

**Inc. Village of Floral Park**  
**May 1, 2018**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Belmont Park – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald**

Trustee Fitzgerald thanked the residents who attended and those who spoke at last week's question and answer session at the Elmont Library. By way of some updates based on the updated plan presented at the meeting and responses during the question and answers:

- The hotel was moved to the front of the grandstand and is now approximately 150 feet as opposed to the prior proposal of 250 feet;
- Most of the retail shops will be on the south parking lot;
- The north lot will be used for overflow parking;
- It appears that the proposed substation will no longer be located behind the Floral Park-Bellerose School, although an alternative location was not provide as it was still being researched;
- They will not be using the Plainfield Avenue exit;
- The ESD and NYAP have been discussing their plans with NYRA along with NYRA's plans. No further details were provided;
- When asked to answer the question would they be willing to write in any lease provided to NYAP that there would not be any form of casino gambling, VLTs, table games, sports book, etc. allowed at the site and the ESD unequivocally stated "yes".

Lastly, Trustee Fitzgerald thanked the members of the Belmont Task Force along with Beveridge & Diamond for their assistance in formulating the over 250 questions that were submitted on the scoping document. Our submission, along with Beveridge & Diamond's submission, can be found on our website. Based on the aforementioned questions submitted and the seemingly growing project, we still have serious concerns about the project and its potential negative impact on Floral Park.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the Highway crews continue to repair potholes which develop due to the unspring-like weather. The crews fill up to 50 potholes a day. In addition, they also completed various projects and a significant repair on Linden Avenue in which 40 tons of asphalt was spread. Trustee Fitzgerald recognized the excellent job that was performed by our Highway Department.

On a similar note, Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski reached out to the Nassau County Superintendent of Public Works to advise him of the deteriorating condition of Plainfield Avenue and the significant amount of potholes running the length of the road from Jericho Turnpike to Hempstead Turnpike.

In Sanitation, the crews picked up 128.05 tons of household trash. Bulk pickup was 31.54 tons. Recycling picked up 20.77 tons of paper.

Spring is here and with its sudden start, the Parks Department is playing catchup. They are still in the cleanup phase on Village properties and grass cutting should start by the end of the week.

### **Building Department – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald**

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that April starts the building season and the Department has received 19 permit applications, 11 of which were received from April 15<sup>th</sup> on.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will be hearing a case for a new Taco Bell on the south side of Jericho Turnpike just east of the Spur. The application will be heard on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Architectural Review Board had to reschedule the May meeting. Originally it was scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Board is anticipating the lack of a quorum. The meeting was pushed up to May 16<sup>th</sup> with submittal cutoffs by May 7<sup>th</sup>. There are four cases submitted to date.

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

Trustee Pombonyo announced that the Fire Department is now operating with a newly installed Chief staff. Congratulations to Chief of Department David Maickel and Assistant Chiefs Sal Arrigo, Patrick McAllister, Michael Saville and James Dodson. New officers and wardens at all five companies, Active, Alert, Hook and Ladder, Reliance and Rescue, also took the Oath of Office. We salute all of our Floral Park firefighters and EMTs as they continue to serve our community as, for example, on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, when our Department responded to 12 calls for medical and other types of emergencies, beginning at 4:02 am. Thanks to all in the FPPD.

Looking to the future of the Department, new officers of the Explorers program will be sworn in on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Explorers program, girls and boys between the ages of 14 and 18, are trained in basic fire suppression techniques and emergency medical services skills by Ex-Captain Larry Goerke and other expert Department advisors. Our Explorers all receive uniforms and training; meet and drill on a regular basis; and get the satisfaction of helping their neighbors by assisting at the scenes. Many Explorers go on to successful volunteer service as a firefighter or EMT in our Department. For further information, those interested in this important program may contact the fire department at 516-326-6328.

Happy Anniversary to our Floral Park Fire Department turning 125 on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo announced that the Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce is celebrating Ladies Night this Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> with specials and sales. All are invited for an evening of fun.

### **Conservation Society – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo invited all to Save the Date. On Friday evening, June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Floral Park Conservation Society will sponsor its annual Garden Party. Come and enjoy getting together with friends on a beautiful spring evening with refreshments and music.

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

Trustee Chiara reported that the weather teased us with a nice day for the Little League Parade and Festival. We had a great crowd of Little Leaguers and their families march up to the Recreation Center and enjoy all the activities provided by the Little League Association. Trustee Chiara and Trustee Pombonyo had the pleasure of throwing out the first pitches and wished the players a great season. Thank you to Rich Provost, Little League President, and his team who put this event together.

This season's Pool and Recreation Booklets will be out in the next couple of weeks. Please keep an eye out for them. The booklets have all the pertinent information about the 2018 season, in particular, dates for registrations. One important date is for the All Day Camps which is on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. If residents have any questions, please call the Pool Building at 326-6336 or 326-6334. The pool is being prepped and will be ready for Opening Day on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

Trustee Chiara said we received a couple of bids for Tiny Town and they are being evaluated. We should know the outcome shortly.

### **Resident Committee – Trustee Frank Chiara**

The new Resident Committee delivered our first welcome bags to three families that recently moved into the Village. These families were very appreciative of the information we shared with them and they were very excited to be part of our community. Trustee Chiara thanked all the volunteers on the committee, especially Darlene Lanza for coordinating all of our efforts. Trustee Chiara thanked everyone who contributed information, especially our local business owners who supplied promotional items and literature on the services available to all our residents. As usual, they were very responsive to our requests. We will continue to welcome our new residents, not only to provide them with information on our Village, but, more importantly, welcome them to our community.

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

Mayor Longobardi said that this past week was the installation of officers in the Fire Department. The annual dinner was held on Saturday night, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Longobardi thanked everyone in the Fire Department who spend so much of their time training and responding to emergencies for the safety of our residents. All of our members are volunteers who give of themselves out of the goodness of their hearts. Our Fire Department will be celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary as of May 18<sup>th</sup>! The celebration to honor our Fire Department

kicked up with a golf outing on April 30<sup>th</sup>. While the weather was not completely cooperative, it was well attended and everyone had a great time. There will be a number of events to celebrate this milestone and Mayor Longobardi asked residents to please come out and help celebrate with our wonderful Fire Department.

Mayor Longobardi said the Police Department will also be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This is another dedicated group of individuals who are always there when called. Our Police and Fire Departments work exceptionally well together which makes Floral Park a very safe place to live. Please keep an eye out for events that will be coming up to celebrate this great group of dedicated men and women.

Mayor Longobardi said one of his neighbors, Bruce Monroe, can be frequently seen picking up cans and bottles around the neighborhood. Mayor Longobardi asked residents to please be aware of any debris around their properties. He also reminded residents to please pick up after their dogs. It is a neighborly thing to respect the property of others and makes our community look great.

Mayor Longobardi said the North End Civic Association is scheduled to meet on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting generally takes place at the Reliance Firehouse but the LIRR is scheduled give a presentation updating residents on the Third Track Project. The firehouse may not be able to accommodate the number of people who are anticipated to attend. Consequently, the venue may change and we will let residents know where it will be as soon as it has been determined.

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