

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on April 5, 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 A. 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.

Fire Chief Brian Naughton was not present at the meeting.

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

March 16, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-65 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$1,145,930.51
Swimming Pool	\$ 892.50
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 4,693.50</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,151,516.51

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. 2016-66:

A Resolution to set a date for a tax sale to be held on May 11, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Court Room to recover the 2015 unpaid taxes on 25 parcels of property:

Total taxes not paid	\$118,476.80
Total penalty due on the above	16,586.77
Cost of publishing legal notice	500.00
Total Taxes with Penalty added	135,563.57
Total 2015-16 tax collection	\$23,277,247.00
% of tax collected	99.4%

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

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the AAA Taxi Service cab permits for Harry Sanchez, Ashraf Azim, Uma Sharma, Parmod Sharma, Hamza Bhatti, Joseph Maringo, Ellen Lanaia, John Battle, James Katan, Giovanni Squatrito, Antonio Sorrentino, Catherine Washell, Anthony Morales and Richard Smith; and a taxi cab permit for Raymond Chao from Glen Belle, each applicant having completed a background check with the Floral Park Police Department.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Rev. T. Abigail Murphy of St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church to allow cars to park on the south side of Magnolia Avenue and the west side of Harvard Street on Saturday, April 23, 2016 during their annual Spring Flea Market fund-raising event.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Boy Scout Troop 482 to use the Carlton Avenue Parking Lot to hold their annual carwash fundraising events on Saturday, April 30 (rain date May 1) and Saturday, June 4, 2016 (rain date June 5) from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Girl Scout Daisy Troop #1483 to use Centennial Gardens on Thursday, May 5, 2016 (rain date Thursday, May 12) from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm for a bridging ceremony.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved a block party on Primrose Avenue between Floral Boulevard and Crocus Avenue on Sunday, June 11, 2016 (rain date Sunday, June 12) in accordance with Section 32-12d, subject to the approval of the Floral Park Police Department.

### Belmont VLTs

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the fight against the placing of a casino or VLT parlor at Belmont Park appears to be over. Nassau OTB sold their rights to have the 1,000 VLT machines to Genting who will in turn pay an annual fee to Nassau County. It shows that when a community, or in this case, communities, band together the voice of the residents does make a difference.

As he stated last night at the Reorganization Meeting, "never was so much done by so many". Trustee Fitzgerald thanked all of the residents who may have attended a rally, placed a lawn sign on their lawn, signed a petition, or volunteered to speak at a governmental meeting.

In addition Trustee Fitzgerald thanked and acknowledged Mayor Thomas Tweedy, the Floral Park Village Board, Congresswoman Kathleen Rice, State Senator Jack Martins, State Assemblywoman Michael Solages, Nassau County Legislator Carrie Solages, Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Judi Bosworth, member of the Belmont Task Force which included Gerry Bambrick, Dan Bennett, Perry Criscitelli, Laura Ferone, Kevin Flood, Steve McAllister, Heather McClintock, Dennis McEnery, Marc Mullen, Christy Reising, Bernadette Smith, Doug Vigo, Susan Walsh and Tom Sclafani, members of the "grassroots organization" including Nadia Ortiz, Matthew Sexton and John Yackel, the Floral Park Bellerose School Board, the Sewanhaka Central High School District, Our Lady of Victory School Board and the neighboring Villages of Bellerose, New Hyde Park, South Floral Park as well as the community of Elmont, and the local organizations that passed resolutions in opposition including all of our Civic Associations, the Wednesday Mother's Club and the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce.

Trustee Fitzgerald apologized if any person or organization was left out and again thanked all who contributed to keep Floral Park a great place to live and raise a family. On behalf of the Village, he thanked all.

### Fire Department

Trustee Fitzgerald acknowledged an email received from Michael Karpf praising Chief Brian Naughton and thanked Mr. Karpf for his kind words. Trustee Fitzgerald stated he would save the note for the next Board Meeting when Chief Naughton will be in attendance from the swearing-in of new Chiefs of the Fire Department.

### Recreation Department

Trustee Longobardi reported that the Recreation Department is in the final stages of preparing for summer programs. The Recreation Booklet will be sent to the printer shortly and should be delivered to residents by mid-May.

As of April 11, the park will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Centennial Gardens opened for the season on April 5<sup>th</sup> and clean up and planting has begun. Trustee Longobardi reminded everyone that Village of Floral Park leisure passes are required at all times and no bikes or smoking is allowed on park grounds. Trustee Longobardi said he and the Recreation Department staff are looking forward to a good summer.

### Floral Park Public Library

Trustee Pombonyo stated that the children's room in the Floral Park Public Library continues to be filled with eye catching displays and vibrant colors. Our latest comes from Mark Minero, artist and Village employee. Mr. Minero's mural creations include "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and imaginative creatures from "Where the Wild Things Are."

All are invited to visit the children's room or our Library website ([www.floral.parklibrary.org](http://www.floral.parklibrary.org)) and enjoy our latest artistic additions, along with the interesting variety of events and programs that are planned.

### Building Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the Building Department has been busy as 21 building permits were filed in February and 23 in March. At the Koenig's site, removal of the contents has been completed and the interior demolition work will follow. The parking lots will continue to be secured by fencing and a Zoning Board of Appeals decision on the plans is pending.

An application for the redesign of Wendy's on Jericho Turnpike will continue on the Architectural Review Board's agenda on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Pombonyo also stated that Carriage Hill Developers expect to begin framing House #1, as others will proceed through the design and early construction phases.

Residents may find out more about public hearings scheduled for property development with the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Village of Floral Park in the legal notices section of *The Gateway*, our official Village newspaper.

### Department of Public Works

Trustee Cheng stated that he was just informed that all snow removal equipment has been stored away. Let's hope it will not have to be used any time soon!

The Department of Public Works has been busy around the Village removing tree stumps, filling potholes and general spring clean-up of all Village properties including Village Hall.

### Third Track Task Force

Trustee Cheng reported that we have received a Technical Statement of Work for Engineering and Environment Consultant Services from the LIRR Expansion Project-Floral Park to Hicksville in which they indicate their proposed plans. They are having a meeting with us and we will follow with them at that time.

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Tweedy said that Reorganization Night was held last night, April 5<sup>th</sup>, and that he always considers that night a kick-off to a new season. Kevin Fitzgerald was sworn in as Trustee and Deputy Mayor and Archie Cheng was sworn in as Trustee by Village Justice Douglas Hayden. Also sworn in were residents who serve on various committees and generously give of their time to serve.

The Mayor thanked Trustee Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Belmont Task Force and all who became involved in opposing the Belmont VLTs, especially the Wednesday Mother's Club who were instrumental in the fight. Mayor Tweedy also thanked Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages who came through for her constituents in Assembly District #22.

Mayor Tweedy said he was very happy to see the young people get involved in the fight against the proposed Belmont casino. They are typically busy with jobs, children and all their activities so they don't have time to become engaged in community issues. But this very important issue made people step up – it was a transformative moment in the Village and a welcomed sight. Our School Board was involved before anyone else. Mayor Tweedy said it was a proud moment to be a citizen of Floral Park and to be a part of the effort of so many people.

The last time a mobilization of concerned citizens occurred was 10 years ago when we were first introduced to the proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> Track. Many became involved at that time under the direction of then Mayor Phil Guarnieri with Mayor Tweedy as its Chairman. Trustee Fitzgerald first became involved at this time along with Jim Rhatigan. Trustee Cheng is our current Chairman heading up our fight once again against the Third Track.

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 8:40 p.m.

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

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2016-67 to amend Resolution 2015-174 subject to accepting a signed resignation letter effective July 21, 2015 from Paul Petrone and an executed Release stating same.

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 Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, the Board went into executive session at 9:16 pm to discuss Department of Public Works personnel matters. On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, the Board came out of executive session at 9:32 pm. No action was taken.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-68 granting a film permit to Casey Denaro to shoot a film for her thesis for her undergraduate degree on the dead end of Flower Avenue on Sunday, May 1, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm with permit fee of \$50.00, subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance and notification sent to surrounding neighbors.

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

The Board discussed the request of Mary Quinn Marks Foundation to close Spooner Parking Field on Saturday, June 5, 2016 and it was unanimously decided that the request be denied this year since permission was granted to close the lot the following weekend on Saturday, June 12, 2016.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 206-69 authorizing the Mayor to sign the renewal of the CSEA Benefit Fund Agreement (Supervisor's Unit) which provides the costs of dental and optical benefits through the expiration of their CBA on May 31, 2019.

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 Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-70 authorizing the repair of a parked vehicle owned by A. Groshans for an estimated cost of \$910.00 plus the cost of a daily car rental, as her vehicle was damaged by Fire Department Ambulance.

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. 2016-71 granting authorization to the Krawec family to renovate the area around their memorial garden at Centennial Gardens with a cobblestone border, with the guidance of Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski.

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 Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-72 approving Officer Jonathan Russo for permanent status as he has successfully completed his one-year probationary period.

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 Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-73 authorizing the removal of the Fire Department's 'fly car', a 2003 Crown Victoria, VIN #FAFP71W83X137636, from their fleet.

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

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Library Director Patricia Eren to have the Police Department and Fire Department vehicles participate in the Summer Reading Carnival at the Library on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

On motion by Mayor Tweedy, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, the appointments of Tom Lavin and Marc Mullen as Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys for a term of one year was not adopted on roll call as follows:

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

There being no further business, Mayor Tweedy closed the meeting at 10:55 pm.

Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk