

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on October 18, 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 and Lynn Pombonyo, 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.

Trustee Archie T. Cheng was excused from the Board Meeting.

Mayor Tweedy presented New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) Public Service Recognition Certificates to employees who have reached milestones in their careers for their years of service to the Village. Three employees who were unable to attend the ceremony were Lieutenant Michael Reid, James Karpowitz and Thomas Dillon. Collectively, these six employees have over 200 years of service to the Village of Floral Park, not a claim that most villages could make. Mayor Tweedy thanked the employees for their hard work and dedication to the Village.

Recipients who attended the Board Meeting and received NYCOM Public Service Recognition Certificates were:

SERGEANT JOSEPH OSWALD - 35 YEARS

Joe Oswald was hired as a Police Officer in April 1981 and was promoted to Sergeant in August 1988.

Joe and his wife, Kim, live in Floral Park and have four children, Michael, Katelyn, Ryan and Gregory. They are eagerly awaiting the birth of their first grandchild in February.

Joe is well known in the Village not only for being a police officer, but also for having coached baseball, football, hockey, soccer, basketball and softball. Joe is an avid fisherman and during his free time, chances are, you can find him casting for the “catch of the day” or talking about “the one that got away”. He enjoys working on crossword puzzles and reading a good book.

Joe’s many years of service to our Police Department have made him a real benefit to our community. Congratulations Joe!

MICHAEL NAYLOR - 30 YEARS

Mike began his career with the Village in 1986 as a Laborer in the Department of Public Works. After obtaining his CDL, he drove the street sweeper for years and then became Assistant Highway Supervisor. Shortly thereafter, Mike was promoted to Highway Supervisor, the position he holds today.

The second of five children born to Helen and Alfred Naylor, Mike was raised in Floral Park and has lived here for 53 years.

In 2002, 2003 and 2004, Mike coached a Junior Rugby team to three consecutive Long Island Division championships.

Mike’s interests include reading, writing and traveling and he won the Ernest Hemingway Award for Best Travel Short Story for *Prelude Magazine*. In 1999 and 2003, he ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain and has done extensive cliff diving all over South America. He also enjoys calligraphy and origami.

His sense of humor (as witnessed by his “hobbies” and “interests”) have made him a valued employee of the Public Works Department. Mike will be retiring shortly and we wish him well in the next chapter of his life. Congratulations Mike!

WILLIAM ZASK - 30 YEARS

In 1984, Bill was hired by the Village as a Police Dispatcher. In 1986, he transferred to the Department of Public Works as an Automotive Servicer and he is currently an employee of the Sanitation Department.

He and his wife Kathleen live in New Hyde Park and have three children, William, Kenneth and Kaitlin, and are the proud grandparents to Ryan, Erin and Emma.

Bill is an ex-Captain of the Hook & Ladder Company of the Floral Park Fire Department and is interested in antique fire trucks. You can usually see him driving the antique fire truck in the Memorial Day parade and other celebrations in the Village. He also likes spending time with his family.

Bill’s dedication and dependability have proven to be great assets to the Department of Public Works and our residents. Congratulations Bill!

Mayor Tweedy also thanked Mike Naylor and Bill Zask for all their hard work during Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy. Their dedication helped all our residents tremendously.

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

October 4, 2016 - Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2016-243 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$782,838.92
Swimming Pool	\$ 8,375.02
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	\$ 0.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$791,213.94

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	- Absent
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Mercy League to use the Recreation Center Tulip Room on the fourth Monday of the month for meetings as follows: October 24, November 28, 2016, January 30, February 27, March 27, April 24 and May 29, 2017, pending the receipt of an updated certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the Board approved AAA Taxi Service cab permits for Neason Lewis, Anthony Castro and Kulveer Singh Mann, each applicant having completed a background check with the Floral Park Police Department.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of CSEA Local Unit 880 to hold their annual holiday luncheon at the Recreation Center on Friday, December 9, 2016 from 11:30 am to approximately 2:00 pm.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt to hold the annual AHRC Volunteer Luncheon at the Recreation Center Tulip Room on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 11:00 am.

Fire Department/Police Department

Trustee Fitzgerald read an excerpt of a letter to the Floral Park Fire Department and Police Department from a very grateful resident who had a serious medical emergency:

“I experienced a serious, life threatening medical emergency. I managed to call the Floral Park Police Department and asked for assistance. Within seconds, Police Officers Kenneth Kratochvil and Joseph Cosmo were at my side and began to assist me. Soon after, 1st Assistant Chief Mike Longobardi arrived and began assessing my medical condition.”

“Our Floral Park residents can be very proud of the dedicated and dependable members of the Floral Park Police Department and the Floral Park Fire Department firefighters and emergency responders who volunteer so caringly, unselfishly and skillfully. Our residents, as well as the people living in neighboring communities served through mutual aid, are indeed fortunate.”

“Again, I extend a heartfelt thank you to the F.P.P.D. and the F.P.F.D. and members of Rescue Co. for responding to my call and attending to my medical needs so quickly and professionally.”

Trustee Fitzgerald extended his thanks to both departments for their dedication 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Trustee Fitzgerald reminded residents that the end of daylight savings time is on Sunday, November 6th. Please remember to change your clocks and change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Recreation Center

Trustee Longobardi reported that the Recreation Center is busy with Fall sports including our hockey team, the Screaming Eagles, and Titans Football. We wish them both great seasons!

Trustee Longobardi also reminded residents to turn back their clocks and change the batteries in both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Building Department

Trustee Pombonyo reported that there has been lots of activity in and around the new homes in the Cisney/Magnolia area. Several homes are under construction, and a well-attended Open House took place at House #1 on Saturday, October 15th. The new pocket park across the street is nearing completion, and will be a beautiful, green space for all to enjoy walking, sitting and meeting friends on a pleasant, sunny day. Thanks to all on the pocket park committee, the Village Department of Public Works and Stephen Siwinski, DPW Superintendent.

The Board of Trustees will continue its work reviewing and updating our Building Codes at upcoming meetings and public hearings. On November 1, the Board will listen to public comment on property subdivisions and a proposed moratorium. With the recent publicity on problems caused by vacant properties and zombie homes throughout the region, the Village Board is reviewing action taken by other municipalities including New York State, the Towns of Babylon and Hempstead, and others to manage, rectify and prevent the many destructive problems created when abandoned properties exist. Watch for further information about related meetings and public hearings.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Tweedy reported that the Police Department has been busy issuing tickets to drivers not adhering to stop signs. Frequent stops are being made on Jericho Turnpike witnessed by the fact that police strobe lights can very often be seen.

Mayor Tweedy said that he and the entire Board marched in the Floral Park Memorial Homecoming Parade which was led by Grand Marshal Trustee Lynn Pombonyo. Mayor Tweedy said it was a wonderful event and that Principal Kathleen Sottile and her staff have worked very hard to make it such a wonderful community day.

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

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

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2016-244 granting the application of CC Restaurant, Inc., Gavin and Lindsey Doherty, 155 Tulip Avenue, Floral Park, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Decision and Resolution attached hereto.

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	- Absent
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2016-245 granting the application of Anthony Peranio and Marie Elena Bianchi, property owners, 72 Willis Avenue, Floral Park, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Decision and Resolution attached hereto.

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	- Absent
Mayor Tweedy	- Aye

There being no further business, Mayor Tweedy closed the meeting at 11:20 pm.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk