

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, January 20, 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 Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

Absent: Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Walter Priestley

The following topics were discussed:

- Nancy Walsh from the Hardscrabble Theatre at St. Thomas Episcopal Church discussed the theater. The Board provided guidance to network the theater with the business community, Farmingdale Schools and the Farmingdale Fire Department as well as with other events in the community, including the possibility of shows at the Gazebo prior to movies in the summer. Dave and Joann Saul will work with them to assist in networking.

2025/2026 TAX ROLL AND WARRANT, Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-08), to acknowledge the return of the 2025/2026 tax roll and warrant and report of unpaid taxes (see attached list) pursuant to §1436 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York.

FIRE DEPT. SPRING FAIR, Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-09), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department to hold a street fair on Main Street on Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, June 13.

FIRE DEPT. COLUMBUS DAY FAIR, Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-10), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Fire Department and Craft-A-Fair to host the Annual Columbus Day Street Fair, Carnival and Parade. There will be no fireworks. The Carnival will be held October 8-12, 2026. The Street Fair will be held October 10-11, 2026

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with rain dates for the Street Fair only on October 17 and October 18 (October 17 if only one day is needed). The Parade will be held on October 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., from Northside Elementary School to Grant Avenue. They are also requesting the use of the Village Green on October 10-11, 2026.

KIWANIS CLUB FAIRS, Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-11), to approve a request from the Farmingdale Kiwanis Club to hold two Craft Fairs on the Village Green on Sunday, June 28, 2026 and Sunday, August 30, 2026. Only sandbags should be used to secure canopies.

LI COALITION FOR VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION, Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-12), to approve a request from the Long Island Coalition for Veteran Suicide Prevention to use the Village Green to hold a resource fair for Veterans, service members and families on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with set up to begin at 8:00 a.m. Approximately 40 vendors are expected.

VETERAN EXEMPTION, Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-13), to grant a cold war veteran exemption to 30 Linwood Ave. (49.-209-8). Resident submitted paperwork which was misplaced, and resident was asked to submit documentation again in order to obtain an exemption.

HYDROGEN PEROXIDE CONTRACT, Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-14), to approve a contract for hydrogen peroxide with USP Technologies, leveraging the piggyback provision of a contract with the Hicksville Water District, at a cost of \$3.71 per gallon including service provisions in the Hicksville contract.

PLATFORM BODY FOR DUMP TRUCK, Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

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RESOLVED (#2026-01-15), to approve the purchase of a platform body for dump truck replacement from R. W. Truck Equipment Corp. at a cost of \$9,647.00 for Highway #5 (2013 International Capital truck).

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Discussed renaming North Maple to Dexter
- Fire Department:

AMBULANCE ENGINE REPAIR, Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-16), to approve ambulance engine repair in the amount of \$8,837.23 to Levittown Ford.

ICE MACHINES, Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-17), to approve the purchase of two new ice machines from Bar-Boy for the Fire Department at a total cost of \$10,990.00.

FD CHIEF'S CARS, Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-18), to purchase two 2026 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 Crew Cab LT 4WD for the Fire Chiefs from Chevrolet of Smithtown at a total cost of \$136,988.00.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- 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.

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- 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 received their C/O.
- 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.
- 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.
 - From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:

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- The Village received a coating to a $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of snow on the morning of January 1st. Crews were in salting the streets, Castro was in salting the downtown walkway areas due to the below freezing temps.
- DPW crews assisted the Water Department with two watermain breaks: January 6th on Cooper Street and January 8th on Sullivan Road on Ivy Street. Great job by all!
- Crews have removed all of this year's Christmas decorations.
- Crews have been out filling potholes.
- Town of Oyster Bay Lighting has been in repairing streetlights.
- Shop crews have been busy with oil changes and inspections along with repairing plows!
- Crews have been out replacing faded out stop signs in the Village.
- Crews washed/cleaned the Fire Department apparatus floor and both front and rear ramps.
- All Village DPW snow equipment is ready to go for the next weather event.

- 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:
 - Sampling for Well 2-3 & 2-2 are complete. AOP & GAC was completed by Water Department & H2M.

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- Watermain break on Cooper St., done by VOF Water & Highway Departments.
- Watermain break in front of 77 Sullivan Road, completed by VOF Water & Highway Departments.
- Assisted the Highway Department with salting.
- Painting of well house 2-2 & 2-3 and general maintenance.
- 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.
 - Code holiday schedule set for regular activities and special events.
- Correspondence – New York State Police

PETIT LIBRARY, Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Rosasco, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-19), to allow a petit library in Northside Park to be supplied and maintained by neighbor Jim Marlow. DPW will install the petit library.

VEHICLE LEASE PURCHASES, Upon a motion made by Trustee Rosasco and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-01-20), to approve the following vehicle lease purchases through Real Lease:

- Two Chevrolet Silverado Fire Department Chief's vehicles at \$68,494.00 each, totaling \$136,988.00, with a lease cost of \$2,622.98 for 60 months with a \$1.00 buyout at the end of the lease.

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- Two trucks for the Department of Public Works, a 2026 Chevrolet 3500 Reg Cab Silverado from BOCES bid 25/26-018 and 2025 Chevy 6500 Silverado MD, including insert sander, lift gate and snow plows in the amount of \$196,368.13, with a lease cost of \$3,759.96 for 60 months with a \$1.00 buyout at the end of the lease.
- Both leases begin in June 2026 with an interest rate of 5.24%
- Other:
 - Follow up on LOSAP with Jared Arlin.
 - Check with architect Laura Coletti about the Jim's Stogies Cigar Bar project.
 - A blood drive took place in the Village Courtroom today.
 - Thomas Powell Blvd. pipe installation plans being finalized to connect the Tulane sump to the Arthur Street interconnect.
 - Mayor Ekstrand, Administrator Harty, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Ruckdeschel and Eric Alexander met with Nassau County to request incremental/discretionary funding through the CDBG program for the installation of the watermain on Main Street.
 - Need to meet with contractors to extend build-out from the Tasting Room to include the front of Prestige Barber Shop.
 - Mayor Ekstrand presented a price to purchase 141 Division Street to the Board for consideration. This location would yield 21 new parking stalls in Parking Lot 3.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer