

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on January 17, 2017 at 8:00 pm.

The meeting opened with a Pledge to the Flag. Present were Mayor Thomas J. Tweedy, Trustees Kevin M. Fitzgerald, Dominick A. Longobardi, Lynn Pombonyo and Archie T. Cheng, Village Administrator Gerard M. Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan E. Walsh, Superintendent of Public Works and Building Department Stephen Siwinski, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister and Village Attorney John E. Ryan

Prior to the start of the meeting, John Gridley of The Kiwanis Club of Floral Park along with Dennis Winnie and Kathy Levinson, the Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis, presented Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister with a pediatric trauma kit. The idea for supplying trauma kits to local communities came about when in 1990, Avianca Airline Flight #52 crashed on Long Island's North Shore and there was a lack of pediatric emergency equipment on responding ambulances. Eleanor Lalena spearheaded this effort by calling a meeting of 35 of her friends and neighbors at the Port Washington Yacht Club. Ms. Lalena proposed the formation of an organization to raise money, purchase and distribute pediatric emergency trauma kits, including child-size body boards. More than 400 of these kits have been distributed to Fire Department EMT Units throughout the New York area and in Florida. This group of dedicated women, known as "Friends of Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital" recognized the need to improve the outcome for children who are involved in serious accidents. Mayor Tweedy thanked The Kiwanis Club for making this important and generous donation to Floral Park and said it would be put to good use by our first responders who answer more than 1,000 calls yearly from Floral Park residents, some of which, unfortunately, involve children.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of:

January 3, 2017	-	Public Hearing – Local Law No. 01-2017
January 3, 2017	-	Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2017-11 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$836,588.50
Swimming Pool	\$ 46.70
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$836,635.20

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Woman's Club to use the Carlton Street Parking Field on Saturday, April 29, 2017 (rain date Sunday, April 30) from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, to hold a Community Yard Sale, pending the receipt of a certificate of liability insurance.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request from The Liz's Day Committee to use the Recreation Center on Saturday, September 30, 2017 (rain date Sunday, October 1) to hold the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Liz's Day in memory of Elizabeth McFarland, subject to the event being coordinated with Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohr, Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski and Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, and the adherence to the following stipulations:

- Sixty days prior to the event, you must furnish the Village with a one-day event insurance certificate which includes sufficient liquor liability coverage and a

temporary NYS Liquor Authority Permit. We will also require a schedule of activities;

- The display of banners for ten days prior to September 30 on the lawn of Centennial Hall and across Covert Avenue (with permission from Stewart Manor), subject to coordination with DPW General Supervisor Richard Albertson;
- Use of a small refrigerated truck for food and beverage storage in the Recreation Center parking lot.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Public Library to use Firefighter's Hall in the event of rain for their summer lawn concerts on the following dates: Thursday, July 13; Thursday, July 20; and Thursday, August 3, 2017 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Public Library to use the Recreation Center's parking lot across from the tennis courts on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 as a pick-up and drop-off point for their Spring bus trip to The Cloisters and Arthur Avenue.

### Belmont Task Force

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that two weeks ago, the Belmont Task Force met to discuss various items related to Belmont Park:

- New York State Development Corporation's cancelling of the RFPs that were put forth a few years ago;
- Various new stories surrounding the New York Cosmos and New York Islanders; and
- NYRA's improvements at Belmont Park, specifically the \$9.1 million that is proposed in 2017.

Separately, according to a news story over this past weekend, the Senate Racing and Wagering Committee were scheduled to meet on January 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the potential end of state control over NYRA. The list of invited speakers was the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce and the Saratoga Community Advisory Board. Noticing there was no representation for Belmont Park, Trustee Fitzgerald penned a letter to Senator John Bonacic, the Chairman of the Committee. In the letter, Trustee Fitzgerald informed the Senator that Floral Park, along with the communities that surround Belmont Park, also have a stake in the potential privatization of NYRA and its implications. In addition, Trustee Fitzgerald asked the Senator to establish a Belmont Community Advisory Board similar to the one in Saratoga with Floral Park being a part of it. Separately, the Village reached out to our local state representatives to alert them of our letter.

### Local Law No. 01-2017

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that we have not received any additional comments on Local Law No. 01-2017 to update the Ethical Code for the Inc. Village of Floral Park. Therefore, the Public Hearing for Local Law No. 01-2017 will remain open until our next Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

### Recreation Center

Trustee Longobardi reported that things at the Recreation Center are quiet, now that we are in the winter season. However, the Screaming Eagles Hockey Team are enjoying themselves playing games at the rink.

### Four Village Studio

Trustee Longobardi reported that he had the privilege of attending Four Village Studio's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Staff Party in which the Studio's Manager, James Green, spoke of the accomplishments of the Studio during 2016. Trustee Longobardi said the Studio provides a wonderful education for young people who are interested in the field of communications. Trustee Longobardi said he is very proud of the award the Studio recently won but especially of all the efforts put forth by the

volunteers throughout the year, led by Jim Green. Trustee Longobardi said he looks forward to another wonderful year and marking the Studio's milestone of 20 years in operation!

### Building Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the Village has continued to receive proposals for the purchase, lease and/or development of Centennial Hall and the property. Discussions with CBRE, the commercial real estate consultant retained by the Village, and the interested parties will continue as we pursue further detail about their proposals. A third community visioning meeting for Centennial Hall will be planned.

In response to recent questions regarding the opening of new businesses in the Village of Floral Park, the following procedural information is offered. When new businesses plan to open, and maintain uses similar to those of the prior businesses without significant time lapses, special use permits are not usually required. Therefore, new business owners planning to make changes from the prior businesses on those premises, including exterior signage and awnings, are urged to contact the Floral Park Building Department first. When a business's operations become a concern to residents or other businesses, the police department or the building department should be notified depending on the nature of the concern. The police department will follow up with investigations to determine if laws have been broken and advise the business accordingly. The building department will address any building code violations and guide the business owner in ensuring compliance. Notices of violation and orders to cease and desist problematic activities may be served. The Chambers of Commerce work closely with the Village and new businesses to provide a warm welcome to Floral Park and other supportive outreach.

### Floral Park Public Library

Trustee Pombonyo reported that all are invited to the Friends of the Library Book Sale on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the library. You'll find some good reads at good prices for a good cause – that is, to support special programs and purchase materials that will enhance our library offerings. Sunday, the 29<sup>th</sup> is Bargain Book Sale Day when you can purchase and fill a Friends' tote bag with books for \$6.00, or bring your own Friends' tote and fill it with your favorite books for \$4.00.

### Department of Public Works

Trustee Cheng reported that the Department of Public Works did an excellent job with snow removal during the last storm. We were fortunate in that the snow that fell was the light kind of snow and easy to shovel.

### Long Island Rail Road Third Track Expansion Project

Trustee Cheng said that the Public Hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) with regard to the Long Island Rail Road Third Track Expansion Project is proceeding as we speak at the Yes we Can Community Center in Westbury. DEIS Public Hearings will also be held at Hofstra University on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and at the Inn at New Hyde Park on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Trustee Cheng said he is planning to attend the public hearing on Thursday, the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Tweedy complimented Trustee Cheng for all his hard work regarding the Long Island Rail Road Third Track Expansion Project and for coordinating a robo call to residents informing them of the public hearings taking place regarding the DEIS. Mayor Tweedy also thanked the other members of the Board for their efforts in keeping abreast with all the information coming in from outside sources. Mayor Tweedy said this Village Board takes its responsibilities very seriously and that their oath is a moral commitment to the residents of this Village.

Mayor Tweedy said that business is the backbone of the Village and that this Board embraces new business. However, it is the obligation of this Board to see that Floral Park is developed with the same level of integrity it has always maintained.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy recessed the meeting at 8:20 pm.

The Mayor stated the Village Board Meeting would continue in his office with Department Heads after a brief recess and the public is invited to attend.

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On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy recessed the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2017-12 approving the proposal of Dr. F. Cogan to administer all pre-employment medical screenings to new full-time employees.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2017-13 approving the promotion of Kevin Pearsall to Sanitation Supervisor at the annual contractual rate of pay of \$65,000.00, subject to the approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2017-14 approving the promotion of Richard Lombardi to Highway Supervisor at the annual contractual rate of pay of \$65,000.00, subject to the approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Longobardi and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-15 approving, due to the result of small claims hearings of six properties, a total reduction of assessment value of \$11,916.00 and refund of \$1,510.95 as follows:

<b>S/B/L</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Starting AV</b>	<b>Ending AV</b>	<b>Reduction</b>	<b>Refund</b>
32/620/217	268 Floral Parkway	64,450	62,115	2,335	\$296.08
32/257/462	36 Revere Dr. W.	43,750	41,923	1,827	\$231.66
32/264/13	18 Kenneth Ct.	50,450	48,902	1,548	\$196.29
32/237/80	133 Aspen St.	47,800	46,514	1,286	\$163.06
32/211/49	401 Plainfield Avenue	37,950	36,572	1,378	\$174.73
8/83/59	83 Vanderbilt Avenue	47,250	43,708	3,542	\$449.13

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2017-16 approving the proposal of RDA Landscape Architecture Services for the renovation of the Tiny Town Playground and Hockey Rink at the Recreation Center.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2017-17 approving the promotion of Kevin Ginnane to Deputy Superintendent of Public Works at an annual salary of \$90,000.00, subject to the approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2017-18 approving the hiring of Tyler Loschke as a Laborer at the contractual annual salary of \$33,767.00, subject to the approval of the Civil Service Commission, pre-employment medical and drug and alcohol screening.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-19 granting the request to remove four merchant parking meters (JN16-19) on the west side of Irving Avenue due to the construction of two new one-family dwellings.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Cheng and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

The request to waive permit fee of \$1,690.00 for property owners was denied.

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2017-20 authorizing Dvirka & Bartilucci to survey and design the storm water catch basin systems at the dead ends of Spruce and Chestnut Avenues and at the intersection of Elder Place and Pine Avenue.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Cheng and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-21 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Letter of Indemnification to the Great Neck Vigilant Engine & Hook & Ladder Company to use their ambulance while the Floral Park Fire Department's ambulance is out of service.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-22 authorizing the request of Shirley Gartner to carry over two perfect attendance days into 2017 due to her covering the absence of another employee who was on bereavement leave.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

There being no further business, Mayor Tweedy closed the meeting at 10:30 pm.

Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk