

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on November 21, 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, , Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister and Fire Chief Michael Longobardi

Superintendent of Public Works and Building Department Stephen Siwinski and Village Attorney John E. Ryan were excused from attending the Board Meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, Girl Scout Troop #1622 made a presentation, including a video, to the Mayor and Board. The Girls Scouts presenting were Ella Iannitti, Emerson Lucatorto, Caitlin Burns and Tulah Chatterton (Julia Menolios was unable to attend), with Girl Scout Leader Kristine Thomas. The Girl Scouts are currently looking to obtain their Silver Award and the project they would like to participate in is the Poppy Project. In collaboration with the Floral Park American Legion, they would like to raise money to help provide a veteran with a service dog. The organization providing the service dog would be Canine Companions. The project consists of the girls making plastic poppies from recycled soda bottles. They would like to display the poppies at Memorial Park on Memorial Day asking for a \$20 donation for each poppy.

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

November 8, 2017	-	Public Hearing, 15 Tulip Avenue
November 8, 2017	-	Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-268 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$821,903.28
Swimming Pool	\$ 4,718.60
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$826,621.88

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 the PROBE students at Floral Park-Bellerose and John Lewis Childs Schools to use the courtroom on Tuesday, January 9 and Friday, January 12, 2018 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am for a mock trial, subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-269 approving P. Wang as a new 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 a medical clearance from Dr. Cogan.

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. 2017-270 awarding the Fuel Management System contract for the Department of Public Works to Aventura Construction Services Corp. in the amount of \$31,704.00 and authorized the Mayor to sign the contract.

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. 2017-271 authorizing the installation of a new sign on the west side of Larch Street which says 'No Parking Here to Corner'.

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 Chiara offered Resolution No. 2017-272 to approve the hiring of M. Derby in the Assessment Department as Secretary to the Board of Review at the annual rate of \$45,000.00, pending the approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

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. 2017-273 that in accordance with New York State and Local Retirement System Mayor Dominick A. Longobardi's standard work day is 12 days per month.

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	- Recused

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-274 to extend the tree removal contract to Trees R Us through November 21, 2018 with the same terms and conditions.

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

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Four Village Studio to use the Courtroom, Judge's Chambers,

Mayor's Office, Ladies Lounge and west wing hallway on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm for their 4VS Annual Staff Meeting and Staff Awards Presentations.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Girl Scout Troop #1436 to use the Sunshine Room at the Recreation Center to hold their meetings from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on the following dates: December 7, December 21, 2017, January 4, January 18, February 1, February 15, March 8, March 22, April 5, April 19, May 3, May 17, May 31 and June 14, 2018, pending the receipt of an updated certificate of insurance.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2017-275 approving the permanent status of Thomas Langone as Laborer in the Highway Department as he has successfully completed his 6-month probationary period.

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 Chiara offered Resolution No. 2017-276 accepting the retirement letter of Deputy Village Assessor Denise Day effective January 30, 2018.

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 Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Titans to use the Recreation Center Shelter House on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm to hold a clothing drive, pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2017-277 to hire Nicole Paolicella as a Typist-Clerk, Part Time at the contractual rate of \$15.15 hr. in the Building Department subject to pre-employment medical and drug/alcohol screening.

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 Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Hillcrest Civic Association to have a Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Colonial Gardens Park on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm subject to the receipt of a certificate of liability insurance.

Building Department

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that during the month of October, the Building Department issued 25 building permits with total construction costs of \$829,000, 18 plumbing permits, 7 amended permits, 8 fence permits, 23 electrical permits and 10 sign permits.

Trustee Fitzgerald said that he is truly thankful to live in such a wonderful Village. He thanked all the residents, Village employees and Village volunteers for everything they do and wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Floral Park Conservation Society & Centennial Gardens

Trustee Pombonyo reported that, on Saturday, November 18th, the Conservation Society hosted a very productive volunteer day at the Gardens. About fifty volunteers from FPCS, the Chaminade High School service organizations and Boy Scout Troop 298 spent the day replanting and refurbishing inner and outer bushes and flowers. Approximately 120 donated plants and shrubs, of all sizes, were added. This transformation was spearheaded by FPCS expert, local resident, and volunteer Stephen Koste. Thanks to all for making Centennial Gardens such an extraordinary Village treasure. The Gardens will close for the season on Sunday, November 26th at 4pm.

Ann Gribbins, who was in the audience, was also recognized for her many years of voluntary service, dedication, and contributions to the timeless beauty of the Gardens.

Fire Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported that FPFDD's recruitment drive continues with high energy. Our Chiefs, firefighters and EMS staff attended this weekend's masses at Our Lady of Victory to speak with our residents about the importance and benefits of volunteering with the fire service. Volunteer Rescue, EMS and Firefighters are needed. Those interested are encouraged to call 516-326-6327 or email info@fpfd.org.

Volunteers from the FPFDD, our community, and Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior are departing for Fort Bragg, Camp Lejeune, Fort Belvoir, Marine Corps Base Quantico, and Walter Reed Hospital on December 6th-11th. They will be transporting truckloads of supplies and equipment to 900-1000 wounded warriors and their families. In addition to all the valuable donated items, the NCFDD-OWW volunteers will share their love, care and support. Thanks to the NCFDD-OWW volunteers and the thousands of generous donors to this important cause. Representing FPFDD in the planning, preparations, and on this year's trip will be: Patricia Luger, Lynn Willie, Joe O'Grady, Susan Murphy, Gil Luger, and Joe Gormley.

At the holiday season, FPFDD reminds everyone that the beauty of the season comes with danger. Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Please inspect holiday lights, keep trees well-watered, consider using battery-operated flameless candles, and be fire smart!

Chambers of Commerce

Attention all shoppers! Trustee Pombonyo reminded everyone that this Saturday, November 25th, is SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY at our Covert Avenue and Floral Park Chamber of Commerce businesses. Please shop locally throughout the holiday season which will be ushered in with the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting on Friday, December 1st, 5-9 pm at Memorial Park and the Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce Annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 2nd, 2-6 pm on Covert Avenue.

Trustee Pombonyo concluded by extending holiday wishes for a Thanksgiving filled with joy and peace to all.

Police Department

Trustee Cheng reported that the Floral Park Department did an excellent job in helping to apprehend a female suspect who, along with two other unknown males, robbed Atelier Jewelers on Woodbine Court on November 11th. Trustee Cheng said it most likely will not be long before the others are also apprehended.

Trustee Cheng wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and said how grateful he is to wake up every morning knowing that he lives in such a great Village and to have had the opportunity to raise his children here.

Recreation Center

Trustee Chiara reported that the Recreation Center has begun its winter season. The hours at the park are now 8:00 am to 4:30 pm daily. All the ball fields will be closed for the season on Monday, December 4th. Centennial Gardens' hours are 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and the last day of the 2017 season at the Gardens will be Sunday, November 26th.

The Recreation Center programs are at the half-way point. Session 2 registration will be held on Wednesday, January 10th and Thursday, January 11th, 2018 at the Recreation/Pool Building from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Program details will be posted on the Village website, *The Gateway* and the winter edition of the Village Items.

As a reminder to all, Village leisure passes will expire as of December 31, 2017. Residents need to re-apply for the new 2018/2019 passes at the Recreation/Pool Building.

The Recreation Committee and the Pool Committee will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting at the Recreation Center will take place on Friday, December 15th at 7:30 pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

Four Village Studio

Trustee Chiara reported that Four Village Studio will be celebrating their first 20 years of community television. All year long, the last show in the 4VS weekly program will be dedicated to celebrating this anniversary. They will be airing favorite picks, have celebrity guest appearances and will re-air the Studio's very first show. 4VS flashbacks can be watched every week on Optimum Channel 18 or Fios Channel 28. Trustee Chiara congratulated Jimmy Green and the Four Village Studio staff for providing us with such great community television!

Resident Committee

Trustee Chiara reported that the Resident Committee had its first meeting last week. This committee is focused on welcoming new homeowners and new business owners to our Village, along with familiarizing them with the many wonderful qualities and benefits of living in the Inc. Village of Floral Park. They will be putting together a welcome basket filled with helpful information and some goodies donated by local businesses and deliver them to each new resident or business owner.

Trustee Chiara wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving – enjoy the holiday but don't eat too much!

Mayor's Report

As Trustee Pombonyo said in her report, Mayor Longobardi also asked residents to come out and enjoy the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting on Friday, December 1st from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Memorial Park. Mayor Longobardi thanked the Chamber, members of the Our Lady of Victory Parish and Father Tom and the Junior Woman's Club for all their hard work in putting together this wonderful event. And, the Clydesdale Horses will be at the festival marching down the streets of the Village! Last year was the first time this festival was held and the Mayor said he is sure it will get bigger and better each year.

Mayor Longobardi said he just saw an online post in which someone said it is only 200 days until the Floral Park pool opens again!

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia from Just the Facts Media for filming this evening's meeting.

Mayor Longobardi said he is very lucky to live in such a wonderful community. Mayor Longobardi thanked the Board of Trustees who give so much of themselves to this Village, the Village employees, volunteers and all the residents – it is a very special place. On behalf of his family, Mayor Longobardi wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and said to eat as much as you want!

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi recessed the meeting at 8:40 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 8:50 pm.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appearance of the Clydesdale Horses to march throughout the Village on Friday, December 1, 2017 subject to the review of the route by Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister and receipt of a certificate of liability insurance.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2017-278 acknowledging that the recently enacted New York State Paid Leave Family Act is optional for municipal employers and that the Village is not opting in to this program since it would need to be collectively bargained with respective unions.

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. 2017-279 authorizing Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to become a member of NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance), which is a cooperative purchasing association for procurement of contracts.

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 Cheng offered Resolution No. 2017-280 authorizing the request of James Green of Four Village Studio to make the following budget transfers to cover the purchase of small equipment and supplies:

\$1,500	from 001-8990-0406 (Supplies)
\$2,500	from 001-8990-0455 (Repairs)
<u>\$1,000</u>	from 001-8990-0480 (Training)
\$5,000	to 001-8990-0200 (Equipment Account)

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 10:30 pm.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk