

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, September 8th, 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, September 8th, 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:

- Fire Department:
 - Apparatus floor lines and decals to be resurfaced. Scheduled for mid-September 2026.
 - New window installation to begin as soon as windows are delivered. Estimated September 2026.
 - Discussion about ambulance service and Northwell contract.
- Tonight's Public Hearing and Hearings to be scheduled:
 - Verizon
 - New Elevator Code
 - Amend Animal Code to restrict the amount of dogs per residence and to specify no dog breeding
 - Amend Parks and Recreation Code to allow dogs in parks when leashed.
- Discussed Verizon hearing and suggested to have 4 dogs a maximum amount in residences. Walk in resolutions for hiring Code Enforcement Personnel and to approve a D&B Proposal were discussed.
- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Demolition permit issued for canopy and gas station equipment only and project completed. Need demo for stores, no change. Property transactions have been completed, waiting for next steps from Southland Corp/ 7-11.
 - Multi-family and rental inspections along with public assembly locations are underway.

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- McGrath's Special Use Permit approved at 8/3/2026 meeting with operational restrictions and pay-for-parking requirements.
- Toretta Estates: a permit has been issued for 4 Toretta Lane and construction is underway.
- Backlog of open building permits are being addressed for close out.
- 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. Change in Leaseholder completed. Public Hearing for Special Use Permit held and approved. Window coverage removed.
- Dark Horse construction is underway and nearing completion.
- The Board of Trustees requested that it be looked into and evaluated to install an elevator to reach the 2nd floor in the Farmingdale Fire Department.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main Street.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - North Main Street Pole Removal Project was completed except for signage which is on order and street lighting issues.
 - 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 for the storm drains into the roadbed 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/September.
 - A new National Grid Project in the southeast section of The Village was approved, and negotiations are underway for paving reimbursement. Waiting for confirmation.

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- Superintendent of Public Works/Village Engineer is in process of completing an estimate to reconstruct LIRR North Parking Lot.
- Sidewalk areas east and west of Main Street will be reconstructed in September by Roadwork Ahead.
- Richard Street and William Street paving to be completed in September.
- Review surplus of Verdin Clock and Cassone Boxes.
- Reviewed upcoming Village Events and event to be added to the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- Music on Main was a success. Thank you to all crews from DPW/Code Enforcement.
- Town of Oyster Bay was in for streetlight repair.
- Crews are prepping for the Main Street Mile.
- Castro was in removing dead trees along with trimming the hedges in Parking Field 3.
- Crews still restoring snowplows and snow equipment for the upcoming season.
- Removed all equipment from the summer events from the Village Courtroom.
- Crews will be out line striping when weather permits.
- Water Department:
 - Review Water Department quote for repairs to high pressure zone pumps.
 - Well 1-3 had issue with new motor- temporary replacement motor installed - well is fully operational.
 - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed. Next steps working with D & B to complete schedule for roof engineering, bidding and replacement. Coordinating with EPA grant commitment from Senator Schumer and Congressman Suozzi for \$1.0+ million for partial payment of a new roof. Preliminary meeting held and working with the Federal Government to complete contract for reimbursement of the roof project.
 - Second Zoom meeting was held for filing grant applications.

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- A grant application was made through Congressman Suozzi's office in the amount of \$2 million for site work, including piping and excavation. Needs to be modified from the construction of a new ground tank.
- Working with Bob Holzmacher to develop planned maintenance schedule for the AOP/GAC and Well operations along with the conversion to liquid chlorine and relocation and installation of a new Caustic tank at Ridge Road.
- Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
- From John Falbo:
- Caustic and Chlorine Pump work at all Wells is conducted daily in order to maintain a proper delivery of chemicals to our water system. Some of this work to maintain a proper balance takes time due to many components inside each chemical pump and its train to system. Patience and diligence is the best policy with chemical delivery in order to keep proper balance.
- Peroxide skid maintenance conducted by myself weekly.
- Cybersecurity plan and implementation and changes is being worked on by Deputy Clerk Treasurer Ruckdeschel, Holzmacher Group, Adept and Eagle Controlss and myself to keep our system safe from hacking.
- Mark outs for work to be done through out the Village
- Code Department:
 - The last Music on Main has been completed and Code is preparing for the Main Street Mile.
 - 2 possible candidates have been interviewed and are waiting to hear from Civil Service regarding their approval.
 - The Crossing Guard at Northside Elementary requested a "No U-Turn" sign be placed just south of Powell Place on the East side of Main Street.
 - It was agreed to close Main Street from Prospect to the LIRR Tracks in coordination with the Holiday Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday December 1, 2026 from 5:00PM to 9:00PM for a Village Holiday Celebration.
 - Minutes of prior meetings were amended.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer