

Board of Trustees Meeting
September 19, 2017

Department of Public Works

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the sidewalk program continues to move along at a good pace and it is expected to be completed within the next two weeks. Our arborist reviewed all the trees where sidewalks are being repaired and, unfortunately, three trees will need to be taken down due to decay.

In addition to our Police Department keeping surveillance and reporting streetlight outages, Trustee Fitzgerald reminded residents that if they see a streetlight out, they should call DPW to report it so that it can be corrected.

As a reminder as we move towards fall, please do not sweep leaves into the street as doing so will cause our storm drains to not flow properly causing backups, especially during heavy downpours.

Fire Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported our Floral Park Fire Department has continued to respond to ongoing fire/smoke-related and medical emergency calls while participating in important training activities and community events.

This week's training activities include instruction and hands-on practice with extinguishing actual car fires, and coordinating the use and direction of hose lines from multiple trucks. Floral Park's Rescue Company will join with Stewart Manor to share medical emergency strategies and coordinate the work of both departments who participate in a very active mutual aid partnership. This week's First Battalion drill at the Nassau Fire Services Academy in Bethpage will focus on multiple department operations, to be followed by next week's full Floral Park Fire Department drill for firefighters and EMT members to close out the month of September.

On the community service side, our Floral Park Fire Department participated in the planning for the new Code Blue AED pole recently installed at the Recreation Center. This potentially life-saving apparatus was funded by community, business and private donations; was celebrated at a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week; and may be utilized by our sports teams and residents with the support of the Floral Park Fire and Police Departments.

The Fire Department also joined with Stewart Manor in the planning and safety preparations for this Saturday's Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce Street Fair. All are invited to attend this fun-filled annual event from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Finally, for interesting information about our Fire Department and its recruitment campaign, check our FPPD Village Focus on 4 Village Studio TV and the website at 4vs.org.

Floral Park Public Library

Trustee Cheng reported that on Sunday, September 24th, the Library will host a Fall Family Festival at which there will be puppets, bubbles, balloons and pumpkins. All are invited to attend.

On September 28th, the Library is hosting a bus trip to Greenport, Long Island for a little shopping, lunch, wine tasting and a visit to a farm stand. The trip will depart from the Recreation Center outer parking lot at 8:00 am and will return at approximately 6:30 pm.

Friends of the Floral Park Public Library are seeking new members who have a special interest in the Library and are willing to assist in Library activities. If interested, please contact the Library at 326-6330.

Friends of the Floral Park Public Library are accepting book donations that are in like-new condition every afternoon between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Police Department

Trustee Cheng thanked Senator Elaine Phillips and Mayor Longobardi for helping to acquire a grant for \$10,000 to improve communications within the department including monitors and cameras.

There have been 22 car break-ins in Bellerose and 3 in Floral Park. All of the cars that were broken into were unlocked. The Nassau County Police Department has recently arrested five people for car break-ins throughout Nassau County and they are currently investigating if there is any connection to the car break-ins in our area.

Trustee Cheng advised everyone to lock your cars!

Third Track Expansion Project

Trustee Cheng reported that he attended a 'secret' meeting regarding the Third Track Expansion Project and its impact on Floral Park. Trustee Cheng, along with an engineering company hired by the Village who both had to sign a non-disclosure agreement, met with the MTA in which three proposed bids were discussed. The meeting took approximately eight hours and at the end of the meeting, all notes had to be turned over to the MTA but will be returned once a bid has been approved and a contract has been awarded.

Mayor Longobardi said Trustee Cheng has not divulged any of the information to him or members of the Board. The Mayor explained that this meeting was done on behalf of our Village in order to protect our Village. This is the way the MTA operates and Floral Park abided by the rules in order to participate in the meeting. The theory behind the secretiveness of the meeting is that the MTA will now go back to the bidders and they do not want the process to be skewed by leaked information.

Recreation Center

Trustee Chiara reported that the Fall recreation programs are starting soon. Monthly meetings for organizations and clubs have also started. Fall volleyball, Titans Football, Indians Soccer and Fall Little League are all underway. The pool has been drained and it is currently being winterized.

On Wednesday, September 27th, there will be a Pool Committee meeting at 7:00 pm and a Recreation Committee meeting at 8:00 pm at the Recreation/Pool Building.

On Friday, September 15th, there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Code Blue Tower at the Recreation Center. This tower houses an AED device which can be used to save lives. It is a great comfort knowing that this device is there, but, hopefully, it will never have to be used. Trustee Chiara thanked the FUNdraising organization for raising the funds and donating this life-saving device. Trustee Chiara also thanked the Department of Public Works for helping with the installation and for the cooperation of our Fire Department and Police Department in getting it operational.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Longobardi echoed the sentiments of Trustee Chiara in thanking the FUNdraising organization for all the work they did and for the donation of the potentially life-saving AED device to our Village.

Mayor Longobardi thanked the Fire Department, Police Department and Department of Public Works for their work and for participating in the 9/11 ceremony held in front of Village Hall. The Mayor made a special thank you to Village Clerk Susan Walsh for making the ceremony so memorable.

Mayor Longobardi reminded residents that two fun events are coming up: the annual Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce Street Fair on Saturday, September 23rd and Liz's Day at the Recreation Center on Saturday, September 30th, rain date Sunday, October 1st. Both annual events will be sure to please all our residents, both young and old!

Mayor Longobardi thanked John Brennan, Esq. for filling in at this evening's Board Meeting in the absence of our Village Attorney, John Ryan. Mayor Longobardi also thanked Felix Procaccia for filming the Board of Trustees meeting this evening.

Mayor Longobardi wished Noah Manskar, a reporter for the New Hyde Park Dispatch who covered our Board Meetings, farewell. Noah, a very talented writer, is leaving the Dispatch and will be reporting for the Patch in New York City. Congratulations to Noah and best wishes!