

Incorporated Village of Floral Park
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 2, 2017

Prior to the start of the Board Meeting, Mayor Longobardi asked for a moment of silence. The Mayor said it has been a very sad time for the Village because we have lost a number of wonderful people: Jack Meegan, husband of Terry Meegan from Friends of the Library; Dolores Rossi, mother-in-law of Jessica Rossi in our Accounting Department; and Matthew Siwinski, son of Superintendent of Public Works and Building Department Stephen Siwinski. May they all rest in peace.

Department of Public Works

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the road project on Charles Street and Zinnia Avenue is nearing completion with the placement of stop signs and striping of the streets.

Last Friday, April 28th, was Arbor Day across the United States. The Village planted 103 trees in 2016 and another 56 have already been planted this Spring.

Wendy's Restaurant on Jericho Turnpike is about to begin its building project with the demolition of the old building.

Fire Department

Trustee Pomponyo reported that recruitment events have been taking place throughout our local fire departments. On April 29th, the Floral Park Fire Department welcomed interested residents to an open house. Five expressed interest in joining the fire department and seven are interested in the Explorers program for high school students. Recruitment events will continue in the fall.

On Sunday evening, May 7th, the Floral Park Fire Department will host the 78th annual memorial service for over 100 Nassau County firefighters and auxiliary members, past and present, who passed away in the last year. The service will take place at 7:00 pm in the Floral Park-Bellerose School auditorium. Representatives from all 71 Nassau County fire departments are expected to attend.

May will be an intensive training month at the Nassau County Fire Services Academy in Bethpage for our Floral Park firefighters. The Department will actively train on four Thursday evenings on approaching fires in houses, apartment buildings, multiple floor structures and commercial properties. This highly specialized training comes in addition to the monthly training programs at our firehouses. We applaud our fire department's diligence and professionalism in keeping our residents and businesses safe.

Floral Park Public Library

Trustee Cheng reminded residents that the Friends of the Library Book Sale will take place on Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and on Sunday, May 7th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Recreation/Pool Building. Everyone is invited to attend!

Recreation Center

Trustee Chiara reported that the fields at the Recreation Center have been open since April 10th. The hours of operation are from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, weather permitting. The Little League has been very active on the fields with few games cancelled even though we have had quite a bit of rain; compliments to the coaches for a job well done.

Centennial Gardens is open daily from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. The Floral Park Conservation Society will be hosting its annual Garden Party on Friday, June 9th from 5:00 pm to sunset and all are welcome.

Architectural drawings of Tiny Town are currently being rendered for presentation to the Recreation Committee.

The opening of the pool is just around the corner; opening day is Saturday, June 10th at 11:00 am. Recreation booklets are being printed and will be mailed to residents shortly.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Longobardi reported that on Saturday, April 29th, he, along with his fellow Board members, attended the St. Baldrick's celebration at Trinity Restaurant and the Spooner Street parking lot. Mayor Longobardi applauded the men, women and children who supported the cause to help find a cure for childhood cancer by shaving their heads. Mayor Longobardi congratulated Bob Ganun and his entire crew for raising over \$250,000. It was an amazing effort by everyone involved!

Mayor Longobardi said he and Trustees Fitzgerald, Pombonyo, Cheng and Chiara and Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick attended the installation of Fire Chiefs on Saturday night at the Jericho Terrace. Mayor Longobardi thanked all the people who volunteer their time and effort to the Floral Park Fire Department. Mayor Longobardi was proud to say that Floral Park's emergency services are one of the best in the area. The Mayor also thanked the Police Department who work so well in conjunction with the Fire Department to provide safety to everyone in our Village.

