

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 21, 2018 at 8:10 pm immediately following the Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing.

The Mayor and Board of Trustees met prior to the meeting to certify the results of the March 20, 2018 Village Election. Results are attached.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Longobardi asked for a moment of silence. The brother of Police Commissioner McAllister and father of Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohr passed away. The Mayor expressed his sincere condolences to their families on behalf of the Village Board and residents of Floral Park.

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:

March 6, 2018 - Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-43 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$1,121,283.58
Swimming Pool	\$ 2,619.03
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,123,902.61

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 Knights of Columbus and Our Lady of Victory to use Centennial Gardens on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at 5:15 pm to hold a Mass at the gazebo, subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Boy Scout Troop #482 to hold a fundraising car wash at the Holland Avenue parking field on Saturday, April 28, 2018 (rain date Sunday, April 29), subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Library to use Firefighters' Hall on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 to host a party for the children who participated in the Summer Reading Program.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved a block party application for Elizabeth Street between S. Tyson and Flower Avenue on Saturday, May 26, 2018 (rain date Sunday, May 27) listed below in accordance with Section 32-12d.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2018-44 certifying the 2018/2019 Tentative Budget filing with the Village Clerk on March 20, 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 Our Lady of Victory School to use the Village Courtroom on Tuesday, May 8 and Tuesday May 15, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm for their Mock Trial Club subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-45 awarding the Tree Planting Bid to Northport Tree Company at a total amount of \$20,155.00 and authorizing the Mayor to sign said Agreement.

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

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The Board of Trustees, also known as the Board of Assessment Review, reviewed the grievance applications presented to the Board on February 20, 2018 to render a decision as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-46:

WHEREAS, the Board reviewed all grievances presented on Grievance Day, February 20, 2018 and all the information submitted by grieving petitions on the attached list support their claims; and

WHEREAS, by letters dated February 21, 2018 the Board requested additional material information from these petitioners to evaluate their claims; and

WHEREAS, petitioners failed to comply with the Board's request for additional material information;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the grievances of all of the petitioners presented to the Board of Review on February 20, 2018 be denied and/or dismissed.

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following exempt properties and 2018/2019 Final Assessment Roll presented below are hereby approved:

**2018/2019 FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Tax Roll 2017 Total Assessment	206,256,238	Changes
2017 Special Franchise	8.08 -2084186	Sp. Franchises 467218
2018 Special Franchise	7.84 2551404	Small Claims -4,450
2017 Changes in Assessment	<u>375157</u>	Certiorari -166,050
		Assessment 545,657
<b>2018 Total Assessment Value</b>	<b>207,098,613</b>	<b>375,157</b>

**LESS EXEMPTIONS**

CODE	Exemption	#	Exemption Total	Prior Year	Change
13100	County Owned Property	7	1,120,600		
13650	Village Owned Property	39	3,853,310		
13800	School Owned Property	6	5,571,850		

11410	US Post Office	1	415,800		
18130	Industrial Development Co/PILOT	3	375,000		
21600	Parsonages	3	127,200		
25110	Church Owned Property	19	2,878,975	2845675	33,300
25307	Non-Profit Public Corps	5	220,600		
26100	Veterans Organization	1	33,350		
27200	Railroad Property	4	1,455,700		
41103	Veterans Eligible Funds	136	427,025	464,175	-37,150
41123	Veterans Basic Non Combat	236	311,506	319556	-8,050
41133	Veterans Combat	138	306,300	313,025	-6,725
41143	Veterans Disabled	39	184,117	167,190	16,927
41163	Veterans Cold War	27	26,190	27,284	-1,094
41173	Veterans Cold War Disability	3	9,414	7,238	2,176
41400	Clergy Owned Homes	7	10,500	10,500	0
41687	Volunteer Fire Dept	70	18,060	17,544	516
41807	Senior Citizens	108	1,640,875	1,685,111	-44,236
41907	Handicapped Improvement	4	14,110	14,110	0
47760	Tel Street Equip/Utility Property	1	942,300	942,300	0
					0
				<b>Total Changes</b>	<b>-44,336</b>
	<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>19,942,782</b>		0
	<b>Taxable Value 2018</b>		<b>187,155,831</b>		
	Taxable Value 2017		186,269,120		
			<b>886711</b>		

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

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### **Belmont Task Force – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald**

Trustee Fitzgerald began by thanking all of the residents that came and voted for Trustee Cheng and himself. He was truly honored and humbled to be elected to serve this Village and its residents.

Trustee Fitzgerald then reminded all residents that tomorrow the Empire State Development (ESD) will be holding a public hearing to allow interested parties to comment on the recently released scoping document. As the scoping document and comments made form the basis of what the ESD needs to address in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, he urged all residents to attend and provide any comments they would like to address to the ESD. The meeting is at the Elmont Public Library on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are two sessions, one starting at 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and the other at 6:30 pm.

The Village Board and the Belmont Task Force will be speaking on various topics. Separately the Village will be submitting in writing a comprehensive list of areas and topics that will need to be addressed. The deadline for comments to be submitted in writing has been extended by one week until 5:30 pm on April 12, 2018.

Last week, representatives from the Empire State Development and New York Arena Partners met with the Belmont Task Force. Based on the extensive dialogue that occurred, Trustee Fitzgerald said the meeting was constructive and our concerns are being understood. Trustee Fitzgerald thanked the representatives for taking the time to meet with members of the Task Force and thanked the Empire State Development for extending the comment period by the previously mentioned week.

Trustee Fitzgerald also thanked County Legislators Nicoletto and Muscarella for writing to the Empire State Development to extend the comment period.

### **Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald**

Trustee Fitzgerald stated that once again Floral Park was named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective forest management. Residents of Floral Park should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority. Floral Park achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

As approved earlier tonight, the Village will be planting approximately 150 trees this spring throughout. Trustee Fitzgerald thanked the members of the Tree Committee which consists of Lucille Zimmer, Kevin Flood along with Superintendent of Public Works Steve Siwinski for their time. In addition, Trustee Fitzgerald thanked the members of our Tree Department and Tree Supervisor Russ Mazzola for their work each day in maintaining our trees.

### **Fire Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo began by congratulating Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald and Trustee Cheng on their re-elections to the Village Board. She noted that both Trustees are skilled and hard-working leaders.

Trustee Pombonyo then reported that in addition to a very busy fire-related and rescue response schedule and rigorous training program, our Floral Park Fire Department continues to be an active participant working with the Village Board, residents and businesses on issues and initiatives important to the community. Included are participation in the Belmont Task Force activities in response to the plans for the redevelopment of Belmont Park; looking ahead to emergency response planning for the LIRR third track construction; and, most recently, joining the Floral Park Police Department for a very comprehensive School Safety presentation at the March meeting of the Floral Park-Bellerose School District Board of Education. Our Fire Department also enjoys productive working relationships with other Departments in the First Battalion.

Our Floral Park Fire Department will continue to demonstrate strong leadership with all our Village partners so that Floral Park remains a great, safe place to live, work, and raise our families.

### **Library – Trustee Archie Cheng**

Trustee Cheng thanked the residents for coming out to vote in yesterday's uncontested election. He said it has been a pleasure to work with the Mayor and Board these last few years and he looks forward to continuing the work with them despite the serious challenges we have with Belmont Park and the Third Track.

Trustee Cheng stated that the Library cancelled all programs tomorrow (March 22) due to the storm. Please check the Library's website for the new schedule.

### **Third Track Task Force – Trustee Archie Cheng**

Trustee Cheng said the Village was provided with artistic renderings of the sound attenuation walls. The Board has several questions and so we are inviting the Chairperson of the Architectural Review Board to come before the Long Island Railroad and look at these renderings and ask questions. We will then start to engage the public on what these renderings look like. The railroad is not doing environmental borings but structural-type borings to determine how they are going to build the new areas at Tyson and Plainfield Avenues.

### **Recreation Center – Trustee Frank Chiara**

Trustee Chiara reported that the fields are being worked on so that they will be ready for the opening of the baseball season. They have been aerated and seed the Recreation staff. Hopefully all the snow or rain will help with the growing process.

Tennis lessons will once again be offered for both beginners and intermediate level. Registration or applications will be available by April 1st at the Recreation/Pool Building. A tentative start date is April 15th for the lessons. They will be conducted on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 11 am to noon and on Saturday mornings at 8 am.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held this Saturday, March 24th. For children under 5 years old, they should meet at Tiny Town Park at 9:30 am and for children 6 and over, they should meet by the stage area by 9:45 am. If the area is not suitable for the hunt, it will be relocated indoors at the pool building.

Centennial Gardens will be opening in April with daily hours of 12 noon to 5 pm – weather permitting.

Lastly, Trustee Chiara congratulated both Kevin & Archie on their successful re-election as trustees. Thank you for all that you do for our Village, thank you for your mentorship and I look forward to working with you for our common goal of ‘Keeping the Village of Floral Park a Great Place to Live’.

### **Mayor’s Report – Dominick Longobardi**

Mayor Longobardi said he sincerely hopes the Easter Egg Hunt is not snowed out on Saturday!

Mayor Longobardi congratulated Trustee Fitzgerald and Trustee Cheng on being re-elected. The Mayor said we all work well together and try to do the best for the residents of this Village. These two individuals put their hearts and souls into everything they do, as do Trustees Pombonyo and Chiara. Mayor Longobardi said he is pleased to work with everyone on the Board along with all the Village employees and volunteers.

Mayor Longobardi said the man who makes it all happen, Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick, today is his birthday! The Mayor wished him well.

Mayor Longobardi said to everyone to get home safe!

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia for filming this evening’s meeting.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi recessed the meeting at 8:25 pm.

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On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi reconvened the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2018-47 accepting the resignation of Perry Criscitelli, Esq. as defense counsel of the Village’s general liability cases for the self-insurance program and authorized the retention of the legal services of Dominic P. Bianco, Esq. as presented in his proposal.

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. 2018-48 to amend Resolution No. 2017-273 from the Board of Trustees Meeting held on November 21, 2017 to correct Mayor Dominick Longobardi’s reported days per month to the New York State and Local Retirement System from 12 days to 17.958 days per month.

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. 201-49 approving the request of David Cooke Plaster Co. to install 38 new catch basin coping stones at the pool in the amount of \$31,800.00.

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. 2018-50 authorizing the transfer of \$43,570.00 from Contingent Account No. 001-1900-1990 as follows:

Justice Court	001-1110-0100	\$ 2,500.00
Clerk Treasurer	001-1325-0100	\$21,966.00
Assessment	001-1355-0100	\$ 997.00
Police	001-3120-0100	\$ 1,431.00
Building	001-3620-0100	\$ 4,326.00
DPW Administration	001-5010-0100	\$ 1,350.00
Recreation	001-7140-0100	\$ 5,000.00
Library	012-7410-0100	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>
	Total	\$43,570.00

There being no further business, Mayor Longobardi closed the meeting at 10:20 pm.

Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk