

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, June 5, 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, June 5, 2023.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

Absent: Trustee Walter Priestley

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, July 10th, 2023. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, June 12th, 2023, Tuesday, June 20th, 2023, Monday, June 26th, 2023 and Monday, July 10th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Farmer’s Market is being held every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Village Green until November 19, 2023.
- Open Mic Night will be held on Friday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the Village Green & Gazebo. In the event of inclement weather, it will be held in the Courtroom.
- Village Pops concerts will be held on the following Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: June 28th, July 5th, July 12th, July 19th, July 26th and August 2nd.
- Movie Nights will be held on the following Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: July 11th, July 18th, July 25th, August 1st, August 8th, August 15th, and August 22nd.
- Music on Main will be held on the following Thursdays: July 13th, July 27th, August 10th and August 24th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a rain date of August 31st.
- The following resolutions were approved at the May 15th Work Session:
 - Authorized Mayor Ekstrand to sign the annual Stormwater MS4 report.
 - Appointed David Nostrand as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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- Approved a request from the Cultural Arts Committee to use the Gazebo and lawn in front of it for a Medieval History Day with the SCA on Saturday, June 3, 2023 (rain date June 4) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Approved a request from the Farmingdale-Bethpage Historical Society for the use of the Courtroom, hallway and restrooms on Sunday, June 11, 2023 for a members only Annual Meeting and Strawberry Festival from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Authorized Mayor Ekstrand to sign agreement for Pay-By-Phone to provide wireless applications for metered parking in the municipal parking lots and Main Street.
- Accepted the 2021/2022 audit report as submitted by Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPAs.
- Authorized Mayor Ekstrand to sign the 2023/2024 Tax Warrant.
- Approved St. Kilian Social Ministry/Outreach's use of the Outreach parking lot (across the street from the church) with parking at the school lot for a Health, Wellness and Craft Fair to benefit Outreach on Saturday, July 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Approved the following dates for the 2023 Village Pops concerts: June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26 and August 2. Farmingdale Public Library will have a table at these events.
- Approved the following dates for Movie Nights: Every Tuesday starting July 11 and ending August 22.
- The following resolutions were approved at the May 22nd Work Session (4/0 vote):
 - Approved the 2022 Firefighter Records lists as submitted by the Village of Farmingdale Fire Department (LOSAP).
 - Approved a request to remove handicapped parking space in front of 29 Columbia Street as it is not used.
 - Approved a request from the Kiwanis Club of Farmingdale for the use of the Village Green for a Summer Festival fund raiser on Saturday, August 26, 2023 and Sunday, August 27, 2023. Until 5:00 p.m. with the Farmer's Market on Sunday.
 - Approved a request from Toni Anastasiadis of 63 Jerome Drive to hold a block party on Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Jerome Drive will be closed between 51-67 Jerome Drive.

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REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2024-06-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1174 dated June 5, 2023.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 5/1/23, 5/15/23, 5/22/23 as amended.
- Use of Village Property:
 - None
- Block Party Applications:
 - Lorraine Lois Pieloch, 29 Pinehurst Road, Saturday, September 2nd, 2023 (Rain Date September 3rd) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Pinehurst Road closed between Manetto Road and Sullivan Road.
 - Lisa Marrazzo, 24 Jerome Drive, Saturday, August 26th, 2023 (Rain Date September 9th) from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Jerome Drive to be closed from Leonard Street to Adrienne Court.
- 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
4/27/2023	416 Secatogue Ave Christopher Lynch DB23-00041	Repave existing driveway and install drainage ring.	N/A	R
4/28/2023	4 Hampshire Dr. Robert Slone FP23-00002	6’ white PVC fence	N/A	R
5/1/2023	25 Dale Dr. Eric Mauro DB23-00042	Install 14’ x 25’ inground swimming pool as per plans submitted by Martin Passante Architect dated 3/14/23.	N/A	R
5/2/2023	13 Jefferson Rd. Adam Seely DB23-00043	Small widening of driveway	N/A	R
5/2/2023	150 Main St. We Working SP23-00005	Signs approved as presented with following provisions. Side sign to be used as front sign with Logo in middle. Front sign width reduced as cant exceed 75% of façade – Leave 1’ reveal on both sides. Side sign to be max 18’ height to go in tandem with 2’ front sign. Gold Leaf (color)trim border on both signs.	X	C
5/2/2023	50 South Front St. Chris Werle	Awning approved as submitted.	X	C

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	SP23-00006			
5/2/2023	333 Conklin St. Sonia Tennis SP23-00007	Signs approved in BM Chestnut 2082-10 with gold leaf trim and white lettering. Blade sign approved at 27" x 27" to be within 720 sq inch requirement. Goosenecks approved in brown to match both roof shingle and brown window trims.	X	C
5/2/2023	102 Conklin St. Susan McCoy SP23-00008	Sign approved in BM Heritage Red HC-181	X	C
5/2/2023	25 Dale Dr. Erick Mauro PP23-00013	Install gas fired pool heater and outdoor BBQ	N/A	R
5/8/2023	49 Sherman Rd Tracey Woliner DB23-00044	Replace driveway center grass with brick pavers	N/A	R
5/8/2023	254 Prospect St. Jamil Patik DB23-00045	Replace roof shingles	N/A	R
5/8/2023	1 Cooper St. Steven Swalgen DB23-00046	Install 21 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Sunation dated 4/25/23.	N/A	R
5/8/2023	132 William St. Saeed Ahmed DB23-00047	Install 20 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Momentum Solar dated 4/25/2023	N/A	R
5/9/2023	6 Dale Dr Nicholas Didio DB23-00048	Install 28 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Trinity Solar dated 4/13/2023.	N/A	R
5/10/2023	22 Linwood Ave Joseph O'Brien SW23-00005	Replace sidewalk	N/A	R
5/16/2023	8 Eastern Parkway Yvonne & Jeff Kassowitz DB23-00049	Construct new detached garage 20' x 35'	N/A	R
5/17/2023	26 Linwood Ave John Wallace DB23-00050	Maintain existing fireplace.	N/A	R
5/17/2023	22 Linwood Ave Joseph O'Brien DB23-00051	Repointing front of house	N/A	R

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

RESOLVED (#2024-06-02), to set the following public hearing for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Special Use Permit for 95 Fulton Street to have a 24 seat ice cream restaurant.

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

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RESOLVED (#2024-06-03), to open the hearing.

The following public comments were made:

- A resident from Waverly Place said that the rear space of The Villager is very noisy and that music is amplified on Sundays. In addition, he said that Charlotte's music goes beyond time limits on occasion. He also asked if Code had spoken to or issued summonses to The Villager.
- A resident from Prospect Street said that The Villager violated the code and at times The Nutty Irishman does as well. (This was refuted by the owner of The Nutty Irishman.) He also stated that windows need to be closed at certain times to be in compliance.
- In addition, the resident pointed out that the current code deals with time of day but not volume and raised a question about storage of outdoor dining furniture.
- The proprietor of 317 & The Nutty Irishman said that they do not have amplified music on Sundays and that he checks decibel levels regularly as not to offend neighbors and has not had a single complaint since the beginning of COVID.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-06-04), to continue the hearing to Monday, July 10, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 250 CONKLIN STREET –

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

RESOLVED (#2024-06-05), to continue the hearing to Monday, July 10, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES RECRUITMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-06-06), to approve a request from Representative George Santo's staff for the use of the Courtroom on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of recruiting potential candidates for all of the United States Service Academies. USMA, USNA, USMMA, USAFA will have representatives to speak with potential applicants.

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

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RESOLVED (#2024-06-07), to hire Anthony Rubino as a Part-Time Laborer/Handyman at a rate of \$25 per hour.

CONKLIN STREET PARKING – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-06-08), to approve “Church Parking Only” on Conklin Street between Waverly Place and the entrance to Parking Lot 2 on Sundays between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m

SET WORK SESSION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-06-09), to set a work session for Monday, June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-06-10), to participate in the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), which specializes in the management of high quality cooperative procurement solutions.

TANK SPRAYER PURCHASE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-06-11), to approve the purchase of a LESCO SpaceSaver 300 gal. Tank Sprayer from SiteOne, as the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost of \$6765.85.

NON-RESIDENT RAILROAD PARKING FEES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-06-12), to approve non-resident railroad parking fees as follows: January 1 – March 31 = \$400, April 1 – June 30 = \$300, July 1 – December 31 = \$200.

FIRE DISPATCHER RATE INCREASE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-06-13), to approve an hourly increase of \$2.00 for Fire Dispatchers, bringing their pay rate to \$20.00 per hour.

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BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi thanked her volunteers for all of the plantings throughout the Village. Nearly 2000 plants have been planted and 300 hanging baskets installed to beautify the Village. She also reported that new trees on Main Street will be in large planters and not in the ground. In addition, Trustee Parisi also said that the Farmingdale Business District and the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce received grants of \$10,000 each for holiday decorations from National Grid.

OLD BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE – None

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident inquired about the status of Daler Pizza and was informed that all permits have been issued and that natural gas installation has been scheduled.
- A resident asked if Prospect Street on-street parking would be monitored/regulated when meters are installed. This will be taken under advisement by the Board.
- A resident said that outdoor dining was blocking the sidewalk and was told that 4 ft. walkways need to be maintained.
- A resident asked if non-residents will have to pay at the meters if they are attending a meeting at Village Hall. The answer was yes, if they choose to park in Village lots, but the Howitt parking lot is open until midnight and is free.
- It was reported that Nick Ezzo reached the age of 100 recently.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-06-14), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-06-15), to reconvene the meeting.

WATER POLLUTION CLAIM SETTLEMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2024-06-16), to accept \$625,000 as settlement of a water pollution claim from Old Beth 2 LLC.

DISH NETWORK AGREEMENT – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-06-17), to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign a new agreement with Dish Network that will bring in significant revenue to the Village.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer