

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, March 16, 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, March 16, 2026.

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

SMALL CLAIMS ASSESSMENT REVIEW REFUNDS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-10), to approve all Small Claims assessment review refunds for the 2025/2026 tax year totaling \$7,961.29.

CONVENE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-11), to convene the Board of Assessment Review.

PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PETITIONS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-12), to deny all the property tax complaint petitions.

ADJOURN BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-13), to adjourn the Board of Assessment Review.

VETERAN EXEMPTION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-14), to remove a Veteran Exemption from 46 Anita Pl. (Sec. 49, Blk. 34, Sec. 1) due to passing of owner.

141 DIVISION STREET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2026-03-15), to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign the contract and rider for the purchase of 141 Division Street.

OUTFIT TWO CHIEF'S CARS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-16), to approve CMJ Emergency Lighting to outfit two FD Chief's cars at a cost of \$24,876.47 per vehicle, total cost \$49,752.94.

NEW HIRE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-17), to hire Jenna Ripa as Secretary to the Board of Trustees at a salary of \$48,000 per year.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

Mayor Ralph Ekstrand	aye
Deputy Mayor William Barrett	abstained
Trustee Cheryl Parisi	abstained
Trustee Walter Priestley	aye
Trustee Craig Rosasco	aye

BUILDING DEPT APPOINTMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-18), to appoint Peter Cinquemani as Superintendent of Building.

USE OF FACILITIES – FARMER'S MARKET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-19), to approve a request from Schneider's Farm for the use of the Village Green for their Farmer's Market on Sundays starting June 7th, 2026 and running through November 22nd, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

USE OF FACILITIES – NC SPCA – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-20), to approve a request from Nassau County SPCA for the use of the Village Green on Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (actual event begins at 11:00 a.m.) for an Animal Abuse Awareness and Adoption event.

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SANITATION REGULATION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-21), to require residents to put out garbage not earlier than 5:00 p.m. on the evening before their scheduled collection, per Town of Oyster Bay Sanitation regulations.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE & BOT MEETING SCHEDULE – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-22), to approve the 2026-27 holiday schedule & Board of Trustee meeting schedule, as amended.

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
 - Installation of officers will be on April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.
 - Ice machines have been installed. Old machines were removed and new water lines were installed. Need to get pricing from other plumbers.
 - Discussed ambulance coverage, dispatch issues and the need for scott bottles and annual assessment of turnout gear.
 - Check with Salerno to make sure the chief's car has been removed from insurance.

- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit has been issued, fee has been paid. Demolition permit issued.
 - Verizon Clock Tower cell service installation at Marquis Shopping Center has been adjourned until June 1, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.
 - Multi-family and rental inspections underway.
 - Plan reviews and follow up on nuisance issues.
 - McGrath's has proposed expansion of upstairs for private party room, Building Inspector Cinquemani and architect are in discussions.
 - Toretta Estates – ongoing construction of homes on south side of Toretta Lane continues, plans being reviewed. A C/O has been issued for 6 Toretta Lane and a permit has been issued for 4 Toretta Lane.
 - Backlog of open building permits is being addressed for close out.

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- Applications for a coffee shop and a chicken restaurant in Marquis Plaza Shopping Center are in the process of getting building permits.
- Illegal rentals being investigated along with violations at 485 Main Street.
- Building permit received for 195 Main Street who had proceeded with façade changes without Planning Board/permit approval. A stop work order was issued and the applicant is proceeding to the Planning Board on February 24.
- Need to address dumpster container cleanliness in Parking Lot 3 & South Front Street.
- Check south retaining wall at the Toretta Estates project.
- 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 poles have been removed. New water main installation will be done as will remaining work when weather breaks in the spring of 2026 with completion of the entire project by the end of June 2026.
 - Met with National Grid regarding paving roads (Yoakum Ave., Hillside Rd. & Fairview Rd.) where new mains have been installed and received the agreed paving reimbursement from National Grid. Will schedule paving work to be completed in the spring of 2026.
 - Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.
 - Electric charging stations installation completed. Grant received from PSEGLI, public relations photo op planned for April 2026 when the weather clears.
 - Installation of new piping system connecting the Tulane sump to Arthur Street will be done in the spring of 2026 due to severe current and projected weather conditions.
 - Look into righting a bush at the Tulane sump.
 - The rear of the Village Green in the southern corner is not draining well and is soft.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:

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- Crews continue to fill potholes around the Village.
- Crews are keeping up with the northside Main Street sidewalk tripping hazards.
- Preparing for the St. Patrick's Day parade.
- Sweeper is out and operating.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in repairing streetlights and fixed the problem at 5 Corners Park – PSEG is working on the issue.
- Removing snow from all parking fields.
- Capital plow truck Hwy 5 is at R&W awaiting parts for a broken sander motor and hydraulic issues.
- Been repairing snowplow equipment in house.
- Replacing new American flags at flagpole sites around the Village.
- Repaired a fence at the dead end of Waverly Place due to snow.
- Water Department:
 - Well 1-3 is fully operational.
 - Plant 2 Well 2-2 is offline until AOP is certified.
 - SCADA system is nearing completion. Eagle Control is in the process of completing the system. Voltage consistency was addressed on February 6 and completed by PSEGLI field service.
 - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed. Next steps are being developed by John Mirando and D&B to begin repairs and/or replacement to the ground tank are underway.
 - Grant commitment from Senator Schumer and Congressman Suozzi for \$1.0+ million for partial payment of a new tank.
 - 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.
 - Watermain break at the Howitt Pool. Work completed by Merrick Utilities and VOF Water Department, coordinated with Farmingdale School District

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for shut down and flushing of watermain so as not to interfere with school activities.

- Shredding and getting rid of documentation prior to 2016.
- Curb box, main mark outs & repair work for Main Street project & next phase of Linwood project.
- 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.
 - Training session for the staff conducted by NCPD.
- Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel made a thorough presentation of the 2026-2027 preliminary budget that funds all Village departments, debt service and other financial commitments while meeting the NYS mandated “tax cap” at 1.64%

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-23), to move to Executive Session.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-24), to reconvene the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer