Conklin St. Windmill Oil Tank Services PP23-00009	Oil tank abandonment	N/A	C
3/14/2023	776 Fulton St. Mercury Rising LLC DB23-00020	Install elevator as per drawings submitted by Island Elevator dated 1/5/2023.	N/A	C
3/16/2023	37 Weiden St. John Berardi DB23-00021	Install 12' x 16' gazebo	N/A	R
3/16/2023	39 Quaker Lane Corey Stein HoiJiong DB23-00022	Install 45' x 15' rear deck as per drawings submitted by Simpson Strong Tie dated 3/12/23.	N/A	R

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-04-03)**, to set the following public hearing for Monday, May 1, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Special Use Permit for 250 Conklin Street to build a 2 ½ story office building in an Office Residence District and a Residence B Zoning District.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE NOISE CODE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

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**RESOLVED (#2023-04-04)**, to adjourn the hearing until Monday, May 1, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE VILLAGE CODE (RENTAL DWELLING UNITS)** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-04-05)**, to open the hearing.

The following public comment was made:

- A resident said that the rental time should not be limited but that all rentals both short term and long term should be subject to permitting and inspection. The Board agreed, and Village Attorney DeBellis will revise the new local law.

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-04-06)**, to close the hearing.

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-04-07)**, to amend the Farmingdale Village Code to add Chapter 433, Rental Dwelling Units, where 1, 2 & 3 family rental residences would become subject to permit requirements and fees, as amended.

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-04-08)**, to hire Philip LoNigro as a Part Time Firehouse Maintainer Sub at a rate of \$18 per hour.

**LANDSCAPING CONTRACT** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-04-09)**, to approve Castro Family Landscaping as the assigned contractor from JMI Landscaping, Inc. under the same terms and conditions as JMI Landscaping, Inc.

**WATER INTERCONNECTION UPGRADE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was unanimously,

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**RESOLVED (#2023-04-10)**, to approve Merrick Utility Associates, Inc. to furnish and install interconnect vault, piping, valves and appurtenances and restoration between the Bethpage Water District and Farmingdale Water Department to upgrade this interconnection to enable Farmingdale to increase water supply from Bethpage if needed in the amount of \$71,526.00.

**PLANT, TREE & BUSH PURCHASE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2023-04-11)**, to approve North Service Nursery as lowest total cost supplier of certain plants, trees and bushes. 10-12 ft. Green Giants at \$400 (70 needed), 8-10 ft. Emerald Green at \$220 (13 needed), Maxi Rhod at \$155 (12 needed), 14-16 ft. Hornbeam Trees at \$300 (need 5). Total amount to be appropriated \$34,220. These plants and trees will be used as natural screening between neighboring property and the Ridge Road DPW yard.

**HEAD IN PARKING** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-04-12)**, to require head-in parking in all municipal lots at all times.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	nay
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	nay
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Craig Rosasco	aye

**BEAUTIFICATION** –

- Trustee Parisi said that plantings will be done in two phases, first at the DPW yard on May 20<sup>th</sup> and the streets and parks on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Kathy & George Boyle and Jeana Lewis of St. Kilian Outreach.

**FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS** - None

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

- A resident expressed concern about head-in parking requirements. Mayor Ekstrand explained that the Village is going to metered parking where residents will have a sticker and will not have to pay. The resident agreed that it made sense to park head-in.
- The resident also expressed concern about the required return receipt requested for building projects and not receiving the notices. Building Superintendent Fellman said that the applicants are now required to send notices both by return receipt required and by regular mail.
- The resident also requested that DPW look at the exit from Parking Lot 2 at Prospect St. as shrubs are blocking the view leaving the lot.
- A resident opposed the “Stop for Kids” camera enforcement proposal as an intrusion into residential neighborhoods.
- A resident asked that the Village publicize local taxi numbers in the next newsletter.
- The resident was also in favor of the “Stop for Kids” camera enforcement concept.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2023-04-13)**, to move to Executive Session.

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

**RESOLVED (#2023-04-14)**, to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian P. Harty  
Village Clerk/Treasurer