

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on June 5, 2018 at 8:00 pm.

The meeting opened with a Pledge to the Flag which was led by Boy Scout Troop #482 who were in attendance. They are currently working on earning a badge in citizenship and community.

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, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, Fire Chief David Maickel, and Village Attorney John E. Ryan

Trustee Archie Cheng asked for a moment of silence in memory of Tom Devaney who recently passed away. Tom served on the Floral Park-Bellerose School Board for 14 years and he will be greatly missed.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Longobardi and the Board of Trustees presented outgoing North End Civic Association President Kevin Kiss with a citation for his many years of service to the Village. Mayor Longobardi said Kevin, in his quiet manner, has been the voice of the North End for many years. Civic associations are very important because that is where many Village concerns are brought to the Board's attention. Mayor Longobardi thanked Kevin for making our community a better place to live.

Trustee Fitzgerald thanked Kevin for being an advocate for the North End and also for his involvement in the third track, the reconstruction of Jericho Turnpike, and many more challenges the Village faced during his term. Trustee Fitzgerald said Kevin has always had a willingness to help others and thanked him for welcoming him into the North End Civic Association years ago and for his many years of friendship.

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

May 15, 2018 - Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-102 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$2,416,908.98
Swimming Pool	\$ 21,808.09
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	\$ <u>12,499.00</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,451,216.07</b>

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

Spruce Avenue between West Elder Avenue and the race track (dead end) on Saturday, June 23, 2018

Daisy Avenue between Mayfair Avenue and Calla Avenue on Saturday, June 30, 2018 (rain date Saturday, July 7)

Cypress Street between Birch Street and East Poplar Street on Saturday,  
July 21, 2018 (rain date Sunday, July 22)

Emerson Avenue between Bryant Avenue and Whittier Avenue on Saturday,  
July 21, 2018 (rain date Sunday, July 22)

Elizabeth Street between Plainfield Avenue and Charles Street on Saturday,  
August 4, 2018 (rain date Sunday, August 5)

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2018-103 authorizing the retention of Peter Trentacoste, Esq. of Spellman, Gibbons, Polliza, Truncale & Trentacoste, LLP to represent the Village for tax certiorari case(s) at the contractual rate of \$150.00 per hour and authorized the Mayor to sign the retention letter.

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. 201-104 approving the 2018 longevity payments for eligible non-union personnel in accordance with the CSEA's Collective Bargaining Agreement longevity schedules.

DOH	NAME	Longevity Amt	Yrs.Serv.	
6/26/2000	BOVE	500	18	
8/11/2003	HUGHES	500	15	
12/2/2002	KERNER	500	16	
2/22/2000	KILLIGREW	500	19	
6/17/2002	LANGONE	500	16	
2/22/2016	LANZA		2	
8/7/2006	SARTINI	400	12	
8/2/1993	O'GRADY	100	25	
11/28/2012	BAMBRICK	200	6	
2/14/2000	MACK	500	19	
8/7/2000	MEYFOHRT	500	18	
8/1/1984	PHILLIPS	700	34	
10/15/2001	EREN	500	17	
7/10/2010	McALLISTER, S.	200	8	
4/23/2001	SIWINSKI - BLDG.	500	18	
	SIWINSKI- DPW			
11/22/1999	WALSH	500	19	

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 Cheng offered Resolution No. 201-105 authorizing the accrued-time payment of retired employee, Paul Abbruzzese, Police Communications Supervisor effective May 31, 2018 as follows:

• 25 vacation days @ \$379.83 per day	\$ 9,495.66
• 13.81 comp time @ \$379.83 per day	\$ 5,246.16
• 4 personal days @ \$379.83 per day	\$ 1,519.31
• 130 sick days @ \$379.83 per day (258 unused sick days)	<u>\$49,377.45</u>
TOTAL	\$65,638.59

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 Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-106 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Fire Protection Agreement with the Floral Park Fire Department in the amount of \$90,000.00.

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 Police Department to use Firefighters' Hall on Monday, June 18, 2018 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for the maintenance of their protection equipment.

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Floral Park Memorial High School to close streets for their annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 22, 2018 (rain date October 13) with assistance from the Floral Park Police Department and subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the South Side Civic Association to use the Recreation/Pool Building on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 8:00 pm to host a forum regarding the effects of substance abuse in a community and to bring awareness of an organization called Families in Support of Treatment (F.I.S.T.).

**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 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi recessed the meeting at 8:35 pm.

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On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi reconvened the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-107 granting permission to Verizon of 159 Lowell Avenue a temporary parking variance for a period not to exceed three weeks during the

hours of 7:00 am to 3:30 pm for their employees and construction crew while the parking lot is under construction beginning on Monday, June 11, 2018.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-108 authorizing Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to sign the proposal of NV 5 to perform a traffic study and data collection as described in their proposal which includes Plainfield Avenue and related intersections up to Emerson and Jericho Turnpike and along Carnation Avenue to Tulip Avenue and Jericho Turnpike and Little Neck Parkway on Saturday, June 9 and Saturday, June 16, 2018 due to the proposed Belmont Park Redevelopment project in an amount of \$6,892.00.

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

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Board went into executive session at 10:12 pm to discuss Department of Public Works personnel matters. On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, the Board came out of executive session at 10:24 pm. No action was taken.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-109 authorizing the Mayor to sign the CSEA Stipulation Agreement regarding Glenn Steinecke granting permission for him to return to work pursuant to the terms and conditions in the stipulation.

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. 2018-110 authorizing hourly rate salary increases to seasonal staff at the Recreation/Pool Building as follows:

- Kaitlyn Gill - \$11.50 hr. (evening office manager);
- Devin Murphy - \$10.00 hr. (supervisory duties of maintenance staff of pool building);
- Emily Hammond - \$10.00 hr. – additional clerical responsibilities at pool building.

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

There being no further business, Mayor Longobardi closed the meeting at 11:15 pm.

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Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk