

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, October 27, 2025

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, October 27, 2025.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

Absent: Trustee Cheryl Parisi

FRONT & BACK STEPS OF FIREHOUSE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-10-15), to approve Parsons Commercial LLC for work on the front & back steps and landings in the Farmingdale Fire Department Firehouse off of NYS Tarkett OGS Contract PC9412 at a cost of \$8,113.79.

SET PUBLIC HEARINGS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-10-16), to set the following public hearings for November 10, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.:

- Modify the Village Code in restricted parking to reflect the new electric vehicle charging stations
- Clarify the Village Code to enforce personal public issues and ticketing.

HOLIDAY PARADE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-10-17), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 22, 2025 starting at 12 Noon. The parade will assemble at Northside Elementary School and continue south on Main Street to the Village Green.

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The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
 - Flooring project in offices and main meeting room is underway and going well.
 - Yellow lines on apparatus floor to be redone as current finish has alligatored.
 - Discussed possible new trophy case.
- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit has been issued, fee has been paid. Discussions underway with regard to demolition permits.
 - Verizon Clock Tower cell service installation at Marquis Shopping Center has been adjourned until January 5, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.
 - Safety inspections nearing completion with rental inspections underway. All going well.
 - Plan reviews and follow up on nuisance issues.
 - Burgerology was issued a summons to solve grease spatter issues on adjacent vehicles, come into compliance and pay overdue \$5,000 parking fee. Meeting was scheduled for October 27.
 - Inquiry with owner of 203 Staples Street
 - 5 Puritan Lane wall is underway.
 - 20 Quaker Lane has rerouted gutters to dry well.
 - Casa Stellina needs to address the removal of fire proof door to avoid sprinkler & occupancy issues. Building Inspector Cinquemani has been in discussions with them. Remove heat pumps in the back by the tents to classify them as seasonal is a potential solution.
 - Pour Authority – final inspection is coming up, Special Use Permit will be provided and paid when Certificate of Occupancy is issued.
 - Charging stations installation underway.
 - Need to change restricted parking to address EV charging. Need to reach out to Bob Kirk about sign language for enforcement when non-EV cars park there and don't use charging stations. Get recommendations for how much to charge from installers.

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- Brooklyn Delights is interested in the Paramount Tools building. They will talk to Building Inspector Cinquemani on Friday.
- Mayor Ekstrand called McGrath's, spring on rear door and owners still reviewing subwoofer & bass to make it better.
- 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 on schedule. New water main installation will delay completion of the project as the new main will take approximately 4-6 weeks to be fully operational.
 - Follow up with H2M regarding Linwood phase 3 & 4 - ongoing. H2M is requesting follow up also in response email, identified & located the missing information per state. H2M identified where missing info was in the application. Superintendent Patanjo recently spoke regarding Phase 3 and getting final plans.
 - Met with National Grid regarding paving roads (Yoakum Ave., Hillside Rd. & Fairview Rd.) where new mains are to be installed and agreed on paving reimbursement from National Grid.
 - Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.
 - Security camera installation underway, microwaves installed, cameras next. All cameras now installed.
 - No update on pipe blocking hydrant move on Main Street. Need Superintendent Patanjo to follow up with Asplundh & PSEGLI.
 - Discussed and approved adding one handicap space in Parking Lot 3 across from the new EV charging station area.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - DPW crews assisted the Fire Department with the 2nd floor rehab of fire headquarters.
 - Met with National Grid turning on the gas at the Thomas Powell House.
 - Still in the process of removing flowerpots.
 - Heads Up was in winterizing all the sprinkler systems.
 - Crews have been at the Thomas Powell homestead clearing out brush.

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- Capital truck #1 was sent out to Fleet Maintenance in Wyandanch for an engine issue.
- Water Department:
 - Well 1-3 is fully operational.
 - Plant 2 Well 2-2 is manually operational and is being used to fill tanks and can go “to system” if needed.
 - SCADA system is nearing completion.
 - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed and next steps are being developed.
 - Discussed a letter from Napoli Shkolnik to supply information to remain active in lawsuits against polluters.
 - Philip Ross Industries reported that Well 2-3 will be back in operation ASAP. Nassau County Health Department approval is needed for Well 2-3.
 - Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
 - From John Falbo:
 - Ridge Road Well and AOP and GAC – work to comply with Board of Health comments after October 17 inspection.
 - Distribution street mark outs.
 - Hydrant flushing was successful, will redo in the spring.
 - Chemical treatment for Wells 1-3 and 2-2 on a daily basis.
- Code Department:
 - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card receptacle).
 - Noise issues on Main Street will be addressed as noted by code officers. If complaints are received, please forward to appropriate code or building department for resolution.
 - Code reviewed and implemented Main Street security for events with NCPD.
 - Code uniforms at night – need for them to be seen better. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel will follow up on potential reflective gear.

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- Discussed potential grant writer from Millenium Strategies.
- Discussed court procedures.
- Discussed letter to Governor Hochul in support of increased natural gas supply to New York State through the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Ruckdeschel, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer