

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, August 7, 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, August 7, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, August 21st, 2023 and Tuesday, September 5th, 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.
- Movie Nights will be held on the following Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.: August 8th, August 15th, and August 22nd.
- Music on Main will be held on the following Thursdays: 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 July 24th Work Session:
 - Approved a request from the New York State & Local Retirement System to host an Employer Education Seminar in the Court Room on Thursday, October 19, 2023 and Friday, October 20, 2023. 40-50 people are expected to attend.
 - Approved Fire Department EMS Medical Director Agreement contract for Dr. Jack Geffken at a price of \$4,179.18 per year.
 - Approved an increase in values and premiums for Fire Department vehicles associated with the increased values totaling \$4,343.00.
 - Declared as surplus the 2008 Building Dept. Dodge Durango VIN#1DH8B38N38F112039.

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REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2024-08-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1176 dated August 7, 2023. Hold SCM voucher for clarification.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 7/10/23, 7/24/23
- Use of Village Property:
 - None
- Block Party Applications:
 - None
- 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
7/11/2023	6 Sherman Rd. Danielle Drexler SW23-00007	Replace sidewalk	N/A	R
7/11/2023	346 Main St. Peter Gennarini DB23-00071	Interior renovations for 12 seat bar and lounge as per drawings submitted by Spaces Architecture dated 6/13/2023.	N/A	C
7/14/2023	26 Linwood Ave John A. Wallace DB23-00070	Maintain old permits #DB82-25 to install a bay window addition and #DB82-80 conversion of existing enclosed porch to create a rear addition for bay window addition.	N/A	R
7/18/2023	1 Conklin St. One Conklin LLC TP23-00001	Hydrant use	N/A	C
7/18/2023	125 Elizabeth St. Jahan & Jahan LLC PP23-00021	Replace and relocate 2 hydronic boilers. Relocate washer and dryer and slop sink.	N/A	R
7/20/23	155 Prospect St. Theresa Donlon SW23-00008	Replace four sidewalk flags	N/A	R
7/20/23	20 Barberry Ct. Thomas Fabian DB23-00072	Dumpster in driveway	N/A	R
7/24/2023	35 Prospect St Shakil Ahmad DB23-00073	Maintain garage conversion	N/A	R
7/24/2023	450 Main St. Farmingdale Commons DB23-00074	Mill and repave existing parking lot	N/A	C
7/24/2023	2 Quaker La	Install new rheem HVAC unit	N/A	R

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	Slomins DB23-00075			
7/24/2023	25 Roxbury St. Slomins DB23-00076	Install new rheem HVAC unit	N/A	R
7/25/2023	31 Oakview Ave Frank Amatulli DB23-00077	Install two ductless HVAC condensers and six wall units.	N/A	R
7/26/2023	14 Merritts Rd. Solterix Corp. RO23-00010	Two 1' x 4' x 2' bellholes to replace CATV cable from pole to vault.	N/A	R
8/2/2023	56 Powell Pl Thomas Ferritty DB23-00079	Shed 16 x 12 must be 3' off property line	N/A	R

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

RESOLVED (#2024-08-02), to set the following public hearing for Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Make Van Cott Avenue a One Way street southbound on school days between Secatogue Avenue and Grant Street.

Public Hearing for 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 – withdrawn at the applicant’s request.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 334 MAIN STREET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-08-03), to open the hearing.

Laura Coletti, architect for the applicant, explained that ISMASH will operate as a place to break items for fun. It is a franchise, no alcohol will be served nor will food be prepared on premises. Food will be catered only for special events. There will be no Axe Throwing as well. A dumpster needs to be added with enclosure to handle the waste stream from this facility, which was agreed to by the applicant’s representative.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-08-04), to close the hearing.

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

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RESOLVED (#2024-08-05), to approve a Special Use Permit for 334 Main Street (ISMASH) for an interior alteration to create an amusement space.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 95 FULTON STREET –

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

RESOLVED (#2024-08-06), to open the hearing.

Thomas Cacciopoli, owner of Scoops and Cones Ice Cream Parlor, discussed the operation of his new parlor. He will be open until 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 p.m. on weekends.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-08-07), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-08-08), to approve a Special Use Permit for Scoops and Cones Ice Cream Parlor (95 Fulton Street) for more than 12 seats.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-08-09), to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign the Firefly Admin Inc. 2023/2024 Service Award Program Service Fee Agreement for an estimated fee of \$8,112.

NEW HIRE - HIGHWAY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-08-10), to hire Emmanuel Alvarez-Lozada as a Part-Time Laborer in the Highway Department at a rate of \$16 per hour, retroactive to July 18, 2023.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-08-11), to hire Robert Mulligan as a Parking Meter Attendant at a rate of \$18 per hour.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-08-12), to increase the hourly rate of Part Time Firehouse Maintainer Charlie DiPrima from \$20.29 per hour to \$22.00 per hour, per the recommendation of Chief Tortoso.

PARKING METER RATES AND TIMES – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-08-13), to approve parking meter rates at 50 cents per hour Monday to Saturday between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. Handicapped parking is not to be charged in handicapped marked spaces. Sundays are free as are other non-metered times but the current 3 hour limits will be observed at those times.

RENTAL & PUBLIC ASSEMBLY FEES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-08-14), to approve the Rental Fee at \$300 for a two year permit and the Public Assembly fee at \$200 for a one year permit.

ALTICE RELOCATION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-08-15), to approve Altice quote for relocation of all of Altice/Optimum facilities in way of the Main Street Pole Removal Project in the amount of \$292,452.41.

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

RESOLVED (#2024-08-16), to approve paving of Hampshire Drive, Division Street and Secatogue Avenue (from Eastern Parkway to the LIRR tracks) in the amount of \$107,000 of Capital Funds.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi thanked DPW for doing a great job this summer and volunteers for their ongoing commitment to making Farmingdale a great place to live and work. Deputy Mayor Barrett concurred.
- Memorial benches are available and inquiries are being addressed.

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- A new pocket park is being planned on Yoakum Street adjacent to DPW.

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Eagle Scout Aidan Martin has donated leftover funds totaling \$325.56 to the Village to be used for mulch under his project.
- Tony Socias thanked the Village for their efforts in handling a rodent problem and dumpster waste pickup.

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident requested that taxi telephone numbers be circulated in the Village newsletter and posted on the Village website.
- A resident asked about rental pricing at the new Sterling Green project. Mayor Ekstrand indicated that those rates will be publicized as soon as they are available.
- The resident also stated that the 2035 Master Plan indicated 375 new housing units in the downtown area and suggested that overall development may be reaching proposed limits. The resident also indicated that the initial study still has 35 “sites subject to change”.
- In addition, the resident complimented the Board on the rental housing permit and fee.
- Status of reconstruction of Lotus Garden and new construction of Zuzu and Daler Pizza were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer