

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 8, 2017 at 8:25 pm. A public hearing was heard by the Board prior to the start of the regular meeting.

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Longobardi asked for a moment of silence in memory of those people who recently perished in the terrorist attack in New York City.

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

October 17, 2017 - Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-257 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$1,708,877.92
Swimming Pool	\$ 539,062.10
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 2,523.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,250,463.02

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. 2017-258:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following offices for the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park are to be filled for the following terms on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 between the hours of 12 noon and 9:00 pm:

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Trustee	Two Years
Trustee	Two Years

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 St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church to waive parking regulations on the south side of Magnolia Avenue and the west side of Harvard Street on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm to hold a game day event.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-259 authorizing the Mayor to sign letters of indemnification for PSE&G and Verizon for the Village's use of utility poles to hang and remove holiday lights and decorations during the holiday season.

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

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

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-260 approving the promotion of Mark Minero from Motor Equipment Operator Trainee to Motor Equipment Operator in the Department of Public Works since he successfully completed one year of training at a contractual annual rate of \$39,395.66 Grade17/Step 1 (was Gr 16/Step 2 \$37,988) pending approval of Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

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. 2017-261 approving the permanent status and promotion of D. Kasak as Laborer to Motor Equipment Operator Trainee since he received his commercial driver's license in the Department of Public Works at a contractual annual rate of \$36,581, Grade 16/Step 1 (was \$35,174 Gr 13/Step 2) pending approval of Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

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 Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-262 granting permission for members of collective bargaining unit(s) to donate sick leave to another employee's sick bank who is suffering a hardship and authorized Mayor to sign stipulation(s).

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 Cheng offered Resolution No. 2017-264 authorizing Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to award the Public Works Uniform Bid to J & A Uniform Supplies, d/b/a Economy Uniforms in the amount of \$33,841.01 and authorized the Mayor to sign the contract.

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 Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request for the Boy Scouts to use Centennial Gardens on Sunday, November 26, 2017 for a nature walk at 9:00 am pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2017-265 authorizing a \$4,000.00 salary increase to D. Lanza for her assuming additional responsibilities in administrative department.

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 Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-266 rejecting the Tree Planting Bid opened on October 16, 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

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Kiwanis Club to use Firefighters' Hall on Friday, January 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm to host an 'Anti-Bullying Program' subject to receipt of certificate of insurance.

#### Belmont Task Force

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the Belmont Task Force recently met to discuss various topics surrounding the proposals for development at Belmont. At this time, the Village Board has no additional information as to timelines or the various submissions outside of what we all have been reading in the papers. However, one action that we have taken is submitting a letter to Empire State Development Corp. suggesting that they form a Community Advisory Board under the Urban Development Corporation Act. This is similar to the request that we sent to Senator Bonacic earlier in the year and what one Task Force member spoke about at the summer visioning session. In addition to the aforementioned, we are reaching out to some of the potential bidders to arrange for a meeting so we can further educate them on Floral Park and its specific interest and stake in any development at Belmont Park.

#### Centennial Hall

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that as many of you may now know, our fourth public visioning session regarding Centennial Hall which was scheduled for next Tuesday, November 14 has been cancelled due to continuing negotiations with prospective developers. As soon as practicable, we will reschedule the meeting.

#### Fire Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the Floral Park Fire Department responded to 68 calls, which included 51 emergency medical calls, during the month of October. The Department's recruitment drive for volunteers, including EMTs and firefighters, is still in high gear. You may contact one of our Chiefs or firefighters, or call the Fire Department at 516-326-6327 if you are interested in volunteering with our very hard-working and dedicated department. All residents and businesses are encouraged to keep the 2017 fire prevention motto in mind: EVERY SECOND COUNTS: PLAN 2 WAYS OUT!

#### Chambers of Commerce

Trustee Pombonyo announced that the Covert Avenue and Floral Park Chambers of Commerce will celebrate SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY on November 25th, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. All are invited to visit, browse and shop at the wonderful variety of stores and other businesses that we have right here in Floral Park on Covert Avenue, Tulip Avenue, Jericho Turnpike and throughout the Village.

## Floral Park Public Library

Trustee Cheng reported that on November 5<sup>th</sup>, the Floral Park Public Library held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Comic Com. By all reports, it was a huge success.

The Library Board Meeting and the Village Board of Trustees Meeting is being held on the same evening this month so Trustee Cheng said he will make his report on the Library at the next Board of Trustees Meeting.

## Police Department

Trustee Cheng reported that the Police Department disposed of over 340 pounds of drugs last week that were turned in by local residents. This enables residents the opportunity to dispose of unused or outdated drugs properly.

On November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the Floral Park Police Department hosted ALICE Instructor Certification Training. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. We have seen all too often irrational, violent behavior against unarmed citizens who in many cases are children or the elderly. Police Departments are educating themselves and the public as to what steps they can take to protect themselves until police arrive and what steps the police can take to minimize casualties.

Trustee Cheng said he was recently given some interesting annual statistics regarding crime in the Village from 1983 to 2016. In 1983, we had 98 burglaries and in 2016 we had 10. Robberies went down from 17 to 6. Auto larceny went from 34 to 4. Trustee Cheng said the statistic on DWI stands out due to the education of the population. In 1983, there were 118 cases of DWI and in 2016, there were 19. These statistics prove that our Police Department is doing an excellent job and that educating the public lowers crime rates.

## Recreation Center

Trustee Chiara reported that with the cooler weather upon us, the Recreation Center is slowly becoming quieter.

Titans Football is nearly over and they are rescheduling games that were rained out.

Little League has completed its Fall season. The Village is working with Little League to convert one of the fields to accommodate intermediate play. This would allow players to have a smoother transition to the larger fields of play.

The Recreation Committee recently met with the architect who is redesigning Tiny Town. The committee viewed a drawing of the proposed playground plan. Materials for construction, play apparatus and landscaping and design were all discussed. The committee requested a few changes and we are waiting for a new presentation. Hopefully, the plan will be presented shortly.

With Veterans Day nearing, Trustee Chiara took the opportunity to thank all of our veterans for their service to our country. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those currently serving in the United States Armed Forces; and, if given the opportunity, please thank them for all that they are doing and have done to protect our freedom. Trustee Chiara personally thanked all our veterans!

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Longobardi said he had the great pleasure of meeting with third grade students from John Lewis Childs School on October 19<sup>th</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>. The four classes met with the Fire Department, Police Department and Four Village Studio and then with the Mayor in the Village Hall court room. Their questions were interesting and amusing, ranging from does the Mayor own a dog, how many brothers and sisters does he have, and why are homeowners responsible for fixing sidewalks that are damaged by Village trees? Mayor Longobardi said he enjoyed speaking to the children and working in conjunction with our wonderful schools.

Mayor Longobardi echoed the sentiments of his fellow Trustees to please remember our veterans this Veterans Day and to thank them for their service to ensure the freedoms we all enjoy.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia and Khristopher Brooks from Newsday for attending this evening's meeting.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi recessed the meeting at 8:42 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 Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi reconvened the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2017-267 declaring the 2007 Crown Victoria Vin #2FAHP71W97X100710 a total loss due to a motor vehicle accident on September 21, 2017 wherein the insurance company accepted full liability in the amount of \$4,197.13 for replacement of the vehicle.

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

There being no further business, Mayor Longobardi closed the meeting at 11:15 pm.

Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk