

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on May 1, 2018 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 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, 3rd Assistant Fire Chief Michael Saville and Village Attorney John E. Ryan

Trustee Archie T. Cheng was excused from attending the Board Meeting.

At 7:15 pm, on motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, the Board came out of executive session at 7:46 pm. No action was taken.

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

April 17, 2018	-	Regular Board Meeting
April 25, 2018	-	Public Info Meeting – Third Track Project

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-76 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$2,923,303.67
Swimming Pool	\$ 3,352.50
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 13,782.35</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,940,438.52

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Chiara and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Absent
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-77 approving Susan Murphy 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 Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Absent
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2018-78 authorizing the settlement of a Benscome v Village of Floral Park trip/fall incident which occurred on Plainfield Avenue on January 12, 2016 in the final sum of \$5,000.00.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Absent
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Girl Scout Troop 1484 to enhance the Sensory Garden at Centennial Gardens for their Silver Award Project which will assist children with autism and other similar disorders and will stimulate their senses of smell, touch, sight, taste and sound under the direction and coordination of volunteer Marie Martone.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-79 approving the request of the Floral Park Fire Department's Ladder Truck to participate in the May Crowning at Bishop Kellenberg Memorial High School on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 8:15 am subject to receipt of a letter of indemnification from Kellenberg Memorial High School.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Absent
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-80 authorizing payment of \$5,353.39 to GEICO Insurance Company for auto body damage to a 2009 Nissan Altima by a Floral Park Fire Department vehicle on March 18, 2018.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Absent
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Daisy Troop 1790 to use Centennial Gardens on Friday, May 11, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm for a bird watching and flower planting activity 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 Four Village Studio to shoot an episode of the ongoing series, 'FPPD Village Focus' on Floral Boulevard in front of Village Hall on Sunday, July 22, 2018 (rain date Sunday, July 29) from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-81 approving the permanent status of Public Works employee, Sal Cotilletta, Maintainer, as he has successfully completed his six-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	- Absent
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following block party applications in accordance with Section 32-12d:

Violet Avenue between Carnation Avenue and Rose Avenue on Saturday, August 11, 2018 (rain date Sunday August 12)

Terrace Avenue between Plainfield Avenue and Roscoe Place on Saturday, May 26, 2018 (rain date Saturday, June 2)

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Boy Scout Troop 482 to change the date of the Eagle Scout Ceremony in the court room and Firefighters' Hall for Matthew Killeen and Michael Hyde from June 9, 2018 to August 11, 2018 subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Girl Scout Troop 1188 to hold their bridging ceremony in Centennial Gardens on Friday, May 11, 2018 from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-82 accepting the retirement letter of Police Communications Supervisor Paul M. Abbruzzese after 40 years of service with the Village effective May 31, 2018.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Absent
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 Conservation Advisory Council to use Centennial Gardens on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 12:00 noon to dusk to hold their annual Belmont Stakes Garden Party and consume food and alcoholic beverages, with a rain location at the Recreation/Pool Building 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 Floral Park American Legion Post 334 to hold their Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Public Works/Recreation Center parking field with assistance from the Fire Department and the Department of Public Works.

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 15th 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 9th.

The Architectural Review Board had to reschedule the May meeting. Originally it was scheduled for May 23rd. The Board is anticipating the lack of a quorum. The meeting was pushed up to May 16th with submittal cutoffs by May 7th. 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 29th, when our Department responded to 12 calls for medical and other types of emergencies, beginning at 4:02 am. Thanks to all in the FPDF.

Looking to the future of the Department, new officers of the Explorers program will be sworn in on Sunday, May 6th. 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 18th.

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 3rd 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 8th, 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 23rd 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 9th 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 28th. 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 125th anniversary as of May 18th! The celebration to honor our Fire Department kicked up with a golf outing on April 30th. 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 100th 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 17th. 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.

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.

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

At 9:10 pm, on motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Board went into executive session to discuss police personnel matters and had a telephone conference with Trustee Cheng. On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, the Board came out of executive session at 9:24 pm. No action was taken.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2018-83 authorizing Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to sign the payment processing (credit card) agreement with Forte for pool subscriptions and guest fees at the pool building for a term of three years in accordance with the fee schedule.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Absent
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-84 authorizing Mayor Dominick Longobardi and Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to sign and certify the State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) Grant in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 with Dormitory Authority State of New York for various infrastructure improvements including paving of municipal parking lots known as Project ID #12983.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Absent
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2018-85 authorizing Mayor Dominick Longobardi, Trustee Archie Cheng and Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to sign the Community Benefits Fund Application for pre-certification of reimbursement of expenditures incurred by the construction impact of the LIRR Expansion Project Floral Park to Hicksville in the amount of \$1,500,000.00.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye

Trustee Cheng	- Absent
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Rotary Club to use food trucks for their ‘doggie parade’ event at Centennial Gardens on September 8, 2018, subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance and permit from the Department of Health, if applicable.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2018-86 approving the 2018 pool membership fees with no increase from the 2017 season as follows:

<u>Season Pass</u>	<u>Before 6/1</u>	<u>After 6/1</u>	<u>Non-Resident before 6/1</u>	<u>Non-Resident After 6/1</u>
Family	\$499	\$524	\$670	\$695
Couple	\$405	\$430	\$550	\$575
Individual	\$285	\$310	\$390	\$415
Senior Citizen	\$105	\$130	\$285	\$310
FPPD Family	\$385	\$410		
FPPD Couple	\$360	\$385		
FPPD Indv.	\$260	\$285		

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Absent
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

At 11:00 pm, on motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, the Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, the Board came out of executive session at 12:00 am. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Mayor Longobardi closed the meeting at 11:55 pm.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk