

Board of Trustees Reports January 16, 2018

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Longobardi paid tribute to a great Floral Park citizen, Timothy Dalton, as he has sold his family-owned business of more than 90 years, Thomas F. Dalton Funeral Homes, and is retiring as Funeral Director. Mayor Longobardi thanked Tim for not only his compassionate service to our residents during life's most difficult moments as Funeral Director, but for his active participation in so many committees benefitting our community including the Third Track Task Force, Past-President of the Lion's Club and Past-President of the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce, to name only a few. Mayor Longobardi said Tim will continue to reside in Floral Park and knows that he will continue to be active in our Village. On behalf of all the residents of Floral Park, Mayor Longobardi wished Tim a fulfilling, exciting and safe retirement.

Trustee Pombo also paid tribute to Timothy Dalton:

‘Following in the footsteps of his grandparents who lived on Plainfield Avenue, Tim has lived and worked in Floral Park for most of his life. Tim's contributions as president of three organizations that I'm aware of ~ the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce, the Floral Park Lions Club and, most recently, the Leadership Foundation of Floral Park-Bellerose ~ have all focused on important service to our businesses, those in need and, since 2008, the student leaders in our schools.

Tim has not only shared his time and considerable talent, but his generosity in offering start-up and ongoing funding support has also been significant. In the case of the Leadership Foundation, Tim has helped to make it possible for many of our kindergarten to twelfth grade students to pursue their passion through original, unique leadership projects (such as starting a book club, building a bike rack at Centennial Gardens, attending leadership conferences in places like Washington DC, and building schools in Nicaragua). Tim's support has also helped to make five annual Leadership U events successful at Floral Park Memorial when local leaders, including our high school graduates, inspire our younger leaders in elementary and high school to pursue their dreams.

When the Floral Park-Bellerose School District robotics teams began to grow and win championships, Tim was there to support the teams and donate a new, needed LEGO robot, propelling our teams on to further victories. Last year, when the call came out for a permanent AED pole for our sports teams and others who use the Village's Recreation Center, Tim asked how he could help, then did so by partnering to sponsor the AED device for the pole. Most notably, Tim has been there countless times for our families during our hours and days of greatest need. Time and time again, he has provided a comforting place for us to gather with relatives and friends to celebrate the life of a loved one. Tim's support at those times has known no boundaries or limits.

When I texted a young community leader about tonight's presentation, she replied that she couldn't be here because she was out of town, but noted that Tim is "a great guy who got this town through some tough times." How true!

And so, tonight, we honor a very special friend to all of us and say, "Thank you, Tim Dalton." We hope that, in your coming days of even more exciting adventures if that's possible, you'll continue to bless Floral Park with your love and support.'

Timothy Dalton thanked the Mayor and Board and all his friends who attended the Board Meeting. Tim said he is a third-generation Funeral Director and began working with his father at the age of 5 by picking weeds in the parking lot for 5 cents a day. Tim said he always wanted to be a Funeral Director and follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and was honored to have served the residents of Floral Park.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald commended the Department of Public Works for the great job they did clearing the snow from the last storm. Trustee Fitzgerald said he, Mayor Longobardi and Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane drove around the Village the evening of the storm and there was minimal snow shoveled into the streets by residents and most sidewalks were cleared. Trustee Fitzgerald thanked residents for abiding by snow removal laws. Please be aware that if snow is not removed from sidewalks within 12 hours, a fine may be assessed. If residents hire someone to clear the snow for them, please make sure they, too, do not throw snow into the street. It is also very important for residents who have a fire hydrant near their property to clear the hydrant as quickly as possible so that in case of an emergency the Fire Department has easy access to it.

Fire Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo announced that, as 2018 began, the Floral Park Fire Department has 149 active, volunteer members. This includes the chief staff, firefighters and EMTs. The calls for 2017 totaled 1,496 for both fire-related and medical emergencies. Thanks go to all our volunteers for their extraordinary service 24/7, 365 days a year.

The New Year begins with the all-important fit-testing process. Every firefighter is required to insure that his/her self-contained breathing apparatus is functional and the mask fits properly. The medical staff undergoes N95 testing to insure that their barrier masks function properly and safely. These are required, annual activities.

On the evening of January 24th, our fire department will participate in the annually required HAZMAT training program. All department members must be knowledgeable about basic operational procedures to follow when encountering hazardous materials. The Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office, HAZMAT response team and the police department also play critical roles in covering HAZMAT responses. Once again, safety is a high priority for our Floral Park Fire Department, always.

Floral Park Library – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng asked residents to come out and support all the wonderful programs the Library has to offer. In particular: Friends of the Library Book Club will be meeting on February 5th at 10:30 am; and through AARP Tax-Aide, they will be offering tax assistance to residents every Tuesday from February 6th through April 10th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come prepared with all relevant tax filing documents as listed on the Floral Park Library's website www.floralparklibrary.org.

Police Department – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that the Sergeant Will Doherty is coordinating a NARCAN/CPR lecture in conjunction with Senator Elaine Phillips to be held at the Recreation Center tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 2nd from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Trustee Cheng said the Police Department has posted crime statistics on our Village website. These statistics have been compiled from 1992 to the present and compares our Village to other villages with police departments. Floral Park has lower crime statistics than our neighboring Villages of Garden City, Lynbrook and Rockville Centre. Trustee Cheng thanked our Police Department for keeping all of our residents safe.

Recreation Center – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that registration for the winter season second session was held last week. Most of the programs have been filled and are closed. However, there are limited openings for a few of the programs. If anyone is interested, please call the Recreation Center at 326-6336.

Trustee Chiara reminded residents to renew expiring leisure passes at the Pool Building.

Four Village Studio – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that Four Village Studio (4VS) is a student driven, volunteer-based organization that produces community television for our area. Every year, James Green, Manager of the Studio, recognizes a number of volunteers for their exceptional service. Trustee Chiara acknowledged and congratulated this year's recipients:

- Francis Brandt – High School Crew Member of the Year
- Kyle Meyfohr – College Student Crew Member of the Year
- Colleen Kelly – Intern of the Year
- Sergeant Will Doherty and Police Officer John Groshans – Host Producers of the Year
- Ellen O'Brien – Adult (non-student) Staff Member of the Year

Once again, congratulations and thank you to everyone for all their hard work at the Studio.

New Resident Committee – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the New Resident Committee met on January 15th and they are eager to get started on their welcoming program.

The Committee will be reaching out to all the businesses and organizations to invite them to provide us with information on their business and/or organization so that new residents are made aware of what is available to them. They are planning to put together guidelines detailing some helpful hints on residency in the Village. A few socials are also being planned for new residents.

The New Resident Committee is eager and is coming up with a host of great ideas to welcome our new residents to our fine Village.

Mayor's Report – Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi echoed Trustee Fitzgerald's sentiments in thanking the Department of Public Works for all their hard work removing the snow. It was a tremendous effort. This storm was supposed to be only 3 to 4 inches but wound up being significantly more than that. But DPW removed snow from the streets curb to curb and from all public areas in the Village. Emergency services were immediately able to get through all the streets. Mayor Longobardi also thanked the Fire and Police Departments for all their hard work. Mayor Longobardi said snow storms are only fun for children, not for our employees, and he thanked them for all their efforts.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Nassau County and our staff for the snow removal on Tulip and Covert Avenues.

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