

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on September 6, 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 Public Works and Building Department Stephen Siwinski, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, Fire Chief John Florio and Village Attorney John E. Ryan.

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

August 23, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-203 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$907,236.27
Swimming Pool	\$ 69,897.57
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 9,214.68</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$986,348.52

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 block party applications listed below in accordance with Section 32-12d:

Locust Street between Cherry Street and Miller Avenue on Saturday,  
September 17, 2016 (rain date Sunday, September 18)

Remsen Lane between Ontario Road and Florence Street on Saturday,  
September 17, 2016 (rain date Saturday, September 24)

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request from the Junior Woman's Club for use of the Recreation Center from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for meetings on September 15, October 20, November 17, 2016 (to be shared with Hillcrest Civic Association), January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20 and May 18, 2017.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of My First School to use Village Hall on Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for their Annual Fall Social, pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

#### Fire Department

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that during the month of August, the Floral Park Volunteer Fire Department responded to 101 calls, slightly below the average for the month, including 80 EMS calls, 9 potential gas leaks and 10 alarm system activation calls.

Having celebrated Labor Day this past weekend, Trustee Fitzgerald thanked the approximately 275 Village full-time, part-time and seasonal employees for their hard work and said they are truly the backbone of the Village.

## Recreation Center

Trustee Longobardi reported that on Labor Day, he, Mayor Tweedy and his fellow Board members had the pleasure of attending the last 'Jump In' at the pool. This has become an annual tradition that started a few years ago by Mayor Tweedy and then Recreation Commissioner, Trustee Fitzgerald, signaling the end of the pool season. It was a great sight and kids of all ages lined up at the pool's edge about 15 minutes prior to its closing to participate in the last 'jump in' of the season. About a dozen or so young boys around the ages of 8-10 years old, with arms around each other's shoulders, lined up around the diving board area to jump in together. The pool is a great place for young children, families, seniors and good friends to enjoy the days of summer and, in this case, create memories that will last a lifetime.

Trustee Longobardi said that on September 6<sup>th</sup>, he, Mayor Tweedy and Trustee Pombonyo attended the annual senior picnic which is the last event held at the pool every year. This event is a wonderful afternoon and a way to say thank you to our seniors who helped build Floral Park into the community it is today.

Trustee Longobardi reminded residents that registration for the Fall Recreation programs is on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation/Pool Building. Classes offering all kinds of exercise options for the young and younger-at-heart will be available.

## Building Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported that as the number of building construction projects in the Village of Floral Park continues at a brisk pace, the Village Board wants to ensure that all related building codes are up to date and are in the best interest of our residents and businesses. Trustees will be reviewing certain codes and all proposed changes will be presented and discussed at public hearings with opportunities for public comment.

One specific case is the proposed adoption of Local Law 2 of 2016 entitled: A Local Law Establishing a Moratorium on uses such as "Hookah Bars" and "Vape Shops" within the Incorporated Village of Floral Park. A public hearing will be held in Village Hall on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. The Village Board is requesting this moratorium to provide sufficient opportunity to evaluate the permitted uses in the business districts and to determine whether the permitted uses should be statutorily amended, altered, modified, expanded or repealed. There will be opportunities for public comment.

## Floral Park Public Library

Trustee Pombonyo reported that The Friends of the Library will be holding another fun-filled Book Sale at the Library on Saturday and Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Come to add new titles to your home library collections.

## Department of Public Works

Trustee Cheng reported that roadwork continues at Emerson and Bryant Avenues and that the 2016 Sidewalk Program is just about completed around the John Lewis Childs School.

## Third Track Task Force

Trustee Cheng reported that an email was just received from the MTA with the Final Scoping Document regarding the third rail extension project. The draft scoping document was 38 to 40 pages long. Now it is over 120 pages and it still does not answer any basic questions. The document basically said to wait for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in which they will assess all the details of the project. The Draft Scoping Document came out one to two weeks prior to the closing of the commenting period. Trustee Cheng thinks the DEIS will probably come out around Thanksgiving, or in December around the holidays, when everyone is busy; so currently, at this point, there is nothing we can do but sit and wait.

## Police Department

Mayor Tweedy said that Floral Park continues to be a bad place for bad guys to do business. At approximately 4:15 pm on September 6<sup>th</sup>, a perpetrator entered the Astoria Federal Bank located at 99 Covert Avenue and attempted to pass a fraudulent check. Workers at the bank suspected something was awry and did not cash the check and returned his identification. The perpetrator then fled the bank towards Key Food whereupon he jumped into a waiting car. The Floral Park Police Department responded with Police Officer Keteltas being sideswiped by the vehicle, thankfully, with no injury to the police officer and only slight damage to the police car. Police Officers Softy and Keteltas continued to pursue the vehicle into the Elmont/South Floral Park area. They discovered the vehicle abandoned near the Alva T. Stanford School Bus Parking Lot. A search of the buses resulted in one perpetrator being apprehended who was positively identified as the perpetrator at the bank. Floral Park Police Department Detectives were also on the scene and conferred with the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct to identify the driver of the vehicle. The vehicle was reported stolen out of the Hertz Parking Lot at JFK Airport.

## Mayor's Report

Mayor Tweedy said that on Labor Day, residents enjoyed the final jump into the pool which has become an annual event. The entire perimeter of the pool was occupied by swimmers awaiting the countdown to the final dip in the pool. The day included a DJ and lots of fun by all.

On Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, the day after Labor Day, the final pool event was held which was the annual Senior Picnic and some of our hearty seniors even went swimming! The event was attended by approximately 150 seniors who enjoyed a wonderful spread of food and good fellowship, as they had enjoyed all season long, and the winner of the raffle received the prized sandwich wrap from D&J's! All summer long, these seniors were able to participate in water exercises, bingo and Zumba. The Mayor said he along with Trustees Longobardi and Pomponyo were truly appreciative of all the pool stories they heard and to know that so many people had enjoyed our pool facility this past season.

The Mayor reported the Council of Cultural Affairs and our Library had a great summer of musical events at both Memorial Park and on the great lawn in front of our Library building.

The Mayor said our pocket parks, under the supervision of our General Supervisor Richie Albertson and Parks Supervisor Russell Mazzola and their talented park crews were maintained throughout the season. The improvements to Rotary Park, the front of Village Hall, the Emerson Triangle and the new Colonial Gardens Park will provide years of enjoyment and beauty which identifies our Village. The final electric work is being completed at Emerson Park and some new plantings and masonry work is being done at Colonial Park. This will complete these wonderful new pocket parks. Once again, this work is being done primarily by our own DPW crews. The design of all three pocket parks was done by Buildings and Public Works Superintendent Stephen Siwinski, who is a registered and licensed New York State Architect and a talented man whose enthusiasm has never waned.

Mayor Tweedy invited all residents to the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>. The solemn ceremony will take place at the Relic Steel Monument in front of Village Hall which has been recently refurbished. This is a somber but important remembrance of the vicious attack on our homeland and the pain and grief the families and our community continue to endure.

Mayor Tweedy reported that the hydraulic calculations and design for the new five-acre Belmont Recharge Basin which will alleviate decades-long flooding problems in the West End has been sent to the New York State Office of General Services in Albany for its engineering review. We await their anticipated approval and hope to put the project out to bid shortly thereafter. This improvement will be funded by a \$1.75 million grant which was obtained from County Executive Ed Mangano.

Mayor Tweedy said the work on Raff, Cedar, Hickory and Lowell is complete along with the drainage work at Cedar and Hickory. The roads and curbs are new which greatly improves the conveyance of water to the storm system. Through the diligence of the Department of Public Works and Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick, these additions to the County storm water system is paying great dividends.

Mayor Tweedy then expressed gratitude to Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick for his tireless perseverance and exceptional budget administration as Moody's Investor Service recently upgraded our bond rating from Aa3 to Aa2, which is as high as a Village our size can attain. This upgraded bond rating translates into tangible savings for the taxpayers of Floral Park in lowering financial costs. Therefore, programs like our multi-year road improvement program can be financed at a lower cost. Again, his stewardship and tenacity in managing the financial and business affairs of this Village cannot be understated and is tangible proof of his accomplishments and professionalism.

Mayor Tweedy reported that as we continue to await the plans and justification of the Third Track Expansion Program, please continue to read the Mayor's Messages, the Gateway and our Village website to stay informed. Do not hesitate to call our Third Track Committee Chairperson Archie Cheng with your thoughts and observations.

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

The Mayor stated the Village Board Meeting would continue in his office with Department Heads after a brief recess and the public is invited to attend.

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On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, Mayor Tweedy reconvened the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-204 authorizing Mayor Thomas J. Tweedy, Village Administrator/Treasurer Gerard M. Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan E. Walsh and Deputy Treasurer Kathleen M. Mack to sign the Corporate Resolution of UBS Financial Services Inc. for the 2016 Fire Department's Length of Service Award Program.

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 Cheng offered Resolution No. 2016-205 granting permission to the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce to use Firefighter's Hall to host a meeting on October 6, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and use of the kitchen facilities to serve snacks and beer and wine, pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance including liquor liability.

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. 2016-206 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Fuel Agreement with the Garden City School District, pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

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. 2016-207 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Fuel Agreement with the Village of Garden City, pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

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 Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-208 authorizing the request of Edwin Bird to withdraw his account balance from his Service Award Program due to his permanent disability as determined by the Social Security Administration.

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. 2016-209 granting permission for Sanitation Supervisor Kevin Ginnane to attend a one-day training session for certification as Class A and B Operator for fuel bulk storage as required by the New York State Department of Environment Conservation at a cost of \$850.00.

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

At 9:55 pm, the Tree Committee convened. Present were the Board of Trustees, Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski, Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick and Village Clerk Susan Walsh.

Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski reported that Mr. Gibney, the arborist, was called to inspect trees on Bellmore, Revere Drive and Locust to see if there is a fungus infecting the pin oaks. These trees appear to be dying.

Steve also reported that Trees R Us will be removing a tree on Willis Avenue and a tree on West Elder Avenue. There are approximately 250 requests on the tree trimming log.

A tree removal report will be developed in concert with the sidewalk program with the recommendations of the arborist when inspecting sidewalk flags.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2016-210 authorizing the extension of the Tree Planting Bid contract with Northport Trees for a period of one year with the same terms, fees and conditions.

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

At 10:15 pm, the Tree Committee meeting ended.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2016-211 authorizing the hiring of Heather Wilkerson who was a Part-Time Parking Meter Attendant to a Full-Time Neighborhood Aide at the contractual rate of pay of \$35,174, subject to the approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

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 Cheng offered Resolution No. 2016-212 authorizing the hiring of Victoria Lippolis who was a Part-Time School Crossing Guard to a Full-Time Parking Meter Attendant at the contractual rate of \$35,174, subject to the approval of the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

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

There being no further business, Mayor Tweedy closed the meeting at 11:40 pm.

Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk