

Inc. Village of Floral Park
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 7, 2017

Fire Department

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that on Sunday, March 5, 2017, he and Trustee Longobardi had the pleasure of attending Alert Engine Company's celebration to commemorate significant milestones reached by three of their members. The Company celebrated Bill Bedell's 50 years of service, Gary Gronert's 45 years of service and John Perry's 40 years of service. These firefighters have served and continue to serve to this day our residents with pride and distinction. In addition to thanking them for their years of service, Trustee Fitzgerald said he would be remiss if he did not thank their families for the sacrifices they have made over the many decades in allowing them to serve. Once again, on behalf of all the former residents, current residents, folks just passing through Floral Park that may have needed assistance and future residents, thank you for your time and dedication. These firefighters are yet another example of what makes Floral Park truly the community it is.

Trustee Fitzgerald said we approved our first block of 2017 which is a sure sign that summer is just around the corner. Trustee Fitzgerald reminded block party residents that a fire lane must be maintained the length of the block in the event the Fire Department needs to access the street for an emergency. In an emergency, seconds matter. Trustee Fitzgerald asked residents to please adhere to all the rules and regulations that the Village has set forth for block parties.

Recreation Center

Trustee Longobardi said that Saturday, April 22, 2017 is the opening day and parade for Little League, a day the children anxiously look forward to every year. Recreation Center employees have begun preparing the fields for Spring activities. Trustee Longobardi asked residents to read *The Gateway* and go on the Village's website in order to stay updated on everything happening at the Recreation Center. The Recreation Summer Activities Booklet will be mailed to residents in April.

Trustee Longobardi congratulated and thanked Bill Bedell, Gary Gronert and John Perry for their dedicated service to the Floral Park Fire Department.

Building Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported on updates regarding the Koenig's property development. In the Koenig's building, second floor construction on five apartments is under way. The Building Department is waiting for plans for the first floor restaurant. The proposed apartment building, on the opposite side of South Tyson Avenue, is still in the planning stages for a first floor garage and seven apartments on each of the proposed three floors above.

On April 4th, at 8:00 pm, a public hearing for proposed Local Law #2, Zombie Homes, is scheduled. At that time, the Board of Trustees will be considering new local legislation and requesting public comment on provisions that will extend New York State's new zombie home regulations to ensure, amongst other requirements, that the Village will have efficient compensation procedures in place for any property maintenance expenses that the Village may incur. The public is invited to attend.

Department of Public Works

Trustee Cheng reported that the Department of Public Works is currently in the midst of working on many projects and/or overseeing projects throughout the Village, including:

- Upgrading the meeting rooms at the Recreation Center's Shelter House;
- Repaving Charles Street, which, in two days, much work has been accomplished;
- Completing the work in the Quiet Room at the Floral Park Public Library;
- Overseeing PSE&G's trimming of trees in the West End which created quite a mess. Much of the mess has been picked up and the remainder will be cleared soon;
- Trimming trees, of which there are currently 287 requests pending, which is down from over 450 requests;
- Renovations at the Police Department is almost complete.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Tweedy reported that these past few days the Village has been engaged in a media examination of our position on the Third Track. This has come about due to a report regarding the Villages of Floral Park, New Hyde Park and Garden City, along with support from the Town of Hempstead in retaining experts to provide technical response to the 2,500 page MTA/LIRR Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Beveridge & Diamond, a renowned environmental law firm and Vertex Engineering provided these reports in response to the DEIS.

While we have clearly delineated our position and have distributed the experts' reports; response, confusion and lack of clarity remain. Our position is simple: The DEIS under SEQRA should identify impacts, and once identified, the mitigation to these impacts can be concretely addressed. Once that is done, then the public vetting process should occur during the commenting period. This has not been done.

This is what the Village of Floral Park seeks. First, the MTA should be required to demonstrate that the \$2 billion project is necessary and that the benefits outweigh the problems it will cause. The MTA/LIRR clearly has not done that either. Nevertheless, if the project is to proceed, the specific impacts and necessary mitigation steps must be identified and incorporated into a legally enforceable contract document for the protection and benefit of our residents. The MTA/LIRR's

failing, first with the Scoping Documents, and now with respect to the DEIS, unjustly prevent such protections from being identified and vetted transparently with the public. Therefore, these omissions from the process render the entire process to date lacking compliance with the requirements of SEQRA. Therefore, we see no other alternative and we request that the DEIS be rejected and the process begun again.