

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, October 20, 2025

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, October 20, 2025.

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

Absent: Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty

OVERPAYMENT OF TAX REIMBURSEMENT – Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-10-11), to reimburse Joseph Johnson of 13 Hamilton Street for overpayment of taxes from years 2018/19 through 2025/26 due to mistakenly receiving a cold war exemption when he should have received an alternative veteran exemption, in the amount of \$800.78.

VILLAGE ELECTIONS – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-10-12), to adopt the Village Election resolutions.

RESOLVED, that the Village of Farmingdale constitutes one election district and the polling place for such district shall be the Village Hall, 361 Main Street, Farmingdale, New York, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Inspectors of Election adopt, use or copy to the extent applicable, the registration list, certified and supplied by the Nassau County Board of Elections, the names appearing thereon of all persons, residing in the Village of Farmingdale and qualified to vote at such forthcoming general Village election, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees move the election date from Tuesday, March 17, 2026 to Wednesday, March 18, 2026, pursuant to NYS Election Law §15-104 (1)(b).

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the next general election for the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale, Nassau County, New York, shall be held at the Farmingdale Village Hall in said Village on March 18, 2026; that the hours of opening and closing the polls thereof shall be 12:00 noon and

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9:00 p.m. respectively and that during such period of nine consecutive hours, the polls shall be kept open for the purpose of choosing and electing the following officers:

Justice for a term of 4 years
Trustee for a term of 4 years
Trustee for a term of 4 years

and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Village be, and he hereby is, directed to prepare a proper notice for the annual election pursuant to Sections 15-104 of the Election Law and to cause the said notice to be published in the official newspaper of the Village, namely, Newsday in its issue of November 10, 2025 specifying the time and place of holding the election; the hours of opening and closing of the polls and the offices and terms to be filled, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Village be, and he hereby is, directed to prepare a proper notice of said annual election pursuant to Section 15-104 of the Election Law and to cause said notice to be published in the said Newsday in its issue of February 22, 2026, containing the date of the election and the polling place; the hours during which the polls shall be open; the names and addresses of all those who have been duly nominated whose certificate of petition of nomination has been duly filed with said Village Clerk and the term of such office for which they have been so nominated, and to cause a printed copy thereof to be posted conspicuously in at least six (6) public places in the Village at least one (1) day before said election and at Village Hall.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a voting machine (ballot scanner) shall be used to canvass the ballots (excepting absentee and special ballots) at this election, except that, if all of the above listed races only have one candidate for each race (i.e. each race is uncontested) the use of a voting machine (ballot scanner) is not required and the ballots may be canvassed by hand/manually; the Village Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to order the same from the Board of Elections in Mineola, and that the Village Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to pay the required rental and costs of transportation for the voting machine (ballot scanner).

The following topics were discussed:

- Dark Horse Tavern – Storage container sheds: Discussion regarding requested changes and if these containers would be okay. Village Attorney DeBellis said that

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they might not meet our code and are not allowable. The Board is requesting sheds and will be okay with concrete. Walkway to remain as planned.

- Fire Department:
 - Work on the upstairs floors will commence this week.
 - Street fair rain date went well.
- Building Department:
 - Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel to report on interim status of Building issues and plans for handling all permit requests, reviews and upcoming hearings.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit has been issued, fee has been paid. Discussions underway with regard to demolition permits.
 - Verizon Clock Tower cell service installation at Marquis Shopping Center has been adjourned until January 5, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.
 - Safety inspections nearing completion with rental inspections underway. All going well.
 - Plan reviews and follow up on nuisance issues.
 - Burgerology was issued a summons to solve grease spatter issues on adjacent vehicles, come into compliance and pay overdue \$5,000 parking fee. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel to call manager for meeting.
 - Inquiry with 203 Staples Street, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel to follow up.
 - 20 Quaker Lane – Building Inspector Cinquemani called the homeowner regarding plans and the neighbor.
 - Sips & Stogies – gave the Board an update of the required changes needed to the basement floor in order to meet NYS height requirements. Building Inspector Cinquemani needs to meet with Chad & Laura.
 - Casa Stellina needs to address the removal of fire proof door to avoid sprinkler & occupancy issues. Building Inspector Cinquemani has been in discussions with them. Remove heat pumps in the back by the tents to classify them as seasonal.
 - Pour Authority – final inspection is coming up, Special Use Permit will be provided and paid when Certificate of Occupancy is issued.

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- Charging stations to be installed the week of October 13.
- Need to make future resolution regarding parking. Need to reach out to Bob Kirk about sign language for enforcement when non-EV cars park there and don't use charging station. Get recommendations for how much to charge from installers.
- Brooklyn Delights is interested in the Paramount Tools building. They will talk to Building Inspector Cinquemani on Friday.
- Mayor Ekstrand called McGrath's, spring on rear door and owners still reviewing subwoofer & bass to make it better.
- 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 on schedule. Underground excavation is complete, new wire is being installed in new conduits. PSEGLI is still on poles, need Superintendent Patanjo to follow up.
 - Follow up with H2M regarding Linwood phase 3 & 4 - ongoing. Just received notification of grant denial. H2M is requesting follow up also in response email, identified & located the missing information per state. H2M identified where missing info was in the application. Superintendent Patanjo recently spoke regarding Phase 3 and getting final plans.
 - Met with National Grid regarding paving roads (Yoakum Ave., Hillside Rd. & Fairview Rd.) where new mains are to be installed and agreed on paving reimbursement from National Grid.
 - Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.
 - Security camera installation underway, microwaves installed, cameras next. All cameras now installed.
 - No update on pipe blocking hydrant move on Main Street. Need Superintendent Patanjo to follow up with Asplundh & PSEGLI.
 - Trustee Rosasco thanked Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel, Superintendent Patanjo and DPW Foreman Kenny Tortoso for the Tim Collins sign. It went great – crowd, family & friends loved it.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:

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- Crews have started removing all hanging baskets and flowerpots throughout the Village.
- Heads Up Irrigation will be coming soon to winterize all of our sprinkler systems.
- Started gathering our Christmas decorations.
- Castro Landscaping has removed and planted mums in specific areas around the downtown area.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in to repair streetlights.
- Stapleton Tree will be in to do some trimming.
- DPW crews will start removing the rest of the summer flowers in all the beds around the Village.
- DPW crews will be assisting the Water Department with the annual fire hydrant flushing on 10/17/25.
- Crews have started painting some fire hydrants.
- Shop has been busy with oil changes for the DPW, Code and Fire Department vehicles.
- Servpro has been at the Thomas Powell House doing a full cleaning. DPW will be going back to do some more property maintenance.
- Water Department:
 - Well 1-3 is fully operational.
 - Plant 2 Well 2-2 is manually operational and is being used to fill tanks and can go “to system” if needed.
 - SCADA system is nearing completion.
 - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed and next steps are being developed.
 - Philip Ross Industries reported that Well 2-3 will be back in operation ASAP. Nassau County Health Department approval is needed for Well 2-3.
 - Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
 - From John Falbo:

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- Ridge Road Well and AOP and GAC preparing for walkthrough for Board of Health approval on Friday.
- Distribution street mark outs.
- Hydrant flushing on Friday – make sure we have schedule moving forward.
- Chemical treatment for Wells 1-3 and 2-2 on a daily basis.
- Code Department:
 - Weekly inspections of meters are done to check for any malfunctions (i.e. coins jammed in credit card receptacle).
 - Noise issues on Main Street will be addressed as noted by code officers. If complaints are received, please forward to appropriate code or building department for resolution.
 - Code reviewed and implemented Main Street security for events with NCPD.
 - Code uniforms at night – need for them to be seen better. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel will follow up on potential reflective gear.

VILLAGE AUDITOR – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-10-13), to approve Nawrocki Smith per the amended contract as Village Auditor for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year at a fee of \$27,500.

The discussion continued on the following topic:

- Spoke about a resident asking to waiving penalties on late property tax bill. Code and New York State law does not allow for this.

SET PUBLIC HEARING – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-10-14), to set a public hearing to amend the Village Code §600-92 Office-Residence District Permitted Uses that it is not allowed for religious organizations on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 8:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Ruckdeschel, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer