

**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Monday, April 6, 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, April 6, 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

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight’s public hearings/hearings to be scheduled: Discussed scheduling a public hearing for a new brewery.
- Discussion: Tenants in the Loft apartments on Main Street want a “No Trucks” sign for Moby Way because a truck hit the building for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in 3 years. Need plans for new intersection at Moby Way and Main Street. Superintendent Patanjo will supply the plans.
- Discussion: authorizing a towing service provider – Need to find proposed towing companies with cost estimates.
- Fire Department:
  - Floor issues
  - Mike DiBartolo – new 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief status

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Building Department:
  - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit has been issued, fee has been paid. Demolition permit issued for canopy and gas station only, project started. Need demo for stores.
  - 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.

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- 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, construction started.
- 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 were filed, permits have been issued.
- Illegal rentals being investigated along with violations at 485 Main Street.
- Building permit issued for 195 Main Street facade.
- Interior alterations stopped at 195 Main Street & the former Scoops & Cones at 95 Hempstead Tpke.
- 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 head in requirement for handicapped parking.

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- Discussed possible crosswalk at Secatogue Avenue and Staples Street.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- Crews are still out power washing Main Street sidewalks in the downtown area.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting was in again to address the Lenox Court lighting issue. We're going to order a new fixture.
- Crews are still out filling potholes.
- Crews have been prepping for the upcoming flower plantings.
- Capital truck five is at R&W Equipment getting its new body.
- Sweeper has been out in full force.
- Stapleton is coming in next week to remove dead trees.
- Crews started working in the parking lots cleaning.
- Heads Up Irrigation is coming in to go over our sprinkler systems.
- 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 ground 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:

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- Ongoing work with Eagle for SCADA installation. Well house clean up and painting ongoing testing.
- Curb box, main mark outs & repair work for Main Street project & next phase of Linwood project. Listed all connections for the Main Street project.
- Main Street Water Main installation is underway.
- 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.

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

**RESOLVED (#2026-04-01)**, to move to Executive Session.

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

**RESOLVED (#2026-04-02)**, to reconvene the meeting.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE** – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

**RESOLVED (#2026-04-03)**, to approve a 3 month leave of absence for Bharti Sabhaya.

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