

Prior to the start of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Mayor and Board heard two Public Hearings, both applications seeking restaurants in our Village. The location for the first Public Hearing was 43 Covert Avenue and the second was 86 South Tyson Avenue. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on July 18, 2017 at 8:00 pm.

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

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

- June 20, 2017 - Regular Board Meeting
- June 29, 2017 - Emergency Work Session

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-168 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable ending June 30, 2017 consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$ 900,591.49
Swimming Pool	\$ 52,170.33
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 138,761.10</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$1,091,522.92

AND ending July 13, 2017:

General Fund	\$716,807.72
Swimming Pool	\$ 59,392.27
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$776,199.99

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

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

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the block party applications listed below in accordance with Section 32-12d:

Oak Street between East Poplar Street and Birch Street on Saturday, July 29, 2017 (rain date Sunday, July 30)

Verbena Avenue between Rose Avenue and Clarence Street on Saturday, July 22, 2017 (rain date Sunday July 23)

Willow Street between Raff Avenue and Landau Avenue on Saturday, July 29, 2017 (rain date Sunday, August 5)

Floral Parkway between Raff Avenue and East Cherry Street on Saturday, July 29, 2017 (rain date Sunday, July 30)

Hickory Street between Cherry Street and Cedar Place on Saturday, August 12, 2017 (rain date Sunday, August 13)

Vanderbilt Avenue between Lowell Avenue and Bryant Avenue on Saturday, August 19, 2017 (rain date Sunday August 20)

Fern Street between Tulip Avenue and Marshall Avenue on Saturday, September 9, 2017 (rain date Saturday, September 16)

Ash Street between Raff Avenue and Landau Avenue on Saturday, August 26, 2017 (rain date Sunday, August 27)

Oak Street between Raff Avenue and Landau Avenue on Saturday, August 5, 2017 (rain date Sunday, August 6)

Geranium Avenue between Clarence Street and Zinnia Street on Saturday, September 9, 2017 (rain date Sunday, September 10)

Lexington Street between Magnolia Avenue and Tulip Avenue on Saturday, August 5, 2017 (rain date Saturday, August 12)

Willis Avenue between Lowell Avenue and Bryant Avenue on Saturday, July 29, 2017 (rain date Sunday, July 30)

Fuller Avenue, Roscoe Place and Hanover Street between Roscoe and Hanover on Saturday, August 26, 2017 (rain date Saturday September 2)

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Kathy Lally to the Resident Committee for a term of one year.

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mary Ann Cuite to the Recreation Committee for a term of two years and to the Pool Committee for a term of one year.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-169 authorizing a refund to S. Lynn in the amount of \$60.00 for a Bootcamp program as she was unable to attend.

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

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

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-170 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Floral Park Fire Department's Fire Protection Agreement covering the period from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2017.

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

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

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2017-171 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Long Island Rail Road and the Inc. Village of Floral Park as resolved at the June 29, 2017 Emergency Work Session Meeting.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye

Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-172 approving Phyllis McGovern as a member of the Floral Park Fire Department having received arson clearance from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, a background check from the Floral Park Police Department, and having received medical clearance from Dr. Cogan.

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

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

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-173 approving Brendan Meyers and Cleasin Frederipue as new members of the Floral Park Fire Department, as both candidates received arson clearance from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office; and subject to a background check from the Floral Park Police Department and a medical clearance from Dr. Cogan.

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

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

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Girl Scout Troop #1403 to reschedule the bridging ceremony from Friday June 2nd to Friday, September 8, 2017 from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm in Firefighter's Hall, pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2017-174 approving the application of Altice to canvass the Village during the month of August, 2017, Mondays through Fridays, 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm, and Saturdays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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

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

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-175 approving the payout to Timothy Fowler pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement effective upon his resignation date of July 7, 2017 as follows:

10 vacation days at daily rate of \$146.11	=	\$1,461.08
1 personal day	=	146.11
2.5 sick days	=	365.28
Pro-rated health insurance buy-out	=	<u>312.50</u>
	Total:	\$2,284.97

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

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye

Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-176 authorizing two refunds to F. Rivilli: \$50.00 for the Tennis Camp Program and \$460.00 for two children in the All-Day Camp Program because of scheduling conflicts.

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

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

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2017-177 authorizing a refund to J. Candelairo and S. McPartland each in the amount of \$55.00 due to the cancellation of the Garden Class.

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

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

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Girl Scouts to host a fundraiser awareness fair for their community service project, "Endangered Species" at the Floral Park Library on Sunday, September 17 or Sunday, October 1, 2017, pending the receipt of certificate of liability insurance.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Lucille Zimmer, Kevin Flood and Stephen Siwinski to the newly formed Tree Committee with Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald as liaison.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-178 authorizing a refund to L. O'Boyle in the amount of \$285.00 for her daughter's pool membership as she was unable to go to the pool.

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

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

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Woman's Club to use the Recreation Center as follows:

Board meetings in the Daisy Room at 11:00 am to 12:30 pm and regular meetings in the Tulip Room from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm on September 20, October 18, November 15, 2017, January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16 and June 13, 2018;

Literature Department meetings in the Tulip Room from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on September 18 (Sunshine Room this date only), October 9, November 13 and December 11, 2017, January 8, February 12, March 12 and April 9 and May 14, 2018;

Quilting Department meetings in the Daisy Room at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on September 25, October 23, November 27, 2017, January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23 and May 28, 2018.

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Sewanhaka High School to hold their annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 12:00 noon (rain date Saturday, October 14 at 12:00 noon) with route as follows: north on Landau Avenue, southeast on Tulip Avenue, south on Barrymore Boulevard, west on Hempstead Turnpike, north on Landau Avenue, returning to school, with assistance from the Floral Park Police at the intersection of Landau and Tulip.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-179 approving the hiring of Matthew Kuehnlenz in the position of Maintainer at the contractual rate of pay of \$39,395.00, subject to Civil Service approval, pre-employment medical and drug/alcohol screening.

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

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

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of James R. Green, 4VS Operations Manager, to close Floral Boulevard between Vernon Street and Carlton Street on Saturday, August 12, 2017 (rain date Sunday, August 13) from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm to shoot a segment of “The Antique Road Test”.

Belmont Park

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that last Monday, July 10th, our local elected officials on the State level held a Listening Session to gather input from the local communities on the upcoming proposed RFP. Trustee Fitzgerald thanked all the residents that took time to come to the meeting to speak or just to listen to the input from our surrounding communities and other interested parties. On reflecting on the meeting, from the common input of our residents it is clear that Floral Park and its residents have a significant stake on any transformative project that may occur at ‘beautiful’ Belmont Park. To that end, at this point it would appear that Floral Park would be best served during the upcoming process if the following were done:

- The Empire State Development Corp’s conditions in the RFP are as wide ranging as possible to not restrict or discourage various ideas that have been or could be put forth from being vetted;
- The RFP should ensure that any proposal takes into account the entirety of Belmont Park to ensure that all proposals retain and build upon the historic nature of the Park;
- As mentioned over the past decade or so, a community advisory board similar to the one at Saratoga should be established to ensure that the surrounding communities have input during the entire process.

Tree Committee

Trustee Fitzgerald said he looks forward to working with the newly established Tree Committee whose main charge will be to continue to improve our means and methods of ensuring that the tree landscape that exists in our Village remains a hallmark of the Village. The committee will be meeting during the coming weeks and he will provide updates as we move forward.

Fire Department

Trustee Pombonyo extended her congratulations to the Floral Park Fire Department EMTs Lynn Willie, Patricia Luger and Christal Pepe who received awards presented by NYS Senator Elaine Phillips at the 1st Battalion Awards Ceremony held in Mineola on July 5th. Our three EMTs helped a Floral Park woman to deliver a beautiful baby boy in her home in the middle of the night. At the ceremony were many firefighters and their families, including a large contingent from Floral Park, the proud parents and their new baby, Chief Michael Longobardi, and the Mayor and Fire Commissioner.

Our firefighters continue their weekly drills with an inter-department drill with South Floral Park, a mutual aid department. The drill will focus on hose handling and responding to propane emergencies. Our engine and ladder companies will also be drilling to enhance the coordination of these two vital fire department functions.

In the important area of capital improvements, planning is underway to replace the 25-year old fire engine used by the Active Company on Atlantic Avenue. A new engine will include important safety features such as a larger nozzle and hose to direct greater amounts of water on fires more quickly; a greater variety of updated equipment to fight the more complex fires the department encounters; increased capacity in the cab for additional firefighters and their bunker gear so they can travel to emergencies, fully prepared, more quickly; storage for ladders, including those which are 24 feet and now required; and other important firefighting features. Due to the increasing size of the newer firetrucks, interior structural modifications at the Active Firehouse will also be necessary. This important capital improvement will be discussed in greater detail at future Village Board meetings.

Our Floral Park Fire Department also participates in volunteer community activities. This spring, our fire department teamed with our police department to greet students with special needs, provide exciting tours of their departments, and form positive bonds with the children in their roles as first responders, community helpers and friends. The fire department will be returning to our schools to meet again with our students with special needs and display their equipment. This past Saturday, our fire department participated in a Pet Fire Safety Day at Jo-Mar Grooming and Boarding on Covert Avenue.

Finally, all are invited to the Elmont Fire Department parade this Saturday, July 22nd, 6:00 pm on Hempstead Turnpike by Belmont Park. Our Floral Park Fire Department is participating in the parade.

Floral Park Public Library

Trustee Cheng reported that E-magazines are now available at the Library. You may go to the Library's website and access countless magazines for free.

The Summer Reading Program, Lego and the Chess Club are in full swing with many participants.

Police Department

Trustee Cheng reported that for the first six months of the year, the Police Department issued 1,297 moving violation summonses. That is 18% over the same period in 2016.

In June, the following summonses were issued: 2 for speeding, 2 for red lights, 36 stop signs and 229 other vehicle and traffic law violations.

Third Track

Trustee Cheng reported that most residents know, the Capital Project Review Board approved the budget for the MTA Capital Projects which included the necessary money for the Third Track.

For the past 17 months, Trustee Cheng said he has been involved with almost every meeting with the Village, the MTA, the LIRR, and the Governor's Office. Throughout these meetings, we repeatedly stated that there was a host of other projects that should be completed before embarking on a project we still do not know the real purpose of.

This project was different than the one promulgated 10 years ago. With no residential takings and no support from the Villages of Westbury and Mineola and only temporary support from the Village of Garden City, only Floral Park and New Hyde Park officially stood against the Project.

Despite our constant questioning, the process moved forward which resulted in a superficial Scoping Document, a superficial DEIS and a FEIS that answered some but certainly not all of our concerns and questions.

On June 30, the day the CPRB had to veto the MTA Capital Project Budget or it would pass de facto, the Village signed a Memorandum of Understanding that took well over 20 hours of face-to-face meetings as well as countless hours of phone and email correspondence. All of the discussions were confidential and we were not authorized to discuss same in public. The Senate then voiced its objections and its intention to veto the Budget.

It was my hope that the newly appointed MTA Chairman, Joseph Lhotta, who had been given 30 days to develop a plan for the LIRR and MTA would use that time to prioritize all of the projects and concerns regarding Penn Station and the LIRR. Things became fast and furious on July 11th when our State Senator informed us that she believed the budget was going to be approved and we should finalize our Memorandum of Understanding.

Without our hard line during negotiations, none of the Villages affected would have received any monetary compensation as mitigation of the Project's impacts. It was Floral Park and New Hyde Park that demanded construction mitigation, quality of life mitigation and monetary compensation during construction and a serve fund that would compensate all of the Villages for any post construction impacts as well as some Station improvements.

Mayor Longobardi has summarized the Memorandum of Understanding and its benefits for the Villages in a recent Mayor's Message. Trustee Cheng urged all interested to please review the Memorandum of Understanding and contact any Board Member regarding its content. While not perfect, we were able to attain some measure of comfort and some monetary benefits that hopefully will partially mitigate the disruption the Project will cause here and in our neighboring communities.

Recreation Department

Trustee Chiara reported that the Recreation Center and Pool is where the actions is during the summer months for many of our Village residents. Both the youth programs and adult programs are providing fun and friendly competition for all those participating.

Our swim team, "The Pirates", won their first swim meet on July 17th against Williston Park. The team is looking forward to a successful season.

A variety of special events are taking place at the pool with Movie and Sundae Night on Friday, July 21st.

Trustee Chiara thanked Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt and Pool Director Tom Dillon and all the Recreation and Pool staff who make sure that all our residents have an enjoyable experience at the Recreation Center and Pool. They are all doing a great job!

Mayor's Report

Mayor Longobardi reported that along with Trustee Chiara, he had the pleasure of attending the reopening of Firestone on Jericho Turnpike on Saturday, July 15th. The Mayor wished them much success.

Mayor Longobardi reported that the Board of Trustees is currently reviewing two applications to open restaurants in Floral Park. Floral Park is a great location and a beautiful Village to open a business and we look forward to having them here.

Mayor Longobardi stated that Oh Yes Productions was issued a film permit for a Netflix movie to be filmed in the vicinity of Village Hall on Thursday and Friday, July 27th and 28th. Set up for the set has already begun. There will be many trucks and crews around during this time and it may be difficult to access the area. This is the first movie filmed in Floral Park and we welcome the crew and stars of the film, Adam Sandler, Chris Rock and Steve Buscemi.

Mayor Longobardi reported that Ex-Fire Chief and current Secretary of the Floral Park Fire Department, Joseph O'Grady, was awarded the New York State Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year. An active member of the Floral Park Fire Department since 1984, Joe is the Chairperson of the Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior Organization. We are extremely

proud of Joe for being the recipient of this prestigious award and for all the great work he has done to benefit our residents and all of our wounded warriors for so many years.
Congratulations Joe!

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia for filming the Board of Trustees meetings for us and for other municipalities as well.

Mayor Longobardi said that as stated in Trustee Cheng's report, the Third Track Project has been approved by the State Assembly, Senate and Governor's Office. Mayor Longobardi thanked Trustee Cheng, Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick, Village Attorney John Ryan, Counsel for the Third Track Michael Murphy from Beveridge & Diamond, members of the Third Track Task Force and our friends in New Hyde Park for the many hours of work and effort they put into this project. No one wants this project but it is, unfortunately, happening. Many hours of negotiations took place in order to protect Floral Park and New Hyde Park which resulted in the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. We will stay vigilant and use the Memorandum of Understanding to enforce the protections which have been put in place for our residents and businesses.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi recessed the meeting at 9:20 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.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi reconvened the meeting at 9:25 pm.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Sergeant William Doherty to use a room in the Recreation/Pool Building on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to host, in partnership with Senator Elaine Phillips, an opiate/opioid abuse awareness workshop, pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Board went into executive session at 10:00 pm to discuss matters regarding contracts. On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Board came out of executive session at 10:12 pm. No action was taken.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board granted Police Officer Joseph Cosmo permanent status as he has successfully completed his one-year probationary period with the Floral Park Police Department.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-180 authorizing the settlement of Section 32 Workers' Compensation Settlement to Michael DeVita in the amount of \$175,000, which includes legal fees.

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

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

There being no further business, Mayor Longobardi closed the meeting at 11:35 pm.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk