

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
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 Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

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

Absent: Trustee Craig Rosasco

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, November 7th, 2022. Regular Work Sessions will be held on Monday, October 24th, 2022 and Monday, November 7th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- The following resolutions were approved at the September 19th Work Session (by a vote of 3/0):
 - Approved a request from the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce to use the Village Green for a Women’s Self Defense event on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 from 5:00p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 - Approved a new 60 month lease from Pitney Bowes for our postage machine at a cost of \$298.11 per month, which is a decrease from our current rate of \$308.53.
 - Renewed the Village’s stand-alone cyber insurance policy for Sept. 2022/Sept. 2023 with Chubb/ACE with a premium of \$9,446.00.
 - Approved the Farmingdale Business Improvement District’s request to hold a Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 29th at 2:00 p.m. (Rain date: October 30th). The parade will assemble at Northside School and continue south on Main Street to the Village Green. Family activities to follow on the Village Green until approximately 4:30 p.m.
 - Increased Court Clerk Anne Signa’s annual base salary to \$53,000.

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REGULAR MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2023-10-01)**,

- Abstract of Audited Vouchers #1166 dated October 11, 2022.
- Minutes of Board Meetings of 9/6/22, 9/19/22 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 a Halloween puppy costume contest on Sunday, October 30, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - Island Gardens Owners Corp. is requesting the use of the Courtroom for their 2022 annual meeting on Tuesday, November 15th, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- 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
9/6/2022	435 Secatogue Ave Mary Jean Guercio PP22-00034	Oil to gas conversion		N/A R
9/6/2022	73 Main St. Mario Salerno SW22-00010	Replace sidewalk		N/A R
9/6/2022	1 Atlantic Ave Evelyn Googe PP22-00035	Direct replacement of water heater		N/A R
9/13/2022	860-906 Fulton St Foos Fire PP22-00036	Hydrant Flow Test		N/A R
9/13/2022	335 Main St. Staller Assoc PP22-00037	Intall 4" domestic water service		N/A C
9/13/2022	34 Sherman Rd Gabrielle Pontillo 34 Sherman Rd.	Demolition of above ground pool		N/A R
9/14/2022	140 Fairview Rd Kathleen Durandi DB22-00091	Pod in driveway		N/A R
9/14/2022	147 Oakview Ave	Direct replacement of air conditioner condenser and		N/A R

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	Thomas Kennedy DB22-00092	air handler.		
9/14/2022	521 Conklin St. Frank Fiore DB22-00093	Interior alterations of existing office space as per drawings submitted by James Deluca Architect dated 9/1/22.	N/A	C
9/14/2022	95 Hallock St Abu Rajib SW22-00011	Replace sidewalk	N/A	R
9/14/2022	331 Main St. BK Fire Suppression PP22-00038	Hydrant flow test	N/A	C
9/15/2022	100 Eastern Pkwy National Grid RO22-00008	4 x 4 bellhole to install gas service	N/A	R
9/19/2022	223 Main St. Mama Properties DB22-00095	Interior renovations for new retail store as per drawings submitted by Impact Architecture dated 8/31/22.	N/A	C
9/19/2022	159 Melville Rd George Brosnon DB22-00096	Replace existing kitchen cabinets with new units as per drawings submitted by Lakeville Industries dated 5/12/22.	N/A	R
9/21/2022	462 Conklin St. St. Killians RC Church DB22-00097	Replace existing exterior entry stairs and stoops in kind.	N/A	C
9/21/2022	196 Melville Rd Mart Bowe FP22-00021	6' white PVC fence. Fence must start 30' back from front property line.	N/A	R
9/21/2022	26 Paine Ave Neal Cappadona PP22-00039	Install gas fired generator and pool heater.	N/A	R
9/21/2022	196 Melville Rd. Martin Bowe DB22-00094	Replace basement windows	N/A	R
9/21/2022	678 Fulton St. Paul Hajewsky DB22-00098	Direct replacement of existing bathroom as per drawings submitted by Allure Construction	N/A	R
9/23/2022	315 Eastern Pkwy NY SMSA DB22-00099	Relocate Verizon Wireless antennas from old water tower to new water tower.	N/A	C
9/23/2022	54 Duane St. Jill Zaletel DB22-00100	Oil to gas conversion	N/A	R
10/3/2022	11 N. Maple St. Giusappa Grazia DB22-00101	10' x 13' rear wood deck	N/A	R
10/4/2022	44 Weiden St. Barbara Becker DB22-00102	Install 30 roof mounted solar panels as per drawings submitted by Sunrun Solar.	N/A	R
10/4/2022	374-376 Fulton St. Genevieve Lee DB22-00103	Replace old shed with new shed in similar location.	N/A	R
10/4/2022	332 Fulton St. Jordan Desner DB22-00104	Restaurant with 86 seats.	N/A	C
10/4/2022	356 Fulton St. Automed Mechanic Corp. DB22-00105	Permit to operate auto repair shop. Special use permit good for 6 months.	N/A	C
10/5/2022	54 Duane St.	4' x 4' bellhole for new gas service	N/A	R

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	National Grid RO22-00009			
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PUBLIC HEARING DATES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-02), to set the following public hearing for Monday, November 7, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Special Use Permit for 202-204 Main Street for a 290 seat two-story restaurant with a basement.
- Special Use Permit for 454/464 Fulton Street for a 26 unit senior citizen complex.

MEETING DATE CHANGE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-03), to change the first meeting in January 2023 from Monday, January 2, 2023 to Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING TO REVISE THE VILLAGE CODE PARKING SECTION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-04), to open the hearing.

Village Attorney DeBellis explained the need to update the code and proposed fine structure.

The following public comment was made:

- A resident asked if the proposed fines were in line with other municipalities. Village Attorney DeBellis said that they are in line.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-10-05), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-10-06), to revise the Village code parking section including: numbering, adopting certain state regulations and modifications to fines.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-10-07), to adjourn the hearing until Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 1 CONKLIN STREET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-08), to open the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-10-09), to close the hearing.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-10-10), to approve a Special Use Permit for 12 units of rental housing at 1 Conklin Street with Trustee Parisi in dissent.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-10-11), to do the following transfers from Unassigned Fund Balance to the following General Fund Reserves as of May 31, 2022:

- To transfer \$111,086.00 to the Reserve for Special Use/Incentive Bonus for the payments made in 2021/2022.
- To transfer \$10,000.00 to the Reserve for Parkland for the payments made in 2021/2022.

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-12), to approve the following budget modifications for the 2021/2022 fiscal year:

- To increase General Fund – Capital-Triangle Park Appropriations for capital improvements to the Triangle/5 Corners Park in the amount of \$264,203.07 to be funded by Nassau County Grant in the amount of \$137,500 and General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance in the amount of \$126,703.07.

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- To increase General Fund – Capital-Ambulance Appropriations for the purchase of ambulance in the amount of \$217,766 to be funded by DASNY grant in the amount of \$200,000 and General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance in the amount of \$17,766.
- To increase General Fund – Equipment-Ambulance Appropriations for powerloaders in the amount of \$107,550 to be funded by DASNY grant in the amount of \$100,000 and General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance in the amount of \$7,550.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUND TRANSFER – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-13), to do the following transfer for the Capital Project Fund as of May 31, 2022:

- To transfer \$92,040.00 to the Capital Fund for Road Improvements.

LICENSE AGREEMENT ASSIGNMENT APPROVAL – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-14), to approve the assignment of license agreement between the Village of Farmingdale and Prime Estate Holdings, LLC Huntington NY to Petco Incorporated, Stamford CT.

DISH NETWORK BUILDING APPLICATION FEE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-15), to charge Dish Network a building application fee of \$2,500.

BEAUTIFICATION –

- Trustee Parisi reported that the summer went well and watering and maintenance of the hanging baskets was handled well despite a very hot and dry summer. 5 Corners Park and the Village Green will have seasonal decorations.

OLD BUSINESS –

- The pole removal project is nearing a start date with Altice and Verizon plans, costs are being finalized.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

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FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – A discussion began on the following topics:

- A resident asked if the wall height at the corner of Rte. 109 and Conklin St. was approved at 8 feet. It has been approved. He also commented that when poles are removed from Main Street it will be a big improvement.
- A resident thanked Trustee Parisi for follow up on missing brick, commented positively on the proposal to the state for funding a cultural arts center in Farmingdale and requested that the Fire Department dispatch number be publicized. The number will be in the newsletter and constant contact. It was noted that the Fire Department sends a sticker to residents with the number on it annually.
- A resident from Prospect Street expressed concern over a proposed change in an adjacent rear yard property from a project discussed at a prior meeting. Building Superintendent Fellman stated that no application is pending for that site and no further discussion have been held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was unanimously,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-16), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-10-17), to reconvene the meeting.

WELL 1-3 PILOT STUDY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-18), to accept the draft pilot study for well 1-3 from PWGC.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-19), to declare an emergency (language for this declaration to be drafted by the Village Attorney) to install needed pollution control equipment at the Village’s 1-3 well location.

WELLHEAD TREATMENT CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2023-10-20), to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Philip Ross Industries in the amount of \$4,774,696.00 for construction and engineering services to provide for wellhead treatment to remove 1,4 dioxane at well 1-3, as indicated in a proposal received on October 6, 2022.

GERHARDT REHIRE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2023-10-21), to hire Geary Gerhardt, immediately upon his retirement, as a part time water servicer and 1b licensed operator of record for the Village of Farmingdale Water Department at a retainer of \$500 per pay period and \$60.00 per hour when called in.

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

RESOLVED (#2023-10-22), to approve to sponsor the Halloween Parade scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2022, with a rain date of October 30.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Brian P. Harty
Village Clerk/Treasurer