

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on April 19, 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, Dr. Lynn Pombonyo and Archie Cheng, Village Administrator Gerard M. Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan E. Walsh, Superintendent of Building Department and Public Works Stephen L. Siwinski, Police Commissioner Stephen G. McAllister and Village Attorney John E. Ryan.

Mayor Tweedy called outgoing Fire Chief Brian Naughton to present his annual report to the Mayor and Board of Trustees. Chief Naughton read his annual report for the year April 21, 2015 to April 19, 2016:

“Mayor Tweedy, Trustee and Fire Commissioner Fitzgerald, Trustee Longobardi, Trustee Pombonyo, Trustee Cheng, Members of the Department, residents and guests.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Village of Floral Park and its residents. Tonight I am here to give my final report as Chief of Department.

This year the Department responded to 1477 total calls. The breakdown is as follows:

1148 EMS calls
329 Fire calls (89 of those were mutual aid to surrounding communities)
2 working fires and 5 smaller fires

The total fire loss for the year was \$381,400.

Membership: The Department currently has 172 members. We have a total of 113 active members, 27 Former Chiefs, 4 Honorary Chiefs, 27 Probationary Members and 1 member on military leave.

Training: To be an active member of the Floral Park Fire Department, every member is Required to constantly participate in training. During this past year, members have attended classes given by the Nassau County Fire Service Academy which included: Department Operations, Essentials of Firefighting, Primary Training, Building Construction and various other classes. Members also participated in company drills, department drills, escape rope and in house training throughout the year. This year, members of the Department participated in over 6,000 total hours of training. This brings us to over 24,000 hours of training in the past three years. I would like to thank Ex Captain Bedell, Jr., Firefighter Hecker and the training committees for their continued efforts in keeping our department members up to date and properly trained.

Fire protection is only part of the Floral Park Fire Department. The Floral Park Fire Department remains only one of 7 EMS providers in Nassau County that responds as the primary ambulance in our response area. Village residents are protected by EMT's, Critical Care EMT's and Paramedics. These certifications are time consuming a re-certifications are required every three years. Our EMT CC's and Paramedics have also attended numerous classes and updates regarding administrating newly required narcotics.

Purchasing: This year, 102 purchase orders and 99 vouchers were processed. A special thanks to Village Deputy Treasurer Kathleen Mack for all her help and guidance when it came to purchasing.

Equipment: The Department has an inventory of the following vehicles, all of which are in good working order:

- 1993 Spartan Saulsbury Pumper

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- 2002 Spartan Saulsbury Pumper
- 2004 Pierce 95' aerial
- 1984 Mack Heavy Rescue Truck
- 1982 Step Van
- 2003 Passenger Van
- 2014 Ford Ambulance
- 1931 American LaFrance Antique Pumper
- 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe Chief's Car
- 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe Chief's Car
- 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe Chief's Car
- 2009 Ford Expedition Chief's Car
- 2008 Ford Expedition Chief's Car
- 2003 Ford Expedition Department Vehicle

Work Orders: 171 work orders were processed. Thank you to the Village Mechanics and Building staff for all of their hard work.

Parades: The Department participated in two parades during this year. I thank the members of the color guard and department band for leading us in both parades.

Explorers: There are currently 14 Explorers in our Explorer Post. Thanks to Chief Florio and Firefighter Bedell, Sr. for all of their time mentoring these eager young members. It is great to see so many members transition from the Explorer Post into the ranks of the Department.

Fire Prevention: Members of the Department conducted 372 commercial fire inspections this year with five being forwarded to the Nassau County Fire Marshal's office. These inspections also provide us with information that can be input into our Red Alert System which provides vital information during emergencies. A special thank you to Former Chief Bennett for his countless hours inputting this information into the Red Alert System.

Recruitment: This year, the Floral Park Fire Department had 21 new members join the Department. This was evident at August's Fire Council when a record 11 new members joined in one night. Thank you to Former Chief O'Grady and Lt. Badalucco for their work with the recruitment committee and Chief Longobardi for his work processing all of the paperwork.

To the executive staff of the Village, Village Administrator Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan Walsh, Superintendent of Public Works Steve Siwinski, I thank all of you for your time and assistance that you gave me during my time on the staff.

To the support staff, Lauren, Claire, Sue and Evelyn, I always enjoyed stopping in to pick up the mail and being kept up on events in Village Hall.

Village Attorney John Ryan, I thank you for your guidance and advice. I always appreciate anyone who is trying to keep me out of trouble!

Police Commissioner McAllister and the members of the Floral Park Police Department, I thank you all for your support during my terms as Chief. I realize that there were times when I had to play both roles and I thank each of you for your support and understanding.

The position of Chief of Department is a great title to achieve, but it is one that requires a great deal of support. I would like to thank my Assistant Chiefs, John Florio, Mike

Longobardi, Dave Maickel and Sal Arrigo for all of their time, dedication and assistance over this past year. I would also like to thank our Department Secretary Joe O'Grady, Assistant Secretary Justin Hughes and Department Treasurer Paul Pinto for their time and efforts this year. I know it was never fun getting one of my late night calls or texts with some crazy idea that I wanted to have completed by the next day. To the Chiefs who I served Under, John Kelleher, Vinny Modica, Luciano D'Amore and Danny Bennett, I thank you for your friendship, support and guidance through the years. A special thank you to the Active Company for everyone's support and trust while I represented all of you on the Chief's Staff.

I save them for last, but most importantly I need to thank my family. Meredith, you supported me running for Chief when we had a 3 year old and a 3 month old. There were many nights I left you home to deal with the craziness while I ran out to a call or meeting. Madeline and Connor, for five years you both became accustomed to me running in and out of the house and many nights where I came home after you were in bed and left before you got up in the morning. None of you ever complained (to my face) as you knew that this was something that I committed to do. I am not sure what the three of you are going to do now that I will have some free time. To my parents and in-laws, I thank you for the nights that you watched the kids or entertained Meredith because I was out at a commitment.

I joined the Explorers the month that I turned 14 and I have been involved with the Department ever since. Attaining the rank of Chief was a goal from the moment I joined the Department. Five years has come and gone in the blink of an eye and I will truly miss my time on the Chief Staff.

At this time, I would like to introduce the Chief Staff of the Floral Park Fire Department.

From the Active Company: 4th Assistant Chief Patrick McAllister

From the Rescue Company: 3rd Assistant Chief Sal Arrigo

From the Reliance Company: 2nd Assistant Chief David Maickel

From the Alert Company: 1st Assistant Chief Michael Longobardi

From the Hook & Ladder Company: Chief of Department John Florio, Sr.

Mayor Tweedy, I now ask to be relieved of my duties as Chief of the Floral Park Fire Department.”

With reluctance, Mayor Tweedy relieved Chief Naughton of his duties and the newly elected staff for 2016-2017 were sworn in.

Mayor Tweedy extended his gratitude to Chief Naughton for his dedicated service to the Floral Park Fire Department. Brian served the residents of the Village not only as Chief of the Fire Department, but also as a Police Officer with the Floral Park Police Department. At times, this was not an easy task, but Brian was able to handle both in a professional manner. Mayor Tweedy extended his thanks to Brian's family, including his wife, Meredith, and children, Madeline and Connor for sacrificing their time with Brian as he was called to serve the residents of our Village. Lastly, Mayor Tweedy wished the new Chief's staff the best of luck and safety in the upcoming year.

Trustee Fitzgerald made the following remarks:

“I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to you Chief for an outstanding job. Please know that your time, whether spent in the Chief's office working preparing for meetings, budgets, ensuring that your Department had the proper equipment or sharing a laugh with a fellow volunteer was time well spent. Leadership comes in many forms and is tested under various numbers of circumstances. As the Chief of the Department, there were many challenges that you faced during the course of the last year, all adeptly handled by you and your staff.

On a personal note, thank you for the time you spent with me. Whether it was the nights at the Fire Academy where you gave me a play by play of what was transpiring or answering an email or phone call on a question that I had Chief, not only did I learn a lot, I thoroughly enjoyed the last year working with you.

To Meredith and your children, thank you for allowing Brian to share his time and talents for the past five years in service to his fellow residents.

In closing, on behalf of my fellow board members and our Village residents, thank you for your dedicated service to our home...Floral Park.

Trustee Fitzgerald also read an email received from a fellow firefighter thanking Chief Naughton for his leadership, guidance and kind words during this year:

“Thank you for being there as Chief and as friend. When I first came into this department I thought you were a very strict Chief, but once I started to talk to you, I said to myself this guy isn’t a bad guy. I just don’t want to thank you as being Chief of this department, but I want to thank you as police officer too especially with my car situation during last summer. You reassured me that everything was going to be okay and it was.

Again, thank you for all you did for this town and the Floral Park Volunteer Fire Department.”

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

April 4, 2016 -	Re-Organization Meeting
April 5, 2016 -	Regular Board Meeting
April 13, 2016 -	Public Hearing for Local Law #1
April 13, 2016 -	Budget Hearing for 2016/2017 Budget

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-75 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$ 679,376.76
Swimming Pool	\$ 3,652.74
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	\$ <u>47,228.23</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$ 730,257.73

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, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Indians to hold CPR/AED training for their soccer and basketball coaches through the Floral Park Police Department at Firefighter’s Hall on April 28, 2016 and May 4, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm, pending the receipt of a certificate of liability insurance.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, the Board approved the AAA Taxi Service cab permits for Warren John Manos and Garfield Brown; a taxi cab permit for Rupert Anderson from Glen Belle; and a taxi cab permit for Steve Gianiotis from Long Island

Checker, each applicant having completed a background check with the Floral Park Police Department.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, the Board approved the request of Floral Park-Bellerose School to permit their annual “Olympic Day Parade” with police assistance on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 (rain date June 9) starting at 9:15 am with the parade proceeding south on Larch Avenue to Crocus Avenue, east on Crocus Avenue to Chestnut Avenue, north on Chestnut Avenue to Floral Boulevard and west on Floral Boulevard to the school. Police assistance has also been approved for Junior Olympic Day on Wednesday May 25, 2016 (rain date Thursday, May 26) from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm for parking and crowd concerns. Twenty-two wooden horses for both Olympic Day and Junior Olympic Day will be Provided from the Department of Public Works from 7:00 am on Monday, May 23 through Friday, June 10, 2016.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Cheng, the Board approved the listed block parties in accordance with Section 32-12d:

Hickory Street between Floral Parkway and Cherry Street on Saturday, June 18, 2016 (rain date Sunday, June 19)

Crocus Avenue between Pine Avenue and Larch Avenue on Saturday, June 25, 2016 (rain date Sunday, June 26)

Mayor Tweedy offered Resolution No. 2016-76 declaring May 29, 2016 Hearing Aid Awareness Day in the Village of Floral Park, to support the proposed “Andrew’s Gift Bill” mandating insurance companies to provide coverage of hearing aids for children and adults in New York State in honor of Andrew Burrous. Resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, hearing empowers us and enriches our lives by enabling us to socialize, work, interact, and communicate. Good hearing helps to keep us safe, warning us of potential danger or alerting us to someone else’s distress. Hearing is essential for us to be able to live and participate in life more fully. Problems with hearing may lead to feelings of isolation and even depression by being disconnected from our environment. Hearing provides us with an enormous source of information, thereby forming a bridge between the world and how we interact with it; and

WHEREAS, May 29, 1855, the first US patent for a hearing aid was issued to Edward G. Hyde for his invention, the Acoustic Auricle. The shell-shaped device was worn behind the ear, where it captured sound and directed it into the ear canal; and

WHEREAS, hearing aids are electrical devices that assist in optimizing perceptions of speech and other sounds. Most hearing aids are designed for hearing impaired individuals, of which there are approximately 37 million in the United States; and

WHEREAS, using a hearing aid presents a number of advantages to a hearing-impaired person. Hearing aids do not restore your hearing to normal, but they improve it significantly. Sounds such as birds singing, door bells ringing, the howling of the wind and water running, may become audible. Hearing aids improve the user's social, psychological and physical sense of well-being. Studies show that hearing aids improve the quality of life in the areas of: relationships within families, self-confidence, mental health, physical well-being, concentration, independence, participation in social gatherings, job performance; and

WHEREAS, educators at Michigan State University reported that “numerous studies have shown improvement in attention, understanding directions, classroom participation and school behavior” when fitted with a hearing device. Studies now show that with proper and early intervention through hearing aids, children with hearing loss can achieve developmental markers, as well as grow up to be as successful and happy as they would have been without hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, only 35% of people with hearing loss are older than age 64. There are close to six million people in the U.S. between the ages of 18 and 44 with hearing loss, and more than one million are school age. Hearing loss affects all age groups. With modern advances in technology, nearly 95% of people with a sensorineural hearing loss can be helped with hearing aids; and

WHEREAS, according to the recently released 37th Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 2015, speech or language impairments was the second most prevalent disability category in 2013 (at 17.9%) for students ages 6–21 served under IDEA, Part B, due to hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, according to the Hearing Health Foundation, from 2000 to 2015, the number of Americans with hearing loss has doubled. Globally the number is up by 44%. Fifty million people in America and 360 million worldwide suffer from hearing loss. That translates to, 1 in 5 teens, 1 in 5 adults, and 3 in 5 veterans returning from war. Hearing loss is the second most prevalent health issue globally. The number of people with hearing loss is more than those living with Parkinson’s, epilepsy, Alzheimer’s and diabetes combined; and

WHEREAS, currently, only 20 states in the United States of America mandate insurance companies to provide hearing aid coverage to children and adults but New York State is not one of them; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid will pay for the diagnosis and treatment of hearing loss, including hearing aids, under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) service; and

WHEREAS, Medicare does not cover hearing aids for adults; however, diagnostic evaluations are covered if they are ordered by a physician for the purpose of assisting the physician in developing a treatment plan; and

WHEREAS, hearing aid prices can range from several hundred to several thousands of dollars each. A recent survey published by the Hearing Review found the purchase price of a single hearing aid is generally anywhere from \$800 to \$4000 per ear, and therefore, totaling \$1600 to \$8000 per pair, as is what most people require; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution will help support the Bill “Andrew’s Gift” , that is being proposed, mandating insurance companies to provide coverage of hearing aids for children and adults in New York State. Andrew Burrous, whom the Bill will be named after, lived in Floral Park with his family. He was an exuberant, easygoing little boy who loved laughing and being with his friends. Andrew was a hearing impaired young boy who lost his life on May 12, 2011 in a tragic pedestrian/vehicular accident at the innocent age of nine while he was riding his bicycle on the sidewalk with his mother walking beside him. Andrew never allowed his hearing loss to interfere with his optimism and pure delight with life. He was rarely seen without a smile on his face. His bright red hair and sweet laughter made him stand out amongst his peers. His family donated his organs, so that Andrew continues to live on by helping others enjoy their life; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park will help to raise awareness about the importance of hearing aids to help hearing impaired people hear the world around them to improve the quality of their lives.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Incorporated Village of Floral Park declares May 29th to be Hearing Aid Awareness Day.

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. 2016-77 adopting Local Law #1 of 2016 which overrides the tax levy limit imposed by the State of New York as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

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 Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2016-78 adopting the Inc. Village of Floral Park's 2016-17 Budget.

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 Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo expressed her gratitude to Chief Naughton and congratulated Chief John Florio, Sr. and his incoming staff.

Library

The Floral Park Library continues to bustle with activity. Our pre-schoolers are busy signing up for the national "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program which promotes enjoyable literacy experiences beginning in infancy. Parents may find out more about this exciting and important program by contacting Kathy Guidal, our children's librarian.

Thanks go to John Beyer, from Men On The Move, for being our latest community guest reader. Our pre-schoolers all enjoyed Mr. Beyer's entertaining read-aloud of the always popular "Curious George".

Plans are underway to relocate the circulation desk, a smaller and more efficient version, to a corner of the Library. This will create space for a new quiet reading or meeting room on the first floor, supported by funding from Senator Jack Martins. Stay tuned for news about future library programs and events at www.floralparklibrary.org.

Building Department

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) will be meeting on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 pm at the Recreation Center. On the agenda will be an application from the Wendy's Restaurant on Jericho Turnpike to reconstruct and remodel the current building and add a drive-through window.

Meanwhile, at Magnolia and Cisney Avenues, Carriage Hill Developers are framing House #1 with planning and early construction continuing on several others.

The Mayor then 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 Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy recessed the meeting at 8:25 pm.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy reconvened the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-79 authorizing Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to sign a CSEA Stipulation to include part-time neighborhood aide title as part of CSEA's Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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. 2016-80 approving transfer of \$11,000 from Judgement/Claims Account 001.8900.1930 to Parks/Equipment Account 001.7110.0200 to cover the cost of purchase and installation of Kiosk in Rotary Park.

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

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the use of Firefighters' Hall on Thursday, May 5th at 7:30 pm to hold a joint meeting held by civic associations for the purpose of hearing the Floral Park-Bellerose School District's Budget and candidates who are running for election.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2016-81 granting permanent status to William O'Leary after successfully completing his probationary period as a Mechanic at Grade 21, Step 1 at the contractual rate of \$56,982.00.

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 Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2016-82 granting permanent status to Mark Minero after successfully completing his probationary period as a Laborer at Grade 13, Step 1 at the contractual rate of \$33,767.00.

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

The Board unanimously authorized Resolution No. 2016-83 authorizing Superintendent of Buildings Steve Siwinski to retain Cameron Engineering to inspect and assess the condition of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and structure of Centennial Hall as stated in their proposal in the amount of \$8,750.00, as per recommendation of CBRE marketing and brokerage firm.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2016-84 approving final pay out of remaining time on the books of Patrick Cloudman in the total amount of \$116.88.

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. 2016-85 authorizing the Floral Park Fire Department to permit the ladder truck to participate in Kellenberg High School's May Crowning on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, subject to receipt of Letter of Indemnification.

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. 2016-86 approving a refund of \$25.00 to Joan Wood who was unable to attend the Silver Sneakers Program.

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 Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-87 authorizing a salary increase to \$14.50 an hour to D. Haug as an all year round, part-time park attendant.

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 Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the Board granted D. Meyfohr approval to host a "Hearing Aid Awareness Day" at Centennial Gardens on Sunday, May 29, 2016 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm near the Andrews Burrous' Gardens. Electricity and insurance certificate will be supplied by Northwell Health LIJ.

It was placed on the calendar to host a Public Visioning Session presented by CBRE regarding Centennial Hall on Thursday, May 19th at 8:00 pm in the Courtroom.

There being no further business, Mayor Tweedy closed the meeting at 10:43 pm.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk