

## **WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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  
Chief Patrick Tortoso  
Chief Michael DiBartolo

The following topics were discussed:

- Discussion regarding sidewalk repair/replacement on Conklin Street from Main Street to Cherry Street eastbound and Main Street to Parking Lot 2 westbound.
- Fire Department:
  - Apparatus floor lines and decals to be resurfaced. Scheduled for mid-September 2026.
  - New window installation in August.
  - Dispatcher discussion with Farmingdale Fire Department Chiefs. Discussion centered around the shifts to be administered by Firecom and by Farmingdale Fire Department Village Dispatchers. All aspects were discussed with the outcome as follows. The Farmingdale Fire Department Chiefs will contact FIRECOM for final arrangements to transition the 11:30 PM to 7:30 AM shift to FIRECOM 7 days per week ASAP. Farmingdale Fire Department personnel will be on station during the first week in the overnight shift after the transition to FIRECOM as potential back-up. As long as all goes well the 11:30 PM to 7:30 AM overnight shift will be permanently dispatched by FIRECOM. The Chiefs and the Board agreed to review the weekend 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shifts after 90 days to determine a potential transition to FIRECOM.
  - Resolutions were added for approval at the BOT meeting for a new door access control system and air conditioning for the dispatch booth.
- 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 McGraths 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.
- McGraths proposed expansion was discussed.
- 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. Waiting on the storm drains into the road bed to settle into their final position in order to begin paving.

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- 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.
  - A resident came in and reported uneven pavement condition in front of 343 Staples Street and a sink hole in a lawn near there as well.
  - A pot hole on Conklin Street near The Barnyard needs repair.
  - Shrubs around police booth need trimming.
  - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
  - Stapleton Tree was in for large removals and stump grindings.
  - Castro was in planting new trees at 5 Corners Park.
  - Crews had the pump hooked up and ready to go during our overnight rainstorm on the 27<sup>th</sup>, did not have to use it. No flooding.
  - Crews have been out continuing to paint fire hydrants.
  - Crews cleared the roof drains on Fire Headquarters and Village Hall.
  - Crews will be out to start touching up crosswalks around schools.
  - Shop crews taking care of oil changes and NYS inspections.
  - Parking lot weeding is still ongoing.
  - Removed a flowerpot off Main Street due to vandalism.
  - TOB Lighting was in repairing a few streetlight outages.
  - Crews assisted for the last Village Pops concert of the year.
  - DPW/Code Crews once again did a great job during the most recent Music on Main.
- 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.
- 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 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.
- Hydrant Painting
- Meter maintenance and readings for upcoming billing cycle.

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- Code Department:
  - Saturday day patrols will begin on August 1<sup>st</sup> and the shift will be from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.
  - Nothing noteworthy occurred on the Sunday shift except for the occasional reminder to the bars and restaurants to lower the music
  - The next Music on Main is Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, for which we are preparing.
  - Temporary “No Standing, No Stopping, No Parking” signs should be in place on cones on Main Street, northeast side. Better, more presentable signs are in the works and will be placed when and if approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer