

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, June 15th, 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, June 15th, 2026.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Allison Ingram
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis

PUBLIC HEARING DATES – PORT-A-POTTIES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Ingram, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-06-17), to set the following public hearing for Monday, July 6th, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.:

- To adopt a local law regarding the use of Port-A-Potties in the Village of Farmingdale Commercial District.

NELSON STREET BLOCK PARTY – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-18), to approve a request from Maria Schelhorn of 91 Nelson Street to hold a block party on Saturday, August 8th, 2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Nelson Street will be closed from Harrison Place to Clinton Avenue.

HELLO ALERT CAMERAS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Ingram, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-19), to approve the purchase of 7 additional cameras for Main Street between South Front Street and Conklin Street at a cost of \$15,562.88 from Hello Alert. Need map of all camera locations and types of cameras.

DISPATCH RECORDING DEVICES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Ingram, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-20), to approve the purchase of dispatch recording devices for the Fire Department from Hello Alert at a cost of \$17,169.80

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The following topics were discussed:

- Discussion regarding the Asian Long Horn Beetle. Information will be passed along to DPW.
- Mayor Ekstrand approved clean up crew for Sunday, June 14th, 2026, due to expected crowds in the Village for Knicks viewing parties.
- Fire Department:
 - Apparatus floor lines and decals to be resurfaced. Waiting for schedule.
 - New window installation July/August.
 - Commissioners Keith Ryan and Phil LoNigro discussed the current status of Dispatchers for the Farmingdale FD. They both would like to see dispatching done by local dispatchers, as a proposal to use FIRECOM for the 12-8 shift which has been moving forward with certain elements needed to be accomplished before FIRECOM could be integrated into the current dispatch system. They proposed to pay \$27/hr to attract experienced part-time dispatchers. They also said that some Departments pay up to \$32/hr for part-time dispatchers but felt that they could recruit qualified personnel at the \$27 rate. Additional questions were raised about the annual quantity of calls received during the overnight shift. The Board reserved decision and has agreed to meet with the Chiefs who are proposing the change.

DOWNTOWN MIXED USE RESERVE – Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Barrett and seconded by Trustee Parisi, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-21), to encumber the Downtown Mixed Use reserve account funding to pay the net amount after grant proceeds for this installation.

- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Permit is pending and fee has been paid. Demolition permit issued for canopy and gas station equipment only and project completed. Need demo for stores.
 - Multi-family and rental inspections underway.
 - Plan reviews and follow up on nuisance issues.
 - McGrath's has proposed expansion of upstairs for a private party room, that appears to have changed as McGraths is proposing a 207 person occupancy

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with a 119 seat restaurant. There are additional parking implications as a result of the proposed intensification. Special Use permit application needed.

- 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.
- Coffee Shop and Chicken restaurant in Marquis Plaza Shopping Center- Coffee Shop C/O issued 6/11, Chicken restaurant nearing completion.
- Illegal rentals being investigated.
- Building permit issued for “The Saint”, 195 Main Street facade. Interior alterations permits to be issued 5/18.
- Building Department and Dark Horse met to discuss outside plans and incorporating new design. Construction has started.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main Street.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - North Main Street Pole Removal Project underway and poles have been removed.
 - New watermain installation has been completed and service connections to 19 locations is complete.
 - Roadwork Ahead moving quickly on sidewalk and curb work. Project was completed on 6/11.
 - Met with National Grid regarding paving roads (Yoakum Ave., Hillside Rd. & Fairview Rd.) where new mains have been installed and agreed on paving reimbursement from National Grid. Received paving reimbursement and paving work will be scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2026 in conjunction with Thomas Powell Blvd.
 - Need new grate in Moby Way, ordering through Roadwork Ahead.
 - Installation of new piping system connecting the Tulane sump to Arthur Street is complete. Final paving to be done in conjunction with Hillside and DPW Yard in July/August.

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- A new National Grid Project in the southeast section of The Village was approved and negotiations are underway for paving reimbursement. Waiting for confirmation.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - DPW crews have been out watering at all locations.
 - Repaired a few drip systems in the parking fields.
 - Crews have been out painting fire hydrants.
 - Castro coming in to clean the Route 109 median 6/15 along with small tree removals.
 - Stapleton Tree will be in on 6/17 to remove a large dying walnut tree at 5 Corners Park.
 - DPW has been out trimming some low hanging trees.
 - Started preparing for the Village POPs and Movie Nights
 - TOB lighting has been in repairing streetlights.
 - Heads Up Irrigation was in to repair a couple of sprinkler lines in the tree pits due to roots breaking the water lines.
 - Crews filled in potholes in various locations around the Village.
- 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 finalizing system online and adjusting and monitoring alarms as needed.
 - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed. Next steps are being developed by Administrator Harty, John Mirando and D&B.
 - Grant commitment from Senator Schumer and Congressman Suozzi for \$1.0+ million for partial payment of a new ground tank.
 - A grant application was made 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.

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- Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
- From John Falbo:
- Ongoing work with Eagle for SCADA installation. Well house clean up and painting, ongoing testing is underway.
- Quarterly and monthly sampling of all wells is underway.
- Working with Roadwork Ahead on curb boxes and valve boxes.
- Well work and well maintenance continue.
- AWQR 2025 was sent to the Board of Health by Holzmacher Group.

SALE OF 2016 DODGE RAM 1500 PICK-UP - upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Trustee Ingram, it was,

RESOLVED (#2026-06-22), to approve the sale of a 2016 Dodge Ram 1500 Pick-up through Auction International at a price of \$6,100.00.

- 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.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer