

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**  
**INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE**

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-02-08)**, to convene the Village of Farmingdale Board of Assessment Review at 5:00 p.m.

A general discussion was held with residents regarding the property tax exemptions for senior citizens. The residents requested an increase as the current exemptions appeared to be too low. The Board agreed and will consider changing the exemptions, impacting next year's taxes. They were in general agreement that the exemptions should be increased to reflect inflation and today's economic environment. The general consensus is to mirror the Town of Oyster Bay and Nassau County entitlements.

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

**Present:** Mayor Ralph Ekstrand  
Deputy Mayor William Barrett (7:00-8:15 by phone)  
Trustee Cheryl Parisi  
Trustee Walter Priestley (arrived 7:05)  
Trustee Craig Rosasco  
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Daniel Ruckdeschel  
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

The following topics were discussed:

- Discuss Verizon Wireless public hearing postponement: A general discussion was held with Verizon's attorney, the Village consultant for cell service matters, CMS and the Board of Trustees regarding the request to delay the public hearing on the proposed Verizon Wireless new installation at the Marquis Plaza Shopping Center. The consensus of the Board was to delay the hearing until mid-May or the first meeting in June (June 1<sup>st</sup>). Other issues were discussed; Deputy Mayor Barrett asked a number of questions with regard to the installation and installation requirements. CMS reported that Verizon meets Farmingdale Village Code and all federal requirements for installations of this type.

**ELECTION INSPECTORS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

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**RESOLVED (#2026-02-09)**, to appoint the following election inspectors for the Village Election on March 18 for a stipend of \$150 for the Chairperson and \$125 for the Inspectors:

- Kathleen Verbil – Republican – Chairperson
- Patricia Reynolds – Republican
- Sheree Hornedo – Democrat
- Sharon Lensky – Democrat
- Lisa Beratis – Alternate Republican
- Dieguito Hornedo – Alternate Democrat

**ELECTION TRANSLATOR** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-02-10)**, to appoint Laura Sanchez as a Spanish Translator for the Village Election.

**2026 MUSIC ON MAIN** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-02-11)**, to approve the following dates for this year’s Music on Main (all Thursday nights): July 9, July 23, August 6, August 20, August 27 (rain date).

**BLINK FITNESS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-02-12)**, to approve Blink Fitness as the designated fitness provider in 2026 for the Farmingdale Fire Department at a cost of \$240 for 45 members at a cost of \$10,800.

Trustee Priestley arrived.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Fire Department
- Building Department:
  - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit has been issued, fee has been paid. Discussions underway with regard to demolition permits resulting in an initial plan for demolition of the existing fuel tanks, pumps and canopy.

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- Verizon Clock Tower cell service installation at Marquis Shopping Center has been adjourned until March 2, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.
- Multi-family and rental inspections underway.
- Plan reviews and follow up on nuisance issues.
- Burgerology payment plan starting on December 1, 2025 for \$5,000 overdue balance owed. The Building Department is reviewing plans regarding grease splatter. Burgerology has engaged hood cleaning service on a more frequent basis.
- McGrath's has proposed expansion of upstairs for private party room, Building Inspector Cinquemani and architect are in discussions.
- Toretta Estates – ongoing construction of homes on south side of Toretta Lane continues, plans being reviewed. A C/O has been issued for 6 Toretta Lane.
- Rental permits and multi family inspections are underway.
- Backlog of open building permits is being addressed for close out.
- Applications for a coffee shop and a chicken restaurant in Marquis Plaza Shopping Center are in the process of getting building permits.
- Illegal rentals being investigated along with violations at 485 Main Street.
- 195 Main Street proceeded with façade changes without Planning Board/permit approval, will be issued violation and penalty building fee.
- Highway Department:
  - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
  - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
  - North Main Street Pole Removal Project underway and poles have been removed. New water main installation will be done as will remaining work when weather breaks in the spring of 2026 with completion of the entire project by the end of June 2026.
  - Met with National Grid regarding paving roads (Yoakum Ave., Hillside Rd. & Fairview Rd.) where new mains have been installed and received the agreed paving reimbursement from National Grid. Will schedule paving work to be completed in the spring of 2026.
  - Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.

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- Electric charging stations installation completed. Grant received from PSEGLI, public relations photo op originally planned for February 4, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. was postponed until April when the weather clears.
- Installation of new piping system connecting the Tulane sump to Arthur Street will be done in the spring of 2026 due to severe current and projected weather conditions.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
  - DPW is still clearing snow from lots and other areas around town.
  - DPW crews have been clearing snow around fire hydrants.
  - Town of Oyster Bay Lighting was in fixing streetlights.
  - Crews have been filling potholes.
  - Shop crews have been busy repairing snow plows and other snow removal equipment.
  - DPW assisted the Water Dept. on a watermain break at Conklin Street and Route 109.
- Water Department:
  - Well 1-3 is fully operational.
  - Plant 2 Well 2-2 is offline until AOP is certified.
  - SCADA system is nearing completion. Eagle Control is in the process of completing the system. Voltage consistency issue will be addressed on February 6 with PSEGLI field service adjusting voltage at transformer just outside the yard at Ridge Road (Yoakum Pump).
  - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed. Next steps are being developed by John Mirando and D&B to begin repairs and/or replacement to the ground tank.
  - Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
  - From John Falbo:
    - Watermain break at Thomas Powell Blvd. and Tulane St., repaired by Merrick Utilities.
    - Watermain break on Bethpage Rd., repaired by Merrick Utilities.

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- Well 2-2 blow-off line was repaired by Merrick Utilities.
- 26 Heisser Lane had a service leak, was repaired by the VOF Water Department.
- Monthly sampling is being done.
- Painting of floors in all water buildings.
- Did a walk-through of the Water Department facilities with NYS DEC.
- Code Department:
  - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card receptacle).
  - Looking into metal detector for court nights.

**ADDITIONAL SECURITY CAMERAS** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-02-13)**, to approve the purchase and installation of additional cameras in the downtown area to include license plate readers and cover locations that will assist in protecting the public through “Hello Alert” in the amount not to exceed \$55,000.

Trustee Priestley left.

The discussion continued on the following topic:

- Other: A group of residents from Maple Street Northeast came in to discuss the possible renaming of Maple Street Northeast to Dexter Street, due to delivery concerns with Maple Street (South). After extensive discussion with the residents and the Board of Trustees, it was decided not to make any changes.

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW CLOSE**, upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-02-14)**, to close the Village of Farmingdale Board of Assessment Review.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer