

1 INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK

2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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17 Application of: Local Law No. 4 of 2016,

18 To establish a speed limit on Tulip Avenue

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25 Reported By: MARY ANNE COPPINS, Court Reporter

1 MAYOR TWEEDY: I would ask, once
2 again, our Village Clerk, Susan Walsh,
3 to read the Legal Notice on Local Law
4 Number 4.

5 MS. WALSH: Notice of public
6 hearing of the Village of Floral Park,
7 proposed Local Law Number 4 of 2016.

8 Please take notice that pursuant to
9 Article 9 of the New York State
10 Constitution, the provisions of the Code
11 of the Village of Floral Park and the
12 Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of
13 New York, a public hearing will be held
14 in the Incorporated Village of Floral
15 Park, One Floral Boulevard, Floral Park,
16 New York, on the 1st day of November,
17 2016, at 8:00 in the evening of that
18 day, to consider the enactment of a
19 Local Law entitled, "A Local Law
20 amending Section 96-74 of the Code of
21 the Incorporated Village of Floral Park
22 so as to establish a speed limit on
23 Tulip Avenue."

24 This Local Law shall take effect
25 immediately upon its filing with the

1 Secretary of State.

2 By Order of the Board of Trustees,
3 Village of Floral Park, New York, Susan
4 E. Walsh, Village Clerk, and it's dated
5 October 26, 2016.

6 MAYOR TWEEDY: Thank you very much,
7 Ms. Walsh.

8 Once again, I would like to place
9 on the record that the Board has
10 previously adopted a negative
11 declaration, meaning that the proposed
12 local law will have no significant
13 impact on the environment.

14 The Board of Trustees, its
15 legislative intent. The Board of
16 Trustees has determined that it is
17 necessary to reduce the speed limit on
18 Tulip Avenue.

19 This Local Law amends Section 96-74
20 of the Code of the Incorporated Village
21 of Floral Park so as to reduce the speed
22 limit on Tulip Avenue between Caroline
23 Place and Harvard Street to 25
24 miles-per-hour.

25 Is there anyone, at this time, who

1 would like to comment on this Local Law?

2 Please, sir, come forward and if
3 you will give your name. I know you are
4 and attorney, so just give your name and
5 address.

6 MR. FERNANDEZ ATTY: My name is
7 David Fernandez. I live at 39
8 Cunningham Avenue.

9 Thank you very much for the
10 opportunity to make a statement about
11 this.

12 I have two concerns about this.

13 One is reducing the speed limit on
14 that portion of Tulip from 30 to 25
15 miles-an-hour. It is an insignificant
16 change when you consider the volume and
17 the parking and the traffic on that
18 street to begin with. All you are doing
19 is diverting the traffic away from that
20 portion of the street to other avenues
21 that run through the town where the
22 speed limit is the same, and it could
23 remain the same and it's not going to be
24 enforced.

25 You added a crosswalk right outside

1 of Associated in an effort to stem the
2 traffic to allow pedestrians to cross,
3 which, frankly, anybody behind me would
4 nod their head, nobody uses, okay.

5 So traffic is still, during rush
6 hour especially, or during the peak
7 hours, is very difficult to get through
8 there.

9 So, basically by doing this, you're
10 not changing the traffic flow in that
11 area. You're not creating anything any
12 more safe than it necessarily is.

13 You've already added the safety
14 feature with the crosswalk. All it
15 looks like to me is an opportunity for
16 revenue generation because a car is
17 going 30 instead of 25 in that area.

18 Now, if there is a public safety
19 reason for it, we would love to hear it,
20 but it doesn't seem to make a lot of
21 sense. If you're going to do it on
22 Tulip Avenue, you might as well do it on
23 Tulip Avenue. Doing it for that five
24 blocks does not change anything, you're
25 just going to divert the traffic.

1 Thank you for your time.

2 MAYOR TWEEDY: There are certain
3 points you brought up.

4 First off, the crosswalk was done
5 by Nassau County, through the Nassau
6 County Department of Public Works. It's
7 not something through the Village of
8 Floral Park.

9 The second issue, as it relates to
10 the speed, moving to 25 miles-per-hour
11 is a statutory minimum this Village
12 Board can enact. We can only go to 25
13 miles-per-hour.

14 We also, however, can only go
15 within that area. That is within the
16 commercial district where we're near a
17 church, Harvard being right there.

18 We are considering, after, because
19 this is a pilot program, we would look
20 into the possibility of Birch and some
21 of the areas that go down, working with
22 the county at that time, when we get
23 some data as it relates to speed on the
24 street.

25 As you know, we have placed speed

1 signs in that area and we are able to
2 compile data as to the speed that is on
3 that street.

4 With that data generation, with the
5 subsequent enforcement, and the
6 enforcement is really -- we'd much
7 rather see compliance than enforcement,
8 I think we all agree, so that really is
9 the effort that we're trying to procure
10 with these laws.

11 MR. FERNANDEZ: I'd be interested
12 to see, if you do conduct a study, to
13 see if the traffic does divert itself
14 and if it does go over to Magnolia and
15 to Carnation, because that is going to
16 be where people start to circle, go
17 around that area in order to avoid that
18 problem. So it would be interesting to
19 see what the results of that study are.

20 MAYOR TWEEDY: Thank you very much.

21 MR. FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your
22 time.

23 MAYOR TWEEDY: Is there anyone else
24 who would like to speak?

25 Thank you very much, sir.

1 MR. SEXTON: Matthew Sexton, 201
2 Verbena Avenue.

3 I thought the local ordinance was
4 in effect because I saw the 25
5 miles-per-hour signs out there already.

6 Can I just get a clarification,
7 there was a pilot program for the 25
8 miles-an-hour area?

9 MAYOR TWEEDY: I guess sooner than
10 we anticipated.

11 MR. SEXTON: The county put up the
12 signs?

13 MAYOR TWEEDY: The Village of
14 Floral Park put up the signs.

15 MR. SEXTON: So we put up a sign
16 for 25 miles-per-hour before we passed a
17 law you can drive 25 miles-per-hour?

18 MAYOR TWEEDY: I guess that's what
19 happened, sir.

20 MR. SEXTON: That is very, very
21 interesting.

22 And then, second of all, since
23 there are signs that tell us that we can
24 only go 25 miles-per-hour, for a law
25 that does not even exist at the moment

1 that I am speaking, my suggestion would
2 then be to put up a sign where the area
3 ends so people know they can go over 25
4 miles-per-hour to up to 30
5 miles-per-hour, within the zone where
6 there is a sign existing for a law that
7 doesn't exist.

8 Thank you.

9 MAYOR TWEEDY: Thank you.

10 Any further comments as it relates
11 to Local Law Number 4?

12 Hearing none, I would ask for a
13 motion to adopt Local Law Number 4.

14 TRUSTEE LONGOBARDI: So moved.

15 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Second.

16 MAYOR TWEEDY: Would you please
17 poll the Board, Ms. Walsh?

18 MS. WALSH: Trustee Fitzgerald.

19 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Aye.

20 MS. WALSH: Trustee Longobardi.

21 TRUSTEE LONGOBARDI: Aye.

22 MS. WALSH: Trustee Pombonyo?

23 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Aye.

24 MS. WALSH: Trustee Cheng?

25 TRUSTEE CHENG: Aye.

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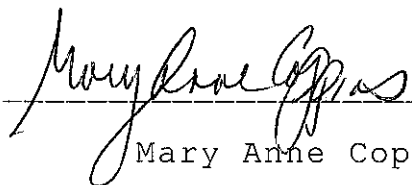
MS. WALSH: And Mayor Tweedy.

MAYOR TWEEDY: Votes eye.

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Reporter, hereby certify that the above
transcript is a true and accurate copy
of the minutes taken by myself
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Mary Anne Coppins

Court Reporter