

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, July 20th, 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, July 20th, 2026.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Allison Ingram
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

Absent: Trustee Walter Priestley

The following topics were discussed:

- Discussion regarding inquiries about children's use of Village Property. Unable to provide due to health department and insurance requirements.

DOGGIE RUNAWAY SHOW & EXHIBIT – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-07-10), to approve the use of the Village Green and Gazebo for a Doggie Runway Show & Exhibit on Saturday, October 10th, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETINGS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Ingram, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-07-11), to approve the Women's Club to use the Village Hall Courtroom for their monthly meetings from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the following dates: 9/17/26, 10/15/26, 11/19/26, 1/21/27, 2/25/27, 3/18/27, 4/15/27 and 5/20/27

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

RESOLVED (#2027-07-12), to do the following budget adjustments and transfers:

- To approve the transfer of \$59,360.00 received from various property owners from the Unrestricted Fund Balance to the Reserve for Special Use/Incentive Bonus for payments made in 2025/2026 budget year as of May 31st, 2026

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- To transfer \$1,345.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund to represent final capital costs incurred and approved for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations, which represents net cost to the Village after \$50,000.00 grant.
- To increase the budget by \$150,031.98 for reimbursement for Ryder Cup related expenditures as detailed in attachment.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CHANGE OF ZONE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Ingram, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-07-13), to adjourn the hearing to change the zone for property at Section: 049 Block : B01 Lot: 98 from Resident AAA to Resident A from Monday August 3, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. to Monday, October 5th, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
 - Apparatus floor lines and decals to be resurfaced. Waiting for schedule.
 - New window installation July/August. Need to add company names.
- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Demolition permit issued for canopy and gas station equipment only and project completed. Need demo for stores. The property is in contract to be sold from current owners to Southland (7-11) in the near future, that is causing the delay.
 - Multi-family and rental inspections along with public assembly locations are underway.
 - McGrath's has proposed expansion of upstairs for a private party room, that appears to have changed as McGrath's is proposing a 207 person occupancy with a 119 seat restaurant. There are additional parking implications as a result of the proposed intensification. Special Use permit application needed. Hearing is scheduled for August 3rd, 2026.
 - Toretta Estates: a permit has been issued for 4 Toretta Lane, construction started.
 - Backlog of open building permits are being addressed for close out.
 - Chicken Restaurant nearing completion in Marquis Plaza.

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- 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. Public Hearing for Special Use Permit held and approved. Window coverage issues are being addressed.
- Dark Horse permits approved and construction is underway.
- Need to move on Jims Stogies and Prestige Barbers facades.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main Street.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - North Main Street Pole Removal Project completed except for signage which is on order.
 - 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.
 - 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 July/August.
 - 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.
 - Need new drop or alternative electric supply for Music on Main near Croxley’s until a new pole is installed.
 - Asbestos inspection report has been received for 141 Division Street property indicating no asbestos on the property therefore no remediation is required.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:

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- Heads Up Irrigation was called in to repair a broken line under the brick work along Washington Street at Parking Lot 1
- Castro Landscaping was in cleaning and cutting hedges in the south railroad lot.
- Castro Landscaping was also in removing dead trees and stump grinding.
- Crews added more flowerpots on Main Street south of Conklin Street.
- Water crew has been out every day keeping the flowers looking beautiful.
- Crews did a great job with the clean-up after Music on Main.
- Crews are still weeding and cleaning parking lots.
- Roofer came to seal up a leak on the roof of Village Hall above the court room.
- 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 is in process of finalizing system online and adjusting and monitoring alarms as needed. All is working according to plan.
 - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed. Waiting for report on the latest inspection. Next steps are being developed by Administrator Harty, John Mirando and D & B.
 - Grant commitment from Senator Schumer and Congressman Suozzi for \$1.0+ million for partial payment of a new ground tank.
 - A grant application was made through Congressman Suozzi's office in the amount of \$2 million for site work, piping for the proposed new tank and the demolition of the existing ground storage tank once the new tank is fully operational.
 - Working with Bob Holzmacher to develop planned maintenance schedule for the AOP/GAC and Well operations.
 - Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
 - From John Falbo:

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- Daily well maintenance and cleaning of chemicals for proper delivery to water system.
- Monitoring and testing of all wells for how much water is pumped daily and chemical output.
- Mark outs for multiple gas projects in the Village.
- Assisting and inspecting work with locating of our watermain at Bethpage Road and Thomas Powell Roundabout Project.
- Finished up programming of alarms in Scada with Eagle Control.
- Hydrant Painting
- Meter maintenance and readings for upcoming billing cycle.

LEAD AND COPPER WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-07-14), to approve 10% co-payment of residents who qualify for “Lead and Copper” water line replacement program funded by CDBG monies.

ESTIMATED WATER BILLS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-07-15), to approve estimated water bills if staff is unable to get clear reading from a particular location.

Need to request proposals for the 2026/2027 Annual Water Quality Report.

- Code Department:
 - New restricted parking signs have been placed at the entrance and inside of the Fire Department parking lot behind the Firehouse.
 - Music on Main had only very minor issues with canned drinks coming out of establishments.
 - All establishments were reminded to use the proper plastic container that designates where it was purchased from.
 - Code is on duty on Sundays again for the season to deter loud music on Main Street. Only minor issues so far.

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- Code Vehicles will be getting an annual NYS Inspection this week.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- \$223,000.00 was received from the CDBG program to be used toward the reconstruction of Main Street between Conklin Street and South Front Street.
- Senior income levels to qualify for certain property tax programs will be investigated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer