

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 1, 2016 at 8:00 pm.

The meeting opened with a Pledge to the Flag. Present were Mayor Thomas J. Tweedy, Trustees Kevin M. Fitzgerald, Dominick Longobardi, 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, and Village Attorney John E. Ryan.

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

February 16, 2016 -	Tax Grievance Meeting
February 18, 2016 -	Public Information Meeting re No Third Track
February 22, 2016 -	Quorum of the Board re Belmont Task Force
February 24, 2016 -	Quorum of the Board re Third Track Task Force
February 29, 2016 -	Work Session

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-33 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$637,841.77
Swimming Pool	\$ 0.00
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$637,841.77

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

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the AAA Taxi Service cab permits for Guillermo Escobar, Melissa Morrell, Jory Sherwood, Eric Wenz, Mathew Larocco, Peter Lutz, William Lutz, John Williams, Guy Forman, Gurjashanjit Singh, Sinclair Parker and Michael Agrapedes; and from Glen Belle approving Wayne Williams, Priscilla Wilkerson, Jamal Uddin and Kyle Forster, each applicant having completed a background check with the Floral Park Police Department.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved Our Lady of Victory School 's request to use the Recreation Center fields for their annual Field Day on Friday, May 27, 2016 (rain date Wednesday, June 1), subject to receipt of certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the Board authorized Our Lady of Victory School Mock Trial Club to use Village Hall's Courtroom on Tuesday, April 26 and Tuesday, May 10, 2016 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion from Trustee Longobardi, seconded from Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request from Glen Rettinger of the Floral Park Youth Lacrosse to use Firefighter's Hall on Friday, April 8, 2016 from 6:00 pm-1:00 am for their annual fundraiser, with set up on Thursday evening, subject to the receipt of both a \$350.00 user fee and liquor liability insurance.

Mayor Tweedy offered Resolution No. 2016-34:

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Floral Park is an incorporated municipality with approximately 15,863 people located in western Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Floral Park, which has an area of less than two square miles and is completely bisected by the nation's busiest commuter railroad right of way containing up to four major railroad tracks currently controlled by the Metropolitan Transit Authority ("MTA") and its wholly owned subsidiary, the Long Island Rail Road ("LIRR"), which is the nation's largest commuter railroad and also used by New York and Atlantic Railway for freight shipments; and

WHEREAS, the John Lewis Childs School and the Floral Park-Bellerose School, which are the only public elementary schools that provide educational services to the children of the Villages of Floral Park and Bellerose and unincorporated areas of Floral Park Centre and Bellerose Terrace, abut the LIRR right of way; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Floral Park's Pool and Recreational area, as well as the playgrounds and fields of the John Lewis Childs School and the Floral Park-Bellerose School all border the MTA LIRR right of way; and

WHEREAS 148 residential homes and 1 apartment building with 16 units abut the railroads right of way; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Floral Park, which receives no corresponding level of service already is burdened with over 40 percent of the over 735 currently scheduled MTA LIRR commuter trains each day and ever increasing freight train traffic, some of which have carried hazardous and radioactive materials through the Village of Floral Park, as well as various work trains and empty trains being positioned due to the failure of the MTA LIRR to have needed train yards located in other areas of Long Island; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, when the MTA LIRR Third Track expansion project, which was known as its "Main Line Corridor Improvement Project", which would have involved massive construction, was withdrawn due to lack of funding and community opposition as evidenced by over 10,000 signed petitions, testimony presented at 3 scoping hearings and over 130 resolutions passed by local community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Floral Park Village Board at the time led the fight to stop that ill-conceived plan by Resolution 2008-28 adopted on February 19, 2008; and;

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo on January 13, 2016 in his 2016 State of the State and Budget Address stated "We need to add a third track to the Long Island Railroad system so we can expedite commuters and promote intra-island transit" without providing any plans and despite the fact that the MTA LIRR in 2008 had disavowed the need for a Third Track to service "reverse commuters": and

WHEREAS, any additional track installation will have significant construction impacts on residents of the Village of Floral Park and all local riders who use the MTA LIRR station in Floral Park, including; potential loss of adjacent properties to the MTA LIRR by eminent domain thereby displacing homeowners along with reducing assessed valuation of property; significant construction noise and vibration; temporary loss of common area or private property for construction and staging areas; temporary loss of parking underneath the MTA LIRR tracks behind the largest residential complex known as Flowerview Apartments Owners, Inc.; temporary loss of the roadways adjacent to the MTA LIRR Right of Way as well as the main thoroughfares into and out of the Village of Floral Park, known as Tulip, Carnation, South Tyson, Plainfield, and Covert Avenues, all two lane roads, causing tremendous inconvenience of Floral Park residents destined for business, recreation and transportation in the area and especially destined primarily to our local schools; significant delays by our Police Department, Fire

Department and Ambulance company where a delay of mere seconds can be the difference between life and death; bringing noise and vibration closer to Floral Park homes, schools, recreation areas and businesses; a massive expansion of freight train service around the clock hereby substantially increasing the transportation of waste, toxic materials and chemicals creating the potential exposure to fumes and risk due to leakage or catastrophic accident; and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Floral Park Village Board of Trustees, here assembled, unanimously oppose the Third Track expansion project because it will create negative impacts on the Floral Park community as described above with no benefit to the residents or businesses of the Floral Park communities. The exorbitant expense connected with completing this project far exceeds any justification of need. In addition, there has been little consideration given to the severity of adverse impacts to be suffered by our community, economically, socially and physically during the planning phase, years of construction and thereafter as our quality of life is deteriorated with the addition of HUNDREDS OF MORE TRAINS, TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAY A WEEK; and

WE URGE our constituents, their families, friends and neighbors to write to their elected officials asking them to publicly state their strong and unbending opposition to the Third Track expansion project and the funds earmarked for this project instead be used to complete other innovated and less intrusive improvements proposed by LIRR President Pat Nowakowski, including eliminating grade crossings, a second track into Ronkonkoma, creating a rail yard in Huntington to preset coaches for westbound rush hour operation, upgrading switches and correct the “Jamaica Crawl”, and install modern switches throughout the LIRR system; and

WE join in and support the position of the Floral Park-Bellerose Board of Education and will forward a copy of this resolution to elected officials, and request that they oppose any such Third Track project through public statements and through their votes to defeat any such proposal that comes before them.

Third Track Task Force

Trustee Cheng reported that there have been two Third Track Task Force meetings and that he was lucky to have had the opportunity to meet with the Chief Engineer of the Department of Transportation and two representatives from the Governor’s Office. In the latest meeting, there was an open discussion as to why is there a need for a third track, the traffic impact it would have on the Village and the devastation it would have on residential and business properties. Trustee Cheng said progress is being made and he asked residents to attend the next meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 8:00 pm regarding this very important issue at the Marcus Christ Community Center at 1420 Jericho Turnpike, next to the New Hyde Park Village Hall.

Belmont Task Force

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the Task Force continues to meet as a group and have daily discussions between the members as to the ever changing issues that surround the topic. This includes updating the website and Facebook page with items such as various media coverage, upcoming events, posting of resolutions passed by local organizations. Since the last Village Board meeting, the Task Force has:

- Held a volunteer meeting on February 10, 2016 at which approximately 70 residents attended. At this meeting, the residents heard about ways they can get stay involved (e.g. attend various legislative meetings, write letters, various topics that need to be researched, etc.). They also heard from two Task Force members, Christy Reisig and Kevin Flood about their experiences and involvement so far.
- Mayor Tweedy, Trustee Pombonyo along with approximately 30 residents attended the February 22, 2016 Nassau County Legislative meeting. Trustee Pombonyo and Sewanhaka Central High School District President David Fowler both were afforded the opportunity to speak and made very effective arguments.

- Task Force member Christy Reisig attended and spoke at the February 23, 2016 Town of Hempstead meeting.
- Trustee Fitzgerald and Dan Bennett attended the February 23, 2016 North Hempstead Town Board Meeting. During the public comments portion of the meeting, Trustee Fitzgerald was afforded the opportunity to speak. Comments focused on the fact that roughly 20% of the Incorporated Village lies within the Town of North Hempstead and as such all of those residents' children attending public school go to middle school and high school at Floral Park Memorial, which is directly across from an entrance to Belmont Park.
- Petitions gathered by our volunteers and local organizations, since the Rally on January 12 at FPMHS, will be submitted to our various elected officials.

The Task Force has also met since the last Board Meeting. Some topics covered were continuing growing 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.

Trustee Fitzgerald reminded everyone to keep up to date by visiting www.nobelmontcasino.org and <http://www.facebook.com/fpvillage>. Included on the websites are videos of the aforementioned Nassau County Legislative meeting, Town of Hempstead meeting and his statement at the Town of North Hempstead meeting, along with a listing of organizations that have passed resolutions in opposition.

Fire Department

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the Floral Park Volunteer Fire Department responded to 119 calls during February 2016, including 4 building fires, 92 EMS calls and 5 motor vehicle accidents with injuries.

Centennial Gardens

Trustee Longobardi reported that with temperatures being on the mild side for most of the winter, Centennial Gardens continues to flourish. Last week, the Village Board, along with the Ronan family had a great time joining with Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohr, Don Haug, Dennis McEnery and other members of the Conservation Society for the Annual Great Backyard Bird Count at the Gardens.

Many species of birds were viewed enjoying the treats in the many bird feeders located throughout the Gardens. The Conservation Society is accepting donations of birdseed to fill the feeders. Birdseed of any kind may be dropped off at the Recreation Center Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Please visit our village website, www.fpvillage.org and click on the link to the Conservation Society for more information on Centennial Gardens.

Recreation Department

Trustee Longobardi reported the work is beginning at the Recreation Center to get the fields and facility ready for the upcoming season.

He reminded residents to not discard their 2015 pool pass. The same pass will be validated when you renew your pool membership for the 2016 pool season.

Four Village Studio

Trustee Longobardi reported that he had the pleasure of attending the 18th annual meeting of the Four Village Studio. At the meeting, Jim Green, the studio's manager, recapped the 2015 year honoring the many volunteers who provide both the show content and, in addition, are the hosts and producers as well. For the past 18 years, the studio has provided a launching pad for many of our students and young professionals interested in media arts and television. We are proud of this year's award winners as well as every volunteer who contributes to the success of the studio. For information, please check out the village website or the studio's website at 4VS.org.

Belmont Park

Trustee Pombonyo reported that Trustee Fitzgerald asked her to share key points from her presentation to the Nassau County Legislature on Monday, February 22, 2016:

1. NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli's 2014 report on the status of gambling as a revenue source in the state budget is mixed at best. He concludes that gambling's gains are offset by losses. Mr. DiNapoli states, "More casinos will mean more gaming revenue and new jobs, but the long-term impact for the state remains unclear. It will inevitably create both winners and losers in the years ahead."
2. In 2011, CBS news journalist Leslie Stahl presented a "60 Minutes" report entitled "Slot Machines: The Big Gamble". Ms. Stahl showed clips of today's slot machines or video lottery terminals, complete with their high tech video game quality including music and dramatic special effects. Push buttons, rather than the traditional handles of yesteryear, enable gamblers to bet every 3 ½ seconds. Some of those interviewed, which do represent the losers, cited proximity to the gambling machines as the factor that contributed most to their increasing use and addiction.
3. Finally, proximity will bring our western Nassau residents closer to this high tech form of gambling, as well as three high schools (Sewanhaka, Elmont and Floral Park Memorial) and their 4,800 students within a ten-minute car ride to what may be the ultimate video game adventure.
4. In closing, the legislators were invited to take the ride from one of our high schools to Belmont to judge the proximity factor for themselves. Leslie Stahl's report "Slot Machines: The Big Gamble" may be accessed on You Tube.

Building Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported the Building Department had another busy and productive year in 2015, working under the direction of Superintendent Steve Siwinski. Total permits issued for all types of work done on residences and commercial properties totaled 869, the second highest in five years. Two hundred twelve were residential construction permits, and 35 were for commercial construction. Inspections for pools, occupancy and sidewalks totaled 686, 363 Certificates of Occupancy were issued, and building violations totaled 271, summons totaled 19. The Zoning Board of Appeals heard 22 cases and the Architectural Review Board heard 91 cases throughout 2015.

At the most recent ARB meeting on February 24, the Board approved designs for a single-car garage and House #5 in the new Magnolia, Cisney subdivisions. House #4 is now undergoing some design revisions. At this point, three homes have been approved with two more, #3 a custom home and #4 coming to the ARB shortly.

Floral Park Public Library

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the Friends of the Library Mini Book Sale is taking place this Saturday, March 5th from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For a few dollars, all are invited to bring and fill a bag, add to your home libraries and support the Friends. Visit the website at www.floralparklibrary.org.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Tweedy thanked all the Trustees for their hard work regarding the challenges currently facing Floral Park and that this is being done in the midst of preparing our 2016/2017 budget. This year's increase is .12%, so it is nearly a flat budget.

Mayor Tweedy said we have the full support of Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Judi Bosworth in opposition to a casino at Belmont Park. Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald and Dan Bennett met with the North Hempstead Town Board in which Trustee Fitzgerald explained the impact a casino at Belmont would have on the Town of North Hempstead.

Mayor Tweedy thanked Trustee Archie Cheng for chairing the Third Track Task Force and the hard work and time that he has invested on this issue. Mayor Tweedy said that Trustees

Dominick Longobardi and Lynn Pombonyo are representing Floral Park at the meetings of C.A.R.E., Citizens Against Rail Expansion. They are working to have the funding of a Third Track removed from the Governor's 2016-2017 Budget. Mayor Tweedy said Nassau County is in total opposition to this plan; and that there is really no plan to speak of. Trustees Longobardi and Pombonyo are asking for support from Villages along the Third Rail Corridor to sign a Cost Sharing Agreement, which was done the last time this issue was raised.

Mayor Tweedy again thanked his colleagues for their hard work and said he is touched by their efforts not only for himself, but for his family and all the residents of Floral Park.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy recessed the meeting at 9:05 pm.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy recessed the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-35 introducing Local Law 01 of 2016 to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law § 3-c.

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 Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-36 determining that Local Law No. 01 of 2016 is an unlisted action as that term is defined in SEQRA.

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

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2016-37 approving D&B Engineer's proposal for 2016 Drainage Improvements Program to include: construction of recharge basin at Belmont Park property; construction of drainage infrastructure at dead end of Walnut, Elm and Maple Avenues to facilitate connection of drainage; and improvements to infrastructure at Clover and Primrose Avenues by modifying Nassau County-owned storm sewer systems to facilitate connection to recharge basin. Fee for design work for scope of services is \$274,500.00.

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. 2016-38 accepting a donation of a Troy-Built Rototiller landscaping tool from Kevin Bové, at an estimated value of \$1,199.00, for use in the Public Works Parks Department.

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 Cheng offered Resolution No. 2016-39 approving the issuance of a final check to Joseph Serviss for his entitled accrued time in accordance with CBA in the total amount of \$3,204.30.

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

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

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No 2016-40 granting an increase in salary to Glenn Steinecke, in accordance with the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, from his present Grade 17, Step 4 (\$42,913.00) to Grade 17, Step 15 (\$49,244.00), due to his outstanding performance and leadership in the Tree Department.

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 Cheng offered Resolution No. 2016-41 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Traffic Safety Board of Nassau County Grant Agreement covering the period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016 for the Police Department's participation in the Police Traffic Service Program for safety belt use and aggressive driving, and awarding the Village \$4,000.00.

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 Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-42 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Traffic Safety Board of Nassau County Grant Agreement covering the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 for the Police Department's participation in the STOP DWI program, and awarding the Village \$4,000.00.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald 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. 2016-43 authorizing Crown Castle NG East LLC to modify an existing wireless tower or base station that does not substantially change the physical dimensions of a tower or base station, which has dimensions of 48" in height by 2" in diameter with an antenna that has dimensions of 48" in height by 14.5" in diameter.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald 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. 2016-44 authorizing a refund in the amount of \$45.00 to Maddy Aliano as she was unable to attend the Adult Yoga Class.

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 Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-45 authorizing a refund in the amount of \$25.00 to G. Egan as she was unable to attend the Fit/Walk Class.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald 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 10:30 pm.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk