

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, August 17th, 2026

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17th, 2026.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Allison Ingram
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

Absent: Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Daniel Ruckdeschel

SEQRA RIDGE ROAD TANK ROOF REPLACEMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-08-13), to adopt the SEQRA for Ridge Road Tank Roof Replacement.

HINK ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS INC CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Ingram, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-08-14), to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign the contract with Hink Electrical Contractors Inc. dated May 31st, 2025 to May 31st, 2027. Retroactive to August 7th, 2026.

PAVING THOMAS POWELL BOULEVARD – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Ingram it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-08-15), to approve the following estimated amounts for paving: Yoakum Street to Arthur Street on Thomas Powell Boulevard, \$120,000.00 (Linwood Drainage Project) and Hillside Road, Yoakum Street and Fairview Road (National Grid Natural Gas Upgrades) in the amount of \$153,000.00 already paid by National Grid.

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

RESOLVED (#2027-08-16), to authorize a total and permanent disability one-time benefit payment for David Cannamela in the amount of \$26,920.41 from the LOSAP.

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SCOUTING AMERICA RECRUITMENT EVENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Ingram, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-08-17), to approve Scouting America Cub Scout Pack 511 to hold a recruitment event on the Village Green on Saturday, September 5th, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

RESOLVED (#2027-08-18), to approve Anchored Fence to replace a fence in Parking Lot 2 for \$1980.00

The following topics were discussed:

- Mayor Ekstrand spoke about the Zoning Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Ingram, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-08-19), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2027-08-20), to reconvene the meeting.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Discussion regarding tree trimming and removal Village wide. A plan will be developed by zone.
- Discussion regarding Town of Brookhaven fine level for illegal housing. Proposed raising the minimum fine to \$2,500.00 and second offense to \$5,000.00.
- Ban/Bond discussion
- Discussion regarding cell tower contract sale. The Board of Trustees agreed to pursue a 2.4-million-dollar lump sum payment.
- Current various projects status. List to be e-mailed to Mayor Ekstrand and the Board of Trustees.
- Discussion on new elevator code. Need to set hearing in September for October hearing to adopt elevator code. Forwarded to Village Attorney.

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- Fire Department:
 - Apparatus floor lines and decals to be resurfaced. Scheduled for mid-September 2026.
 - New window installation in August.
 - Discussion with Northwell Health regarding Ambulance services. Guests from Northwell Health discussed with Farmingdale Fire Department Chiefs Tortoso and DiBartolo and Farmingdale Fire Commissioner Merins and the Farmingdale Village Board of Trustees discussed Northwell supplying supplemental ambulance services to the Village of Farmingdale. The Board of Trustees with the consensus of the Farmingdale Fire Department, decided to move forward with Northwell and requested a Memorandum of Understanding from Northwell which they said they will provide.
- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Demolition permit issued for canopy and gas station equipment only and project completed. Need demo for stores, no change. Property transactions have been completed, waiting for next steps from Southland Corp/ 7-11.
 - Multi-family and rental inspections along with public assembly locations are underway.
 - McGrath's has proposed expansion of upstairs for a private party room and rear deck. Special Use Permit approved at 8/3/26 meeting with operational restrictions and pay-for-parking requirements.
 - Toretta Estates: a permit has been issued for 4 Toretta Lane and construction is underway.
 - Backlog of open building permits are being addressed for close out.
 - Chicken Restaurant in Marquis Plaza C/O issued.
 - Reported illegal rentals being investigated.
 - Building permit issued for "The Saint", 195 Main Street for interior alteration issued 5/18, some changes requiring plans are in process. Change in Leaseholder in process. Public Hearing for Special Use Permit held and approved. Window coverage issues are being addressed, a Notice of Violation has been issued.
 - Dark Horse permits approved and construction is underway.

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- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main Street.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - North Main Street Pole Removal Project was completed except for signage which is on order and street lighting issues.
 - Met with National Grid regarding paving roads (Yoakum Ave., Hillside Rd. & Fairview Rd.) where new mains have been installed and agreed on paving reimbursement from National Grid. Received paving reimbursement and paving work will be scheduled to be completed early September 2026. Waiting on the storm drains into the roadbed to settle into their final position in order to begin paving.
 - Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.
 - Installation of new piping system connecting the Tulane sump to Arthur Street is complete. Final paving to be done in conjunction with Hillside Road and DPW Yard in August/September.
 - A new National Grid Project in the southeast section of The Village was approved, and negotiations are underway for paving reimbursement. Waiting for confirmation.
 - Superintendent of Public Works/Village Engineer is in process of completing an estimate to reconstruct LIRR North Parking Lot.
 - Sidewalk areas east and west of Main Street will be reconstructed in September by Roadwork Ahead.
 - Utility Box at the corner of Main Street and Conklin Street needs to be cleaned and painted.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - Heads Up Irrigation was called in to repair a broken sprinkler line in Parking Field #2.
 - Nassau County Health Department and TJ Tanks tested and passed our underground fuel tanks at Fire Headquarters.
 - DPW Crews have been out cleaning up the water works property at Eastern Parkway.

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- Ravo Sweeper was out of service for a day due to a cracked brake caliper bracket.
- Crews have been filling in sink holes around the Thomas Powell Boulevard area.
- Castro still removing dead trees and stump grinding.
- Crews are still out cleaning lots and parking entrance signs.
- Water Department:
 - Well 1-3 had an issue with the new motor, temporary replacement motor was installed and well is fully operational.
 - Plant 2 Wells 2-2 & 2-3 will be in full operation for the pumping season.
 - SCADA system Eagle Control working according to plan.
 - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed. Next steps working with D & B to complete contract for reimbursement of the roof project. Coordinating with EPA grant commitment from Senator Schumer and Congressman Suozzi for \$1.0+ million for partial payment of a new roof.
 - A grant application was made through Congressman Suozzi's office in the amount of \$2 million for site work, including piping and excavation. Needs to be modified from the construction of a new ground tank.
 - Working with Bob Holzmacher to develop planned maintenance schedule for the AOP/GAC and Well operations along with the conversion to liquid chlorine and relocation and installation of a new Caustic tank at Ridge Road.
 - Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
 - From John Falbo: A message from your water department, as we all know we are in a consistently heavy pumping season. Most of our work is based around the Well Houses and keeping your water flowing with steady pressure to system. In addition to our heavy workload this season:
 - Over the last month we have been working on underground and above ground chemical bulk storage tanks at Ridge Road and Eastern Parkway (Peroxide and Caustic Tanks) Daily, Monthly and Yearly tests conducted by H2M and Spill Prevention Report to be updated by JRH (Holzmacher

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Group) with our assistance. All is going well with responding to D.E.C. comments.

- Caustic Chlorine Pump work at all 3 wells conducted by Russ and John daily during this season.
- Mark outs for gas projects on Conklin Street and Bethpage Road.
- Monthly sampling at wells this week.
- Report work with JRH (Holzmacher Group) on Cybersecurity.
- Code Department:
 - Preparations are being made for the last Music on Main being held August 20th.
 - Code is also preparing for the Main Street Mile on September 5th.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Discussed St. Lukes Oktoberfest and Security on Friday and Saturday evenings in Parking Lot 3/Patrol.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer