

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on February 2, 2016 at 8:00 pm.

The meeting opened with a Pledge to the Flag. Present were Mayor Thomas J. Tweedy, Trustees Dominick Longobardi, Kevin M. Fitzgerald, Lynn Pombonyo and Archie T. Cheng, Village Administrator Gerard M. Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan E. Walsh, Superintendent of Building Department and Superintendent of Public Works Stephen L. Siwinski, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, Fire Chief Brian Naughton and Village Attorney John E. Ryan

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, with Trustees Pombonyo and Cheng abstaining, the Board approved the minutes of:

January 19, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-14 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$1,053,220.40
Swimming Pool	\$ 0.00
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 13,184.51</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,066,404.91

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

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2016-15:

**RESOLVED**, that the individuals on the following list be appointed Inspectors of Election to preside and act as Inspectors of Election, at and in their respective districts named, at all Village Elections, until their respective successors are appointed, compensation to be \$90.00 per diem for election day.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of The Friends of the Floral Park Public Library to use the Shelter House and arts and crafts outdoor area for your Annual Book Sale on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15, 2016, with access to the building from Monday, May 9 until Friday, May 13 for set up and clean-up before and after the sale.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following requests from various organizations to use the Recreation Center, subject to the coordination of all schedules by Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt and receipt of certificates of insurance as follows:

1. Floral Park Junior and Senior Softball to use the fields for games starting in April on Fridays from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sundays from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm;
2. Floral Park Women's Softball League (new) to use the fields for games on Sundays from April to August;
3. Floral Park Titans Football to use the football field from April to September

- For football clinics with dates and times to be determined;
4. Floral Park Senior Softball to use the field #3 for games and practices from April to August from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
  5. Long Island Knights Softball to use the fields from July to August for games with dates and times to be determined;
  6. Long Island Knights to use Field #2 for practices and games on Sundays from April to August from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Pastor Gainus Sikes of The United Methodist Church to hold Easter morning Worship Service at Heritage Park on Sunday, March 27, 2016 from 8:00 am to 8:30 am.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request from The Liz's Day Committee to use the Recreation Center on Saturday, October 1, 2016 (rain date Sunday, October 2) to hold the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Liz's Day in memory of Elizabeth McFarland, subject to the event being coordinated with Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt, Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski and Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, and the adherence to the following stipulations:

- Sixty days prior to the event, you must furnish the Village with a one-day event insurance certificate which includes sufficient liquor liability coverage and a temporary NYS Liquor Authority Permit. We will also require a schedule of activities;
- The display of banners for ten days prior to October 1<sup>st</sup> on the lawn of Centennial Hall and across Covert Avenue (with permission from Stewart Manor), subject to coordination with DPW General Supervisor Richard Albertson;
- Use of a small refrigerated truck for food and beverage storage in the Recreation Center parking lot.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Youth Council to use Firefighter's Hall on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 12:00 pm through 2:00 pm for a Mother Daughter Doll Tea Event, with set up on Friday, March 18th, pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

#### Belmont Task Force

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the Belmont Task Force continues to meet as a group and have daily discussions between the members as to the ever-changing issues that surround this topic. This includes updating the website and Facebook page with items such as various media coverage, upcoming events and posting of resolutions passed by local organizations. At the last meeting, some of the topics covered were the continuing growing of the collation in opposition, planning attendance at various public meetings, various marketing strategies that can further enhance "getting the word out" and members taking on various topics to focus their research on.

In addition, an invitation has been sent out to all those who signed up at the January 12<sup>th</sup> Rally to assist the Task Force and inviting them to a meeting next week to go over ways that they can get involved in this cause.

Lastly, as many of you know, the Mayor, along with Village Administrator Bambrick and approximately 75 to 100 Nassau County residents who are opposed to this plan attended the January 25<sup>th</sup> Nassau County Legislative meeting. Trustee Fitzgerald thanked not only those residents who spoke but also those who attended. This clearly shows that there is a broad group of residents that strongly object to having a casino or VLT parlor at Belmont.

Please remember to keep up to date by visiting [www.nobelmontcasino.org](http://www.nobelmontcasino.org) and <http://www.facebook.com/fpvillage/>.

#### Fire Department

Trustee Fitzgerald said Chief Naughton gave him the final call numbers for the year 2015. Some of the statistics are: 1,091 EMS calls, 103 alarm system activations, 61 motor vehicle accidents, 59 calls for potential gas leaks, 39 calls for potential carbon monoxide leaks and 19 building fires

for a total of 1,509 calls for the year 2015. This averages out to over 4 calls per day! Trustee Fitzgerald thanked the entire department for their fine service.

Trustee Fitzgerald congratulated Trustee Cheng and thanked him for joining the Board. Trustee Fitzgerald said he looks forward to Trustee Cheng sharing his wealth of experience with him and his fellow Board members.

### Third Track

Trustee Longobardi said that there is another very important issue confronting us and that is the Third Track. The Mayor and Board have already spent a great amount of time discussing this issue as have many members of our community. But we need everyone to be aware that the Third Track is back and it has the potential to be very detrimental to our Village. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Governor Cuomo will be signing the State Budget which, unless we stay focused, could contain funding to construct the Third Track. This does not give us a lot of time. We must stand up to the Governor by calling him today at 518-474-8390 and tell him that we do not want a Third Track. It appears the Governor looks at his Twitter account often so Tweet him at @NYGOVCUOMO and tell him we do not want the Third Track. Use the Hashtag #NoFloralPark3rd Track. Please join the fight against the Third Track. Email [StopTheThirdTrack@hotmail.com](mailto:StopTheThirdTrack@hotmail.com). Time is running out!

Trustee Longobardi welcomed Trustee Cheng and thanked him for taking the Trustee position.

Trustee Longobardi thanked Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski and the entire Department for their long, hard work in cleaning up the snow from the blizzard that hit our area last weekend.

### Building Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the proposed nine home subdivisions on Magnolia and Cisney Avenues are progressing. Demolition of the Patterson structures was completed in January. Carriage Hill Developers has submitted architectural drawings for Houses #1 and #2 and Garages #1 and #2 on the western side of the property. House #1 has been approved and work will commence when weather and snow conditions on the ground allow. House #2 and single car garages #1 and #2 remain under the review of the Building Department. It is expected that Carriage Hill will submit House #3 designs for Architectural Review Board (ARB) review in the next month or so. We hear that Carriage Hill continues to work with the Magnolia/Cisney neighbors with Architect Jerry Rumplick sharing his cell phone number and offering free car wash passes when our local cars get dirt during the demolition.

On Jericho Turnpike, near Willis Avenue, the Kiddie Academy Child Care Learning Center has broken ground at its new Floral Park location.

At 58 South Tyson Avenue, the Abro Management Company of Woodmere submitted designs for interior structural changes, a new façade and a partial second floor extension. This real estate management company is relocating its offices to Floral Park. The ARB approved the plans on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Pombonyo said we look forward to welcoming all our new neighbors.

### Floral Park Public Library

Trustee Pombonyo said in January we welcomed Ms. Kathy Guidal as the Head of the Children's Room at the Floral Park Public Library. Ms. Guidal comes to us with nine years of experience at the Elmont Public Library, eight of those years spent as the Children's Room Head Librarian. As a resident of our Village, Ms. Guidal is now happy to be working here as well.

In our children's room, innovative Launchpads have been introduced. The Launchpads are bright orange tablets that incorporate digital learning methods to help develop preschoolers' problem solving, reading and counting skills as well as their amazing imaginations. As our Library staff continues to visit the children's rooms at other libraries to get new ideas, we will be looking at Duplo and Lego tables for more exploration, building and fun with creative Lego materials.

For our tech-savvy residents, a Nassau Library Mobile App is now available for Apple and Android devices. With this free app, our residents will be able to access Library resources, view

events and programs, check their own library accounts, and pay online visits to libraries across the Nassau Library System.

All are invited to stay tuned for winter activities at our Library. Please be sure to visit the website at: [www.floralparklibrary.org](http://www.floralparklibrary.org).

Trustee Pombonyo thanked residents for the tremendous mobilization against VLTs at Belmont Park and for their continued support and advocacy.

Trustee Pombonyo said this is the third time in 10 years that we are taking on the serious issue of the Third Track. This proposed track will run within close proximity of our schools, it will come into the heart of our business district and right by our new Pool and Recreation Center, not to mention all the homes and properties that run within close proximity of the train tracks. And, this project will take more than a decade to complete. Trustee Pombonyo asked everyone to Tweet the Governor and tell him to stop the Third Track.

Trustee Pombonyo said she is thrilled that Trustee Cheng has joined the Board. Trustee Pombonyo said she has had the privilege to have worked with Trustee Cheng for many years when he served on the school boards and that he is very skilled, knowledgeable and professional with a strong work ethic. Trustee Pombonyo welcomed Trustee Cheng.

#### Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng said he has a very short report as he has only been Trustee for 20 minutes. As Liaison to the Department of Public Works, he hopes there will be no more snow this season. Trustee Cheng said it was a pleasure to see such a large turn-out at the Rally last Saturday and especially to see so many of our young residents actively involved against VLTs. Trustee Cheng thanked the Floral Park Police Department and the Nassau County Police Department for the excellent job they did at the rally. Trustee Cheng said he is looking forward to heading up the Third Track Task Force and he asked residents to Tweet the Governor their opposition to this project.

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Tweedy said the Third Track project that was proposed back in 2005-2007 is a slight modification of the same plan that is presently being proposed. Mayor Tweedy said he and many other Mayor along the proposed Third Track route recently met with Representative Kathleen Rice in which they shared their strong opposition to this plan. Representative Rice then met with the MTA in which she reiterated this strong opposition. Mayor Tweedy said they are now anxiously waiting to hear back from Representative Rice as to what transpired at the MTA meeting. Mayor Tweedy said that improvements that will benefit the East End cannot be borne on the backs of Western Nassau. The NCVOA, who represents 64 Villages across Long Island, has recently been contacted and asked to support by resolution their opposition to the Third Track.

Mayor Tweedy thanked Trustee Fitzgerald and the entire grassroots organization for their support at the rally last week. Mayor Tweedy also thanked both the Floral Park and Nassau County Police Department for their hard work.

Mayor Tweedy thanked Trustee Cheng for making the commitment to serve on the Board of Trustees. Upon Jim Rhatigan's passing a little over a month ago, many people stepped up and offered to serve on the Board, a gesture that Mayor Tweedy said he was very moved by, but that he is honored to be serving side by side with Trustee Cheng.

Mayor Tweedy also thanked Keith Conway and Marc Mullen for accepting the positions of Prosecuting Attorney and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

The Mayor stated the Village Board Meeting will 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 Longobardi, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy recessed the meeting at 8:45 pm.

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On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy reconvened the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2014-16 determining the Special Use Permit application submitted by Van Buren Properties, LLC, owner, 12 Van Buren Avenue, to allow the alteration of an existing auto repair shop to an auto body and repair shop and permit parking for one vehicle for every 250 square feet of work area, is deemed to be a Type II action as that term is defined in SEQRA.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Board went into executive session at 9:10 pm to discuss potential litigation and personnel matters. On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Cheng, the Board came out of executive session at 9:31 pm. No action was taken.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the Board granted Trinity Restaurant permission to erect a tent in the Spooner Street Parking Field directly behind the restaurant for the purpose of cutting hair on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm in connection with the St. Baldrick's fundraiser as provided in Section 32-12.D. of the Village Code, pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, permission was granted for a 'Parade of Heroes' march in relation to the St. Baldrick's fundraiser, on Saturday, April 16, 2016, with a 1:30 pm kick-off from Village Hall to the Spooner Street Parking Field with assistance from the Floral Park Police Department, pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

The Board of Review duly acknowledged and noted that the 2016/2017 Tentative Assessment Roll Summary was filed in the Office of the Village Clerk on January 28, 2016 as follows:

**2016/2017 Tentative Assessment Roll**

2016/2017 Tentative Assessment Roll					
Tax Roll 2015 Total Assessment		205,732,444			Changes
2015 Special Franchise	8.94	-2314519		Sp. Franchises	-177284
2016 Special Franchise	8.60	2137235		Small Claims	-104163
2015 Changes in Assessment		<b>162653</b>		Certiorari	-15000
				Assessment	281816
<b>2016 Total Assessment Value</b>		<b>205,717,813</b>			<b>162653</b>
<b>LESS EXEMPTIONS</b>					
CODE	Exemption	#	Exemption Total	Prior Year	Change
13100	County Owned Property	7	1,120,600		
13650	Village Owned Property	39	3,853,310	3880610	-27300
13800	School Owned Property	6	5,571,850		
11410	US Post Office	1	415,800		
18130	Industrial Development Co/PILOT	3	375,000		
21600	Parsonages	3	127,200		
25110	Church Owned Property	18	2,843,125		
25307	Non-Profit Public Corps	5	220,600		
26100	Veterans Organization	1	33,350		
27200	Railroad Property	4	1,455,700		
41103	Veterans Eligible Funds	159	498,125	511,725	-13,600
41123	Veterans Basic Non Combat	251	329,956	331530	-1,574
41133	Veterans Combat	151	340,782	350,437	-9,655
41143	Veterans Disabled	34	163,638	163,998	-360
41163	Veterans Cold War	29	29,321	28,323	998
41173	Veterans Cold War Disability	3	7,238	5,096	2,142
41400	Clergy Owned Homes	7	10,500	10,500	0
41687	Volunteer Fire Dept	72	18,576	19,296	-720
41807	Senior Citizens	116	1,712,618	1,739,013	-26,395
41907	Handicapped Improvement	4	14,110	15,140	-1,030
47760	Tel Street Equip/Utility Property	1	942,300	942,300	0
					0
				Total Changes	<b>-77,494</b>
	<b>Total Exemptions</b>		<b>20,083,699</b>		0
	<b>Taxable Value 2016</b>		<b>185,634,114</b>		
	<b>Taxable Value 2015</b>		<b>185,571,251</b>		
			<b>62863</b>		

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Board went into executive session at 9:50 pm to discuss personnel matters. On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, the Board came out of executive session at 10:15 pm. No action was taken.

At 10:20 pm the Tree Committee convened. In attendance were: Mayor Tweedy, Trustees, Fitzgerald, Longobardi, Pombonyo and Cheng, Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan Walsh and Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski.

Stephen Siwinski updated the Board on the progress of PSEG tree trimming. Their crew is ridding the southeast section of the Village. We are receiving many compliments although in front of 94 Cypress Street, trees were aggressively trimmed due to the size and diameter of wires running through the trees. Stephen is also keeping in touch with Chris Chafee of PSEG.

At 10:30 pm, the meeting ended.

The following three Resolutions all pertain to the Pool Construction Project Change Orders with regard to the adjustment of the cost of materials:

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-18 authorizing Change Order #21 to replace the non-functioning sump pump control panels inside the bathhouse in the amount of \$4,830.00.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-19 authorizing Change Order #29 for additional gravel around the splash pad in the amount of \$1,212.12.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2016-20 authorizing Change Order #34 for the existing wading pool filter modifications before the pool opening including: clean/replace the existing sand; add 5-way valve; eliminate the existing clogged Griswal valve. (Approval of \$3,503.86 was approved at the August 11, 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting, Resolution No. 2015-194. The contractors request for an additional \$5,682.00 due to a miscalculation was denied.)

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

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

There being no further business, Mayor Tweedy closed the meeting at 11:00 pm.

Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk