

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, July 6th, 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 6th, 2026.

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

Absent: Deputy Mayor William Barrett

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
 - Apparatus floor lines and decals to be resurfaced. Waiting for schedule.
 - New window installation July/August.
- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit is pending and fee has been paid. Demolition permit issued for canopy and gas station equipment only and project completed. Need demo for stores.
 - Multi-family and rental inspections underway.
 - Plan reviews and follow up on nuisance issues.
 - 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.
 - Toretta Estates – ongoing construction of homes on south side of Toretta Lane continues, plans being reviewed. A permit has been issued for 4 Toretta Lane, construction started.
 - Backlog of open building permits is being addressed for close out.
 - Chicken Restaurant nearing completion in Marquis Plaza.
 - Reported illegal rentals being investigated.

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- Building permit issued for “The Saint”, 195 Main Street for interior alteration issued 5/18, some changes requiring plans are in process.
- Dark Horse permits approved and construction is underway.
- 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 in the summer of 2026 in conjunction with Thomas Powell Boulevard and the Highway Yard.
 - 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.
 - Discussed 4 inch rain storm that occurred today, 7/6/2026, and DPW’s excellent response. The trailer mounted portable pump was deployed to Linwood Avenue and connected to the Siamese and the pumping system operated by DPW personnel as designed avoiding a potential flooding condition.
 - A request was made to removed all Memorial Day wreaths and decorations.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - Crews have been getting all equipment ready for the upcoming Village Pops and Movie Nights,
 - Crews have been weeding and cleaning all parking fields.
 - Watering still ongoing for all flowers.
 - TOB Lighting was in repairing street lamps that were hit.

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- Crews have been out painting fire hydrants.
- 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 the process of finalizing system online and adjusting and monitoring alarms as needed.
 - 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.
 - Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
 - From John Falbo:
 - Ongoing work with Eagle for SCADA installation. Well house clean up and painting, ongoing testing is underway.
 - Quarterly and monthly sampling of all wells is underway.
 - Well 1-3 motor issue- replaced with temporary motor. Well is fully operational.
 - Well work and well maintenance continue.
 - DEC walkthrough completed for chemical bulk storage.
- 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.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

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- Community Development Block Grant money is available for the installation of new water lines to replace lead/galvanized connections. The Board of Trustees placed a 10% requirement on the homeowner to financially participate in the grant program.
- Discussed the hearing for 195 Main Street, “The Saint”, scheduled for this evening at the public meeting.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer