

Board of Trustees Reports
February 6, 2018

Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald asked residents to assist the Village by not putting out their garbage for collection before sunset for pick up the next day. Some residents in some sections of the Village have been putting their garbage out in the early afternoon which looks unsightly. We all need to work together to make the Village look beautiful. With Daylight Savings Time quickly approaching, it is even more important so that garbage is not out during the day even longer. On a few blocks, this problem seems to be growing and letters have been sent out to those residents. Thank you for your cooperation.

Fire Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the Fire Department's 2018 training programs are fully under way. On the evening of January 24th, Firefighters' Hall was filled with Department members taking the annual HAZMAT refresher course. The curriculum covered all types of hazardous materials, safety precautions, first responder procedures, and the levels of expertise necessary to effectively and safely manage and resolve a HAZMAT crisis. The expertise that our own Floral Park Fire Department members brought to this training program was significant, and the Department was fully engaged throughout the evening. Additional training taking place includes the CPR and EMT recertification programs, both required every three years. A Department drill and four evenings of Fire School at the Nassau County Fire Services Academy in Old Bethpage are also on schedule in the coming months, details to follow.

Robotics Teams News – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo congratulated four local robotics teams for their recent victories at qualifying tournaments that will send them to the Long Island finals in their respective divisions. The HydroBots elementary school team received the Champions Award at a tournament in Mineola. In addition to excelling in the robot competition and displaying effective teamwork, the HydroBots had met earlier at the Floral Park Department of Public Works and Village Hall to perfect their innovative project, the DIY Pollutant Catcher, to contain car wash runoff waste and prevent the pollution of Earth's waterways. Our local PartyBots team received the Robot Design award, and the Ninejagos team (with two Floral Park team members and a Floral Park coach) received the Project Presentation award. All qualified for the Long Island championships to be held at Longwood High School in Suffolk County on Sunday, March 4th.

At the high school level, the Sewanhaka District team, the Robopandas, with several Floral Park-Bellerose members, won their qualifying tournament at Sewanhaka High School and are heading to their Long Island championships at Smithtown High School West, this Sunday, February 11th.

We have a long history of highly successful robotics teams here and wish all a great day at their Long Island championship tournaments.

Library – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that there are many programs offered at the Library for children and teens but the Library does not forget the adults. On February 8th at 7:00 pm, the Library will be offering ‘Smarter Social Security’ by Daniel Mazzola, CPA, who offers a broad overview of Social Security, especially for retirees and their beneficiaries. On February 20th, at 6:45 pm, Channel 12/FIOS Weatherman Joe Cioffi will be at the Library to answer all your weather questions! As a second reminder, AARP Tax-Aide is offering tax help to residents every Tuesday from February 6th through April 10th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm by appointment only. Please contact the Library at 326-6330 to make your appointment. Come prepared with all relevant tax filing documents.

Police Department – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng said the Police Department is busy doing their jobs with no other news to report.

Recreation Center – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the Recreation Center is currently preparing for the upcoming seasons. The Eagles Hockey season is coming to another successful conclusion. Due to the weather, the season has gone on a little longer but should be wrapping up shortly.

Meetings have been held with the various sports organizations to coordinate field assignments and usage of the Recreation Center.

This year, the Recreation Center is going to accommodate a newly formed Pickleball League. Trustee Chiara said he will keep residents informed of this new sport!

Architectural drawings for the Tiny Town reconstruction are being made ready for presentation to our residents. Residents will have an opportunity to view the plans before the project moves forward. We are hoping that it will be done by the summer season.

Construction at the Shelter House is moving along and it, too, should be available for use for the upcoming seasons.

Trustee Chiara reminded all residents to renew their leisure passes.

Historical Society – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara said that last Sunday, he had the opportunity to attend the Historical Society meeting. Former Mayor Ann Corbett and President of the Historical Society gave a fantastic presentation on John Lewis Childs, his family and the history of our Village. It was very informative and enjoyable presentation.

The Historical Society preserves, documents and recreates items connected to the history of our Village, many of which are on display at the museum and archives. Please check the Historical Society's website, www.floralparkhistorial.org for hours of operation. Tours may also be arranged. Trustee Chiara thanked the Historical Society for the great job they do with recording and preserving our Village history. It is always nice to reflect back on our history and connect it to present times.

Mayor's Report – Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi welcomed Boy Scout Troop #134 from St. Anne's who are working on their Citizenship Badge. The Boy Scouts attending the Board Meeting were Connor Ronan, Ryan Conlon, Christen Grossarth, Nicholas Maggio, Jack Gatta, Daniel Dwyer, Jack Lutz, Alex Dominguez and Matthew Dominguez, accompanied by leaders Michael Ronan and Matthew Dwyer. Mayor Longobardi asked the Boy Scouts what they were working on. Ryan Conlon came up to the podium and explained that they were working on their Citizenship Badge and were required to go to a board meeting to understand how it works and how the community works. Mayor Longobardi asked Ryan what he had learned tonight and Ryan replied, 'You guys talk a lot. You discuss a lot of issues in the town.' Mayor Longobardi explained that we provide many services to the people who live in Floral Park such as a Police Department, Fire Department, garbage pick up, snow removal and road repairs, to name a few. We maintain the parks so that people have nice places to go. The Mayor said he and the Board enjoy what they do and he hopes everyone enjoys Floral Park. Mayor Longobardi asked Ryan if there was anything he wanted them to do better and Ryan replied 'No'. The Mayor said he rarely gets that answer! Mayor Longobardi asked the Boy Scouts to stay involved in scouting and become Eagle Scouts. Boy Scouts teaches you a lot. He said he hopes the troop sticks together for many years and that he was very happy they came to the Board Meeting this evening.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi 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.
