

Inc. Village of Floral Park
June 5, 2018
Board of Trustees Meeting

Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that Spring planting is coming to an end. The Department of Public Works has planted 148 out of the 150 trees that were planned for planting this season. The Village had a list of requests which were addressed but trees were also planted in areas that needed a tree. The trees under electric wires had wire-friendly trees planted. Unfortunately, some areas were unable to have a tree planted because trees must be planted away from sanitary pipes, gas pipes or water pipes. While planting trees, a number of residents asked our contractor for a tree in front of their house. We have a list of these residents and in the Fall we will be placing trees there. Additional funds were placed in the budget for the Fall planting. In the Fall and Spring 2019 season, we are looking to plant another 200 trees.

Trustee Fitzgerald alerted residents that on Lowell and South Tyson Avenues, Verizon workers will be parking their vehicles in the street from Monday, June 11 and for the next three weeks.

Fire Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the Fire Department's newest capital program is underway. The Active Company, on Atlantic Avenue, will be replacing its 25-year old firetruck with a new pumper truck. This purchase follows several years of study, work with firetruck experts, collaboration with the Village Board, and many hours of deliberation. The new truck will offer important firefighting and safety features including: the capacity to pump water onto fires with greater speed and power; room to carry 24-foot ladders, now required to enable firefighters to climb safely to the upper levels of burning homes and businesses while angling the ladder securely against the building; increased room in the cab for additional firefighters to report to fire scenes in their bunker gear; and greater space at the rear of the truck for firefighters to stand securely on the rear ledge/platform and reach to the top of the truck to unload equipment such as hoses and ladders.

To accommodate the larger truck, renovations to the Active Firehouse are underway. These include moving an interior wall back three feet for the increased length of the new truck; purchasing a new larger garage door; and increasing the size of the garage door opening by one foot vertically and three feet horizontally, allowing for a wider turn radius. The footprint of the firehouse will remain the same. As the interior renovations take place, the current Active truck is parked on Atlantic Avenue, just east of the firehouse, and is protected with a canopy. Signs and lighting will help ensure safety. It is expected that the renovations will be complete in October.

The Department's annual four-week training program at the Nassau County Fire Services Academy in Old Bethpage is complete. For four Tuesday evenings in June, Floral Park's Alert

Company will join the Bellerose Village Fire Department for their four weeks of hands-on firefighting training and practice at the Academy.

Save the Date for the Floral Park Fire Department's parade and continuing celebration of its 125th anniversary on Saturday, August 4th. More exciting details to follow.

Conservation Society – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo invited all to the annual Garden Party at Centennial Gardens on Friday evening, June 8th, starting at 5:00 pm. Guests may enter at the Floral Parkway gate. Admission is \$40 per person at the gate. Come all to enjoy an evening of music, light refreshments, and friendly conversation with neighbors.

Floral Park Post Office – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo invited all to take a look at our newly painted post office. Great appreciation goes to Congresswoman Kathleen Rice and her staff for expediting this long needed and important project.

Library – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that Sunday, June 24th is Family Fun Day at the Library from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Teens are encouraged to volunteer to help that day and they can receive community service credit as well!

Police Department – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported a few weeks ago that bicycles and cars have been stolen mainly in the Hillcrest area of the Village. Trustee Cheng advised residents to remove the keys from their cars and keep the doors locked. There has been increased surveillance in this area.

Third Track Task Force – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng said the Memo of Understanding helps us in that it causes the railroad to have to pause before a decision affecting our Village is made. It is currently being determined the condition of property in the areas of the Village where construction will be taking place so that if damage occurs to that property it will be returned to its original condition. Traffic data recordings are taking place on Tulip Avenue, Plainfield Avenue and Jericho Turnpike. That data is being collected in anticipation of traffic problems during construction. Road surveys will be taking place shortly. Trustee Cheng said they are still working with the engineers and the law firm and that information will continue to come out.

Recreation Center – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the pool will be opening on Saturday, June 9th at 11:00 am. Please refer to the pool schedule in the Recreation Booklet for more information.

A ceremony was planned on opening day of the pool to honor three local residents who each did so much for our youth by placing their names on the Recreation Center's Memorial Wall. The people being honored are George Rettinger, Billy McQuade and Tom Hayden. Due to family obligations, the ceremony is being postponed until the Fall.

Our first Residents' Day is taking place on Sunday, June 10th and all residents are welcome to come and look at our beautiful Recreation Center and pool, meet our summer staff and perhaps purchase a pool membership. Membership is not required for admittance on Residents' Day but a guest fee will be required if you use the facility. We are now accepting credit cards for pool memberships and guest fees. Please be aware that there is a 2.5% convenience fee for customers using this payment option.

Trustee Chiara said he is looking forward to a great pool season!

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi reported that last week we celebrated Memorial Day. The weather held out and it was, as always, was one of the best days in the community. Mayor Longobardi thanked the American Legion for planning the parade and ceremony and to the Police Department, Fire Department and especially the Department of Public Works for all their hard work. The Mayor thanked Boy Scout Troop #482, attending this evening's Board meeting, and all the other Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for their participation. This year, Girl Scout Troop #1622, in an effort to earn their Silver Award, 'planted' poppies made from soda bottles in Memorial Park, with each poppy representing a donation going to Canine Companions to help raise money to provide a veteran with a service dog. This very worthwhile project also provided a beautiful backdrop at Memorial Park for residents to see while attending the Memorial Day Parade. A big thank you to Girl Scout Troop #1622 for all their hard work and dedication to such a worthy cause.

On Saturday, June 9th will be the running of the Belmont Stakes with the possibility of another Triple Crown winner. We wait in anticipation to see if Justify can take it all this year! The Village will be very crowded with people attending the race and residents of the West End can come to the Police Department front desk any time prior to the race to obtain a parking permit. Our Police Officers will be out in full force on the day of the race.

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