

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, August 19, 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, August 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett (arrived at 7:35)  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Trustee Anthony Addeo  
Administrator Brian Harty  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis  
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman  
DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

**Absent:** Trustee Cheryl Parisi

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

The following topics were discussed:

- National Grid/Main Street Gas Main Replacement – rescheduled to August 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- Hal Fuchs – 330 Conklin St:
  - Proposal to add interior space for entertainment/catering and fill in the alcove facing Conklin St. with additional space under the roof.
  - The proposal currently generates a 28 parking space deficit as retail. The actual deficit could be significantly higher, depending on final use of the proposed construction.
  - Applicant will need to purchase 3 parking spaces if the Board agrees to waive 90% under basic retail proposal.
- Firefly Admin Inc. – Service Award Program: To be resolved at the September 3, 2019 meeting.
- Deputy Mayor Barrett arrived.

**REQUIREMENTS CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE** - Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

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**RESOLVED (#2020-08-16)**, to approve the renewal of the requirements contract for Electrical Maintenance and Repair Services (Water Department) with Bancker Electric for one year.

**SURPLUS UTILITY BODY** - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Addeo, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2020-08-17)**, to approve the sale of the surplus Utility Body to La May's Tree Service for a total of \$500.

**USE OF FACILITIES** - Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2020-08-18)**, to approve a request by Comforted Companions Veterinary Care to use the Village Green for a Back-To-School Photo Shoot on Thursday, September 5, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**OUTDOOR DINING** - Upon a motion made by Trustee Addeo and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2020-08-19)**, to approve an Outdoor Dining Permit for 317 Main Street.

Action points:

- Cornelia Street – one way into parking lot: **It will remain a two way street.**
- 20 Merritts –
  - Retaining wall, remove timber, trees are leaning over due to cliff, close gate: **Under construction/Revised plans. Other issues: Guard rail – the developer may need an easement or license agreement to install the guard rail. Dry wells in rear yard need grates. Personnel charges for water installation will be billed to the applicant.**
  - Pile of dirt on the south side of the property – **Removed**
- Street light out between 29 & 33 Linwood Avenue – **Reported to Town of Oyster Bay lighting for repair on August 16.**
- The dead tree at 35 Harrison Place has been removed

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- Fire Department:
- Building Department:
  - The Board needs to approve zoning for the new DPW building – Claudio
  - Robbie Lee has submitted mechanical plans for his development on Route 109.
  - Need to follow up on permit renewal with auto body building on Rte. 109 and Iroquois Place.
  - Manny Varveris – Slow progress on Main Street project
  - Contact Dunn Engineering regarding the Triangle
- Highway Department:
  - Reported that Mr. Langon received a letter from a resident thanking him for his work
  - Parking Lot 5 will be completed mid-week, approximately on August 28.
  - The installation of the fence with a gate at the new Oakdale Yard has been completed.
  - Bonding for the new DPW building at \$1.5M and renovations to the existing DPW garage at \$300,000 – discussed level debt for 10 and 20 years.
- Water Department.
  - Bonding – discussed \$4.5M 30 year level debt.
- Code Department:
  - Santa Con – December 14
- Joe Fortuna proposed a salute to the San Gennaro Feast by hosting it at The Nutty Irishman on Sunday, September 22, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The proposal includes honoring State Assemblyman Michael Montesano at the suggestion of the Board, using part of Parking Lot 4 as an area to set up bocce courts, engaging St.Kilian's and the new pastor along with local Italian American organizations. Barricades, code and light stands may be needed. No alcohol outside and zeppoles, gelato and cannolis will be offered.
- Deputy Mayor Barrett indicated that Margaret Barrett would like to establish “Winter Wonderland” in the Village to celebrate the holiday season. The Board suggested that the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce move the Holiday Parade to the Saturday after the Thanksgiving Day weekend and couple it with interactive activities for children and

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vendors on the Village Green. Activities may also include window painting with holiday scenes and judging for winners, carolers to roam between the Village Green and the LIRR and to engage the Farmingdale schools in both the window artwork and musical performances.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator