

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, March 23, 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 23, 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

USE OF FACILITIES - CAR SHOW – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-25), to approve a request from Scouting America Troop 511 to hold a car show in Parking Lot 4 on Saturday, May 2, 2026 (rain date September 12, 2026). They are tentatively expecting approximately 100 cars. The event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-03-26), to approve a request from Body Ritual Pilates Studio to hold a Community Pilates Mat Class Summer Series on the Village Green/Gazebo area from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: June 11, 2026, July 2, 2026, August 13, 2026 & September 3, 2026. This must be a free event.

USE OF FACILITIES – GERNGRAS PARK – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-27), to approve a request from Peanuts at St. Gregory's for the use of Gerngras Park for a nursery school picnic on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 (rain date June 5) from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-03-28), to hire Ken Amato, Jr. as a Part-Time Laborer in the Highway Department at a rate of \$22 per hour.

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

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RESOLVED (#2026-03-29), to purchase all the tax liens on unpaid taxes in fiscal year 2025/26.

VILLAGE JUSTICE SALARY – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-30), to set Village Justice salary at \$20,000 per year.

USE OF FACILITIES – METHODIST CHURCH – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-31), to approve a request from the Farmingdale United Methodist Church for a worship service on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 on the Village Green from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

The following topics were discussed:

- Discuss trees in front of Back In Time (441 Main Street): Removal of the trees was denied but they do need to be trimmed.
- Fire Department:
 - Scott packs and turn out gear: discussed replacement of scott bottles and turn out gear repairs/replacement along with potential grant funding that was applied for with New York State.
 - Chief's installation dinner scheduled for 2027 at the Heritage (Lessings) at Bethpage State Park has been moved to 2028 with a \$5.00 per head increase in cost.

LOSAP – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-32), to approve the 2025 LOSAP certified points:

WHEREAS, the Village is the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) on behalf of the Farmingdale Fire Department in accordance with Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law (GML);

WHEREAS, as required by GML § 219-a(2)(c), the Farmingdale Fire Department has submitted the attached list, certified under oath, of active members of the Fire Department, indicating those volunteers who earned at least fifty (50) points during 2025 to qualify for service credit;

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WHEREAS, the certification made by the Fire Department includes a statement that the points recorded on the attached list have been tabulated in accordance with the Point System adopted by the Village to be in effect during calendar year 2025, and to the best of the knowledge of the Fire Department, is a true and accurate reflection of the activities performed by the active members;

WHEREAS, GML § 219-a(2)(d) requires the Board of Trustees (Board) to review and approve the attached list, then return it to the Fire Department to be posted for thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, the Board has completed its review of the attached list; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the attached list of volunteer firefighters of the Farmingdale Fire Department and the points earned by these firefighters during calendar year 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this adopted resolution and the attached list shall be returned to the Fire Department for posting for a minimum of thirty (30) days.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

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

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

RESOLVED (#2026-03-33), to approve the use of the Village Green on Sunday, September 27, 2026 for a barbecue celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Farmingdale Meat Market.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit has been issued, fee has been paid. Demolition permit issued and project started.
 - 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.

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- 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 permit has been issued for 4 Toretta Lane.
- Backlog of open building permits is being addressed for close out.
- 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 issued for 195 Main Street.
- 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.
 - Discussed utilizing electric leaf blowers on Main Street during morning hours to minimize disturbance to residents.

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- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - Started getting all the flowerpots ready to go for the upcoming season.
 - New garage doors installed at DPW facility.
 - Getting ready to power wash the Main Street sidewalks if the weather cooperates.
 - Town of Oyster Bay Lighting & PSEG are still working on the issue at 5 Corners Park.
 - Started prepping our landscaping equipment.
 - Stapleton will be coming in for removals and trims in early April.
 - Town of Oyster Bay Lighting was in for streetlight repairs.
 - Crews are still out on pothole repair.
- 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 completing the system. Electrical issues are being addressed by PRI and Hinck.
 - 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.
 - A grant application was submitted 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.

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- 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.

CSEA LABOR CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-34), to approve the new labor contract beginning June 1, 2026 and ending May 31, 2031 with CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO Inc. Village of Farmingdale Unit #7248-00, Nassau County Municipal Employees Local 882 as presented to the Board of Trustees.

This approval is granted by a vote as follows:

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

LANDSCAPING CONTRACT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-35), to approve the annual landscaping contract with Castro Family Landscaping in the amount of \$32,955 for basic services with other services to be directed at the discretion of the Village as needed at the hourly rate as specified in the contract.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-03-36), to move to Executive Session.

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

RESOLVED (#2026-03-37), to reconvene the meeting.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer