

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, June 22nd, 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, June 22nd, 2026.

Present: 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

Absent: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand

MUSIC ON MAIN – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was proposed to extend Music on Main one hour, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. instead of 9:00 p.m.

MOTION FAILS: 2/2 (#2027-06-23)

MUSIC ON MAIN – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-06-23), to table the decision to extend Music on Main for one hour, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. instead of 9:00 p.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
 - Apparatus floor lines and decals to be resurfaced. Waiting for schedule.
 - New window installation July/August.
 - Chief Tortoso and Chief DiBartolo proposed to change the dispatch to the following schedule, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to Midnight, Farmingdale FD dispatch personnel all other shifts to FIRECOM. Deputy Mayor Barrett expressed concern from past proposals to include FIRECOM but the Chiefs indicated that qualified dispatch personnel are difficult to find on a part time basis and that hourly pay rates are substantially above our current allowance. Administrator Harty provided a history of transitioning from 3 full time dispatchers to 1 full time dispatcher and the remaining as part time positions 14 years ago. It was also noted that filling shifts has been difficult and that the full time dispatcher has filled many shifts annually where part time people were not available. It was agreed that the Board of

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Trustees will visit FIRECOM in the near future. Projected LOSAP retirees in 27-1, 28-3, 29-7.

- **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.
- Coffee Shop and Chicken restaurant in Marquis Plaza Shopping Center- Coffee Shop C/O issued 6/11, Chicken restaurant nearing completion.
- Illegal rentals being investigated.
- Building permit issued for "The Saint", 195 Main Street facade. Interior alterations permits to be issued 5/18.
- Building Department and Dark Horse met to discuss outside plans and incorporating new design. Construction has started.
- Discussed adding additional lighting to Main Street, north of Conklin Street.

- **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

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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 Blvd.

- 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.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - Crews have been cleaning lots and weed pulling.
 - Crews have been out tree trimming low hanging limbs over sidewalks
 - Stapleton tree was in removing a dead walnut tree at 5 Corners Park
 - Castro has been in removing small trees and stump grinding
 - Crews have been removing wood chips and grass clippings from Jackson Avenue
 - Replacing street signs around the Village
 - Flower watering still ongoing
 - Planting flowers on Main Street and other locations
 - Painted the Village Hall gazebo in preparation for the upcoming events this summer.
- Water Department:
 - Well 1-3 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. Next steps are being developed by Administrator Harty, John Mirando and D&B.

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- 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.
- Watermain break at 15 Thomas Powell Blvd. repaired by Merrick Utilities and VOF Water.
- Well work and well maintenance continue.
- Preparation for DEC walk through 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.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Ingram, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-06-24), to adjourn the hearing for Special use permit for McGraths, 217 Main Street, for interior alterations for a 119 seat restaurant to Monday, August 3rd, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-06-25), to approve the new address for the former Sunoco Station at 153 Fulton Street to now be known as 85 Merritts Road, Farmingdale NY 11735.

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PUBLIC HEARING DATES – CHANGE OF ZONE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-06-26), to set the following public hearing for Monday, August 3rd, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.:

- To change the zone of property at Section: 049 Block: B01 Lot: 98 from Resident AAA to Resident A

ESTIMATING WATER BILLS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-06-27), to approve the estimation of water bills if meter is unable to be read through our electronic billing system.

CLINTON AVENUE BLOCK PARTY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-06-28), to approve a request from Steven Waters of 71 Clinton Avenue to hold a block party on Saturday, July 4th, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Clinton Avenue will be closed between Nelson Street and Maple Street.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Celebration and Monument dedication on July 1st, 2026 at the Village Pops
- July 8th, 2026 is the dedication of the Village Gazebo to Brad DeMilo at the Village Pops
- Need to look at new clock for the Village Green, Verdin Clock replacing the old clock at Moby Way.
- Follow up with Castro Landscaping regarding 203 Staples Street, Triangle at Oakdale, Parking lot 3 walkway and 81 Powell Place.
- Kim Poulos, a local business-person spoke to the Board regarding the new walkway behind the Dark Horse Tavern. She expressed concern about potential safety issues and limiting access times that the walkway be open and secured with gates. It was indicated that the walkway is on private property and that construction has appropriate permits.

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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