

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, July 27th, 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 27th, 2026.

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

The following topics were discussed:

- Building Superintendent discussion with the Board regarding Village Code. Discussed the upcoming Public Hearing for McGraths proposed expansion.
- Resolution to approve the purchase of an updated key entry system for the Fire Department in the amount of \$10,000. Need detailed information regarding the need for the change and sign off by the Farmingdale Board of Fire Commissioners. Postponed until 8/17/26 Work Session for presentation.

SALT STORAGE FACILITY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-07-16), to certify \$50,000.00 Village matching portion for a salt storage facility. The project will be totaling \$250,000.00 WQIP Grant of \$200,000.00.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department:
 - Apparatus floor lines and decals to be resurfaced. Scheduled for mid-September 2026.
 - New window installation in August.
 - Discussed dispatcher issues and invited Chiefs to attend the 8/3/26 work session to finalize FIRECOM proposed integration. Had preliminary discussion regarding ambulance service and invite outside provider to the 8/17/26 work session.
- Building Department:

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- 7-11 and Sunoco – Demolition permit issued for canopy and gas station equipment only and project completed. Need demo for stores, no change. 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 and construction has started.
- Backlog of open building permits are being addressed for close out.
- Chicken Restaurant nearing completion in Marquis Plaza.
- 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, a Notice of Violation has been issued.
- Dark Horse permits approved and construction is underway.
- Need status on Balcom Road and Melville Road sub-division, it may need renewal permits.
- 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.

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Waiting on the storm drains into the road bed 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.
 - 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.
 - Ryder Cup sign at the corner of NY 24 and NY 109 needs to be removed.
 - The intersection at Melville Road and Secatogue Avenue's lighting needs to be evaluated and the trees need to be trimmed.
 - Bushes in Parking Lot 4 need to be trimmed, they are covering sidewalks adjacent to St. Kilian's School.
 - New Striping is needed for schools and churches.
 - Trustee Parisi is working with Castro Landscaping implementing improvements to 5 Corners Park.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - Watering flowers still ongoing every day along with fertilizing.
 - Crews setting up for Music on Main.
 - Crews still pulling weeds and cleaning all parking fields.
 - Castro and Stapleton Tree still in removing dead trees and tree trimming.
 - Replacing fading street signs around the Village.
 - TOB Lighting was in repairing streetlights.
 - Crews added topsoil around a catch basin on Thomas Powell Boulevard.
 - Crews have had our pump ready to go on Linwood Avenue this past week with the heavy rainfall. No major flooding at this time.
- Water Department:

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- 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. Report enclosed. Next suggested steps are being developed by Administrator Harty, John Mirando and D & B to develop specifications and estimate for the new roof construction.
- 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.
- Received the condition report for the 400,000 gallon ground storage tank from D & B indicating that a new roof needs to be constructed and that the structure of the tank is sound.
- Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
- From John Falbo:
- 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.
- Monthly sampling of all wells GAC and AOP's. These samples are conducted once a month, POC's, 1,4 Dioxane and PFA's.

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- Hydrant Painting
- Meter maintenance and readings for upcoming billing cycle.
- Code Department:
 - Music on Main, July 23rd was very successful. Just a few issues came up.
 - Cans and bottles are still being served to outside tables. In addition, some restaurants are using glassware at outdoor tables.
 - There were a few people that brought in beverages, but the number was greatly reduced in comparison to the previous event. It appears there was one weak point which has been resolved.
 - A few businesses had to be reminded that closing is at 9:00 p.m.
 - All meters are up and running with only one being out of service. At times we are experiencing connectivity issues that are being addressed with new radios and antennas in a few to ensure that is the problem.
 - A Saturday day shift will be starting on the first of August to alleviate parking issues on Main Street.
 - Code Enforcement is checking on the gazebo a few times each evening to ensure no one is loitering that space or the rest of the Village Green.

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

RESOLVED (#2027-07-17), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2027-07-18), to reconvene the meeting.

WAGE INCREASE FOR CODE DEPARTMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Ingram and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-07-19), to approve an increase in hourly rates to \$20 for entry level employees with no experience, \$22.50 after 6 months and \$25 after 1 year. \$25 per hour for all current Code Officers making below that amount, one senior Code Officer to \$26 and one to \$28 including administrative responsibilities and one Code Officer with oversight and administrative responsibilities to \$36. Will take effect in the first pay period in August.

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This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	abstained
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	aye
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Allison Ingram	aye

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer