

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, October 16, 2017**  
**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, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor Patricia Christiansen  
Trustee William Barrett  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley  
Administrator Brian Harty  
Building Superintendent Stephen Fellman  
DPW Superintendent Andrew Fisch

**Absent:** Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kelly

Mayor Ekstrand opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Ralph Cataldo – AT&T cell site: Opinion of the Board is to wait until the renewal period.

**DEDUCTIBILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL TAXES** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously, **RESOLVED (#2018-10-16)**,

WHEREAS Congress is giving serious consideration to eliminating the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes;

WHEREAS this deduction, which has been in place for more than 100 years, is heavily utilized by residents of our community and our State;

WHEREAS New York residents already pay more into the federal treasury than the federal government returns to New York;

WHEREAS the state and local tax deduction is a fundamental principle of federalism and without it our residents would be faced with double taxation as they would be forced to pay federal income taxes on the taxes they pay to state and local governments;

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WHEREAS this federal cost shift onto local governments would place extreme pressure on municipal budgets, including diminished revenue for essential local government investments, including public safety and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS increased federal taxation and reduced municipal services will harm our local housing market, decrease home values and erode our local tax base,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Farmingdale expresses its strong opposition to any tax reform proposal that would eliminate the State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction and urges Representative Thomas Suozzi to join us in publicly opposing any such proposal.

**USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY** – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Parisi, the following items were, **RESOLVED (#2018-10-17)**,

- Marissa Boccio from Brooklyn College is requesting the use of Parking Lot 4 on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and on the sidewalk from Dark Horse to the Nutty Irishman on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to shoot scenes for her senior thesis film.
- Towne House West Owners Inc. is requesting the use of the Court Room on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> for their annual Cooperative Shareholder meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**RESIDENTIAL REHAB** - Upon a motion made by Trustee Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

**RESOLVED (#2018-10-18)**, to approve the Residential Rehab project on Wall Street for a cost not to exceed \$6,925. Superintendent Fellman will review the project re: costs and installation value.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
  - Annual dinner is November 3, 2017
  - Rain date for Fair – October 21, 2017
  - New engines: Contract – Bonding or Leasing
- Building Department:
  - Speak Easy – Need revised seating plan.
  - Friendly’s property - Owner is proposing a Jiffy Lube and Car Wash

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- Black Course Development – Town of Oyster Bay involvement
  - Need clarification from Anthony Bartone regarding the architect used on the Hearthstone Project
  - Investigate trailer on Thomas Powell Blvd.
  - 80 Yoakum St. – complaint regarding unregistered cars
  - Gold Fish – progressing
  - Synergy Gym – safety issues
  - 318-324 Melville Road – driveway issue
  - Zucaro affordable units lottery – schedule
  - Shopping strip on Rte. 109 (Mers Pub) Pizza lighting issue, Stationary – lighting issue
  - Drain pipe at the Library Café – repair status
  - Remove flags at former Pat’s Market
  - Check the rear of Flux’s property for painting
- Highway Department:
    - Lot 2 – lighting installed, no pole in site 14 of lighting plan – replace with up-lit signage
    - CVS streetlight and pole replaced
    - The Board approved 10 additional 12 hour parking spaces in Lot 2
    - Signage for head-in parking was discussed
    - Wainscott fixtures to be installed on Normandy Drive
    - Lot 3 renovation – lot is fully operational, needs lighting and landscaping
    - Talk to New York State regarding snow removal at the crosswalk of Staples St. & Rte. 109. Have Dunn Engineering review a possible “no turn on red” both northbound and southbound at this intersection.

**SIDEWALK AND CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS** - Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Christiansen and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was unanimously,

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**RESOLVED (#2018-10-19)**, to approve certain improvements to sidewalks and crossings to enhance pedestrian safety in areas leading to Northside Elementary School per attached Engineer's Estimate of \$10,934.20.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Water Department:
  - Start-up of High Pressure Zone to be completed and operational by mid-November
  - Proposals from Holtzmaker and H2M for various services for the installation of the new 500,000 water tank at Eastern Parkway was presented to the Board for review and discussion at the Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Work Session.
  - Need to determine the status of the CDM report
  - Drain cleaning schedule needed
- Code Department – Reviewing Village code for changes if needed.

There being no further work session business, the Board adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty – Village Administrator