

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, August 24th, 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, August 24th, 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

DOG WARDEN SERVICES – Upon a motion made by Trustee Priestley and seconded by Deputy Mayor Barrett, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-08-21), to authorize Mayor Ekstrand to sign the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Oyster Bay and the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale Dog Warden Services.

COMMUNITY PILATES CLASS – Upon a motion made by Trustee Ingram and seconded by Trustee Priestley, it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-08-22), to approve Body Rituals Pilates Studio to hold a Community Pilates class on the Village Green and Gazebo on Thursday October 15th, 2026, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PAVING RICHARD STREET AND WILLIAM STREET – Upon a motion made by Trustee Parisi and seconded by Trustee Ingram it was,

RESOLVED (#2027-08-23), to approve the milling and paving of the following streets per the estimate of the Village Engineer for William Street at \$90,986.00 and Richard Street at \$45,382.00, totaling \$137,818.00 using CHIPS funding.

The following topics were discussed:

- Fire Department:
 - Apparatus floor lines and decals to be resurfaced. Scheduled for mid-September 2026.
 - New window installation in August.
 - Discussion with Northwell Health regarding Ambulance service. Claudio has the contract for review.

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- Building Department:
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – Demolition permit issued for canopy and gas station equipment only and project completed. Need demo for stores, no change. Property transactions have been completed, waiting for next steps from Southland Corp/ 7-11.
 - Multi-family and rental inspections along with public assembly locations are underway.
 - McGrath's Special Use Permit approved at 8/3/2026 meeting with operational restrictions and pay-for-parking requirements.
 - Toretta Estates: a permit has been issued for 4 Toretta Lane and construction is underway.
 - Backlog of open building permits are being addressed for close out.
 - Chicken Restaurant in Marquis Plaza C/O issued.
 - Reported illegal rentals being investigated.
 - Building permit issued for "The Saint", 195 Main Street for interior alteration issued 5/18, some changes requiring plans are in process. Change in Leaseholder in process. Public Hearing for Special Use Permit held and approved. Window coverage issues are being addressed, a Notice of Violation has been issued.
 - Dark Horse permits approved and construction is underway.
 - Preparing for Verizon Hearing on 9/8/2026 at 8:00 p.m.
 - Need Status on 45 Doud Street Renovations.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main Street.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - North Main Street Pole Removal Project was completed except for signage which is on order and street lighting issues.
 - 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 early September 2026.

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Waiting on the storm drains into the roadbed to settle into their final position in order to begin paving.

- 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 Road and DPW Yard in August/September.
- A new National Grid Project in the southeast section of The Village was approved, and negotiations are underway for paving reimbursement. Waiting for confirmation.
- Superintendent of Public Works/Village Engineer is in process of completing an estimate to reconstruct LIRR North Parking Lot.
- Sidewalk areas east and west of Main Street will be reconstructed in September by Roadwork Ahead.
- Repair streetlight on Lenox Court.
- CHIPS funding will be used on various paving projects including Thomas Powell Boulevard and William Street and Richard Street.
- Add “NO HONKING” Sign at Secatogue Avenue and Melville Road.
- Do cost benefit analysis for Lot 1 Loading Zone Lane for full depth restoration vs. Mill and Overlay.
- Move “Crosswalk” sign to most northerly space in front of Village Hall.
- Complete signage on east side of Main Street including “NO TRUCKS” at Moby Way.
- There is a State Monitoring Device at the intersection of Clinton and NY24- Inquire as to the purpose of this equipment.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
 - Plumber was in to repair a cracked waste line at Thomas Powell House.
 - Town of Oyster Bay was in to repair streetlight outages and put up a new light pipe near the Thomas Powell Boulevard roundabout.
 - Crews have been removing organic debris from Jackson Avenue.
 - Crews have been painting fire hydrants along with stop lines and crosswalks.

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- Prepping for Music on Main.
- Crews have been out changing faded street signs and continuing to remove weeds from all parking fields.
- Shop crew have been taking care of NYS vehicle inspections and have started going over all the snow equipment.
- Water Department:
 - Well 1-3 had an issue with the new motor, temporary replacement motor was installed and well is fully operational.
 - Evaluation of ground tank roof and structure for repairs and/or replacement has been completed. Next steps working with D & B to complete schedule for roof engineering, bidding and replacement. Coordinating with EPA grant commitment from Senator Schumer and Congressman Suozzi for \$1.0+ million for partial payment of a new roof. Preliminary meeting held and working with the Federal Government to complete contract for reimbursement of the roof project.
 - A grant application was made through Congressman Suozzi's office in the amount of \$2 million for site work, including piping and excavation. Needs to be modified from the construction of a new ground tank.
 - Working with Bob Holzmacher to develop planned maintenance schedule for the AOP/GAC and Well operations along with the conversion to liquid chlorine and relocation and installation of a new Caustic tank at Ridge Road.
 - Coordination between South Farmingdale Water District and Farmingdale Water Department is working well.
 - From John Falbo:
 - Over the last month we have been working on underground and above ground chemical bulk storage tanks at Ridge Road and Eastern Parkway (Peroxide and Caustic Tanks) Daily, Monthly and Yearly tests conducted by H2M and Spill Prevention Report to be updated by JRH (Holzmacher Group) with our assistance. All is going well with responding to D.E.C. comments.
 - Caustic Chlorine Pump work at all 3 wells conducted by Russ and John daily during this season.
 - Mark outs for gas projects on Conklin Street and Merritts Road.

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- Repaired a curb box and key at 60 Jefferson Road.
- Pipe repair for Caustic tank with Merrick Utilities.
- Code Department:
 - At this time Code Enforcement is in skeleton crew mode due to summer vacations and vacancies not filled since members have left.
 - 2 possible candidates have been interviewed and are sending their applications forward to Civil Service.
 - The last Music on Main for 2026 will be Thursday, August 27th, 2026. After Completion of Music on Main, Code will be working with DPW to erect temporary signs in the areas on Main Street where No Stopping or Standing are enforced.
 - The next event that Code Enforcement will be involved in is the Main Street Mile, taking place on Saturday, September 5th, 2026. Main Street will be closed from approximately 6:30 a.m. until completion of activities at the Village Green around 10:30 a.m. Main Street north of Conklin will be open as soon as the racing is completed.
 - Tickets will be given to all that are stopping/standing in east lane northbound on Main Street between Conklin and South Front Street.

The discussion continued on the following topics:

- Set public hearing at the September 8th, 2026 Board Meeting for the ability of the Board of Trustees to modify Fines for loud music by resolution of the Board of Trustees at the October 5th, 2026, meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- Review Contract and set meeting with MTA regarding LIRR Lot 8.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer