

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,

Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer