

## **WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Monday, January 5, 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, January 5, 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: Amend Business D local law to reflect uses and fees in the D-MU.
- Fire Department:
  - Discussed janitorial services
  - Ice machine replacement, floors, painting, stair treads
  - One of the chief's cars was damaged in an accident. A new car is needed in April.
  - Check Blink FFD members.
- Building Department:
  - 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 February 2, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.
  - Multi-family and rental inspections underway.
  - Plan reviews and follow up on nuisance issues.
  - Burgerology payment plan starting on December 1, 2025 for \$5,000 overdue balance owed. The Building Department is reviewing plans regarding grease splatter.
  - Casa Stellina needs to address the removal of fireproof door to avoid sprinkler & occupancy issues. Building Inspector Cinquemani has been in

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discussions with their architect. Remove heat pumps in the back by the tents to classify them as seasonal is a potential solution.

- Pour Authority is open.
- McGrath's has proposed expansion of upstairs for private party room, Building Inspector Cinquemani and architect are in discussions.
- Captain Ihab C/O was not issued, waiting for final gas hookup.
- Addeo property at 215 Prospect Street - C/O has been issued.
- Toretta Estates – ongoing construction of homes on south side of Toretta Lane continues.
- Rental permits and multi family inspections are underway.
- Backlog of open permits is being addressed for close out.
- Call for status of 7-11/Sunoco project.
- Follow up on the Casa Stellina outdoor dining project.
- Need to contact Gino's about illegal signage.
- 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 delay completion of the project as the new main will take approximately 4-6 weeks to be fully operational. Plans were reviewed by the Nassau County Department of Health and approved. Decision was made to delay both the sidewalk/street reconstruction along with new water main installation until April 1, 2026 due to seasonal holiday and weather conditions.
  - 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.
  - Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.
  - Electric charging stations installation completed. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel provided recommendations on how much to charge from installers, which was adopted.

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- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
  - Crews were out snowplowing Dec. 26 & Dec. 27.
  - Plow repairs were done before & after the Dec. 26/27 snowstorm.
- Water Department:
  - Well 1-3 is fully operational.
  - Plant 2 Well 2-2 is offline until AOP is certified.
  - SCADA system is nearing completion, waiting on additional steps from Philip Ross before Eagle Control can begin updating system.
  - 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.
  - 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:
    - Merrick Utilities and VOF fixed a blow off pipe for Wells 2-3 and 2-2.
    - Hydrant at Woodbridge Apartments on Route 109 was replaced by Merrick Utilities and VOF.
    - Monthly sampling of all wells finished last week.
    - Assisted the Highway Department with snow removal.
- 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 officers are wearing more reflective jackets at night and will add reflective gear on uniforms.

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- Code holiday schedule set for regular activities and special events.
- Other:
  - Articles in Patch: Arrests and new EV charging station.
  - Grant for EV charging station.
  - Senator Schumer grant for Water Department tank.
  - \$4.5 million grant from New York State – expect NYS decision in May of 2026.
  - Farmingdale Meat Market wants to have a celebration BBQ on the Village Green in the summer of 2026 which will be free to all residents.
  - Continue to pursue renaming Northeast Maple Street.
  - Renew RAVE Red Alert contract via resolution.
  - Approve janitorial service for the Farmingdale Fire Department quarterly at \$400 per cleaning.

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