

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, October 2, 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, October 2, 2023.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
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, including special thoughts for those killed and injured in the Farmingdale Marching Band bus trip accident. There is a vigil planned for Tuesday night at the football field at the high school.

NCPD Officer Megan Terracciano reported on local crime from July 1 – September 30, 2023. She stated that there were 53 interactions with suspicious persons, 2 cars were stolen (key fobs were left in vehicles), 9 catalytic converters were stolen, 16 narcotics arrests, 3 DWI arrests, 1 possible drugging (assault), a scam of an elderly person of \$90,000, 1 disorderly conduct DWI arrest and illegal weapons arrests (knives).

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Ekstrand made the following announcements:

- The next Board meeting with public comment period will be held on Monday, November 6th, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, October 16th, 2023, Monday, October 23rd, 2023 and Monday, November 6th, 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.
- The Annual Farmingdale Fire Department Columbus Day Fair will be held on October 6th thru October 9th.
- Halloween Parade and Festivities on the Village Green from 2-4pm October 28th.
- The following resolutions were approved at the September 18th Work Session:
 - Approved a request by the Molloy College Energeia Partnership to use the Courtroom and conference room for an educational workshop on land use on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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- Hired Christian Cotto as a Full Time Laborer at a salary of \$40,000 per year.
 - Allowed non-union members to donate accumulated sick, vacation or personal time to any employee who is in need of time as outlined in section “S” of the current union agreement.
 - Approved Armor Tuff Flooring as the vendor of choice for providing and installing new flooring on the apparatus floor of the Farmingdale Fire Department in the amount of \$47,642 at the prevailing wage. \$40,000 of this amount will be paid for from a grant provided through the office of County Legislator Rose Walker. Motion to approve subject to acceptance by Nassau County.
 - Accepted settlement amounts in water pollution cases.
 - Declared one 2012 Dodge Ram Pick-up truck VIN #1C6RD7LT0CS326231 as surplus.
 - Allow Vision Long Island to send letter of intent to New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant for the Village of Farmingdale.
- The following resolutions were approved at the September 25th Work Session (3/0 vote):
 - Allowed Elizabeth Gardens to use the Courtroom on Tuesday, December 5th for a shareholder meeting.
 - Allowed the Junior League to use the Courtroom for a special project on Monday, January 15th (Holiday, Village Hall closed).
 - Approved the removal of trees on Nelson St. and Rose St.
 - Accepted additional legal settlement for water pollution cases.
 - Approved the outfitting of a new Chief’s car in the amount of \$26,793.70 to Commander Fleet.

REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2024-10-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1178 dated October 2, 2023.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 9/5/23, 9/18/23
- Use of Village Property:
 - None
- Block Party Applications:

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- 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
9/8/2023	900 Fulton St. D & F Development PP23-00027	Approval of backflow prevention device as per drawings submitted by Timothy Tangel P.E. dated 7/6/23	N/A	C
9/8/2023	156 Jefferson Rd. Thomas Reddy DB23-00086	Replace existing gypsum boards.	N/A	R
9/8/2023	655 Fulton St. McDonalds DB23-00087	Interior alterations to existing McDonalds Restaurant as per drawings submitted by Core States Group dated 7/6/23	N/A	C
9/8/2023	155 Hillside Rd. Jake & Brittany Cameron FP23-00008	6' vinyl fence	N/A	R
9/8/2023	502 Main St. 502 Main St. LLC DB23-00088	Remove overhang	N/A	C
9/8/2023	25 Clinton St. Frank Destefano DB23-00089	Install 8 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Sunrun dated 8/15/23	N/A	R
9/8/2023	100 Hillside Rd. Christine Fernandez-Rockwell FP23-00009	5' high black chain link fence.	N/A	R
9/14/2023	860-906 Fulton St. With Pride Air Conditioning DB23-00090	Install HVAC Systems throughout building	N/A	C
9/15/2023	19 Cooper St. Lois Palleschi DB23-00091	Second floor addition as per drawings submitted by Joseph Cacioppo RA dated 6/23/23	N/A	R
9/15/2023	5 Pinehurst Rd Joseph Mazzella PP23-00028	Oil to gas conversion	N/A	R
9/15/2023	255 Van Cott Ave Jason Deonarian DB23-00092	Install Tesla power wall batteries as per drawings submitted by Hytech dated 8/16/23	N/A	R
9/19/2023	776-780 Fulton St. Condo Brothers Construction PP23-00029	2" domestic service line & 4" fire line.	N/A	C
9/26/2023	289 Van Cott Ave Doug Blum DB23-00093	Replace driveway with brick pavers	N/A	R
9/26/2023	289 Van Cott Ave Doug Blum SW23-00009	Replace sidewalk	N/A	R

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9/26/2023	83 William St. Edmond Davis SW23-00010	Replace sidewalk	N/A	R
9/26/2023	322 Secatogue Ave James Mirris PP23-00030	Install 2 water closets, 2 lavatories and 1 shower	N/A	R
9/26/2023	860-906 Fulton St. D& F Development DB23-00094	Install 1 hydraulic elevator	N/A	C

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

RESOLVED (#2024-10-02), to set the following public hearing for Monday, November 6, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Special Use Permit for 346 Main Street (Coop Bar & Lounge) to build a bar with seating for 21 people.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi reported that 5 Corners Park will be decorated by volunteers and the Village Green will be completed by DPW.
- Holiday decorations will be on new lighting on Main Street and will include garland and snowflakes. In addition, overhead decorations are planned for multiple locations.

OLD BUSINESS –

- None

CORRESPONDENCE –

- The Farmingdale Kiwanis thanked the Village and is looking forward to 2024.
- A resident wrote to thank John Langon for his conscientious work in street sweeping.

FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- Two residents thanked the Village for posting the Planning and Zoning Board agendas and minutes.
- A resident complained about Village music on Friday and Saturday nights.

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- A resident asked about parking fees on Saturday nights in Parking Lot 4. The Board explained that handicapped parking in Lot 4 (and all lots) is free and that additional free parking is at Howitt Middle School, street parking along Cherry St. and private church parking on Conklin St. across from St. Kilian's.

THOMAS POWELL BLVD EASEMENT, upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2024-10-03), to approve a change with the County of Nassau from a sale of property at \$18,200 to a perpetual easement at \$16,200 in order to enable a new intersection at Quaker Meeting House Road, Bethpage Road, Round Swamp Road and Thomas Powell Blvd.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer