

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on July 10, 2018 at 8:00 pm.

The meeting opened with a Pledge to the Flag. Present were Mayor Dominick A. Longobardi, Trustees Kevin M. Fitzgerald, Lynn Pombonyo, Archie T. Cheng and Frank J. Chiara, Village Administrator Gerard M. Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan E. Walsh, Superintendent of Public Works and Building Department Stephen Siwinski, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister and Village Attorney John E. Ryan

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

June 19, 2018	-	Regular Board Meeting
June 28, 2018	-	Special Board Meeting – Sale of Centennial Hall

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-123 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$1,131,726.61
Swimming Pool	\$ 68,855.33
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,200,581.94

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

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

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following block party applications in accordance with Section 32-12d:

Bryant Avenue between Emerson Avenue and Irving Avenue on Tuesday,  
July 17, 2018 (rain date Tuesday, July 31)

Carnation Avenue between Birch Street and Raff Avenue on Saturday,  
August 11, 2018 (rain date Sunday, August 12)

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual Street Fair on Covert Avenue on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm with the assistance of the Department of Public Works and the Floral Park Police Department subject to receipt of certificates of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister to attend the 2018 New York State Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Training Conference scheduled for July 15, through July 18, 2018 in Glen Cove, NY.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-124 ratifying the appointment of Thomas J. Lavin, Esq. as Special Village Prosecutor, due to a potential conflict of interest in handling one of the cases held on June 25, 2018 at the Floral Park Village Justice Court.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye

Trustee Chiara - Aye  
Mayor Longobardi - Aye

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2018-125 authorizing the refund request of T. Farrell of \$135.00 which represents the difference of the pool membership fee of an Individual Rate of \$285.00 and Caregiver's Rate of \$150.00.

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

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

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-126 approving the payment of earned accrued time for retired employee, Richard Albertson, General Supervisor, who retired on June 30, 2018 as follows:

• 25 vacation days @ \$498.23 daily rate	-	\$12,455.75
• 130 sick days @ \$498.23 daily rate	-	64,769.90
• 4 personal days @ \$498.23 daily rate		<u>1,992.92</u>
	TOTAL	\$79,218.57

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

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

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2018-127 authorizing the request of Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt to increase the hourly salary of M. Rhode from \$10.65 hr. to \$11.50 hr. due to his increased responsibilities at the pool.

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

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

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Mary Quinn's Mark Foundation to use the Recreation Center on Fridays from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm from October 2018 to mid-June 2019 to sponsor classes of interest to individuals with intellectual disabilities pending the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved AAA Taxi Service cab permits for Donald Johnson, Kenneth Robinson, Ian Bradshaw, Lester Borman, Daniel Napolitano and Mark Walker; and from Glen Belle cab permits for Jimmy Dominguez and Preston Nesmith, with each applicant having completed a background check with the Floral Park Police Department.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2018-128 authorizing the salary increase of \$.25 hr. retroactively to June 1, 2018 to the following seasonal staff: M. O'Grady, H. Botka and K. Longobardi.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Recused

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-129 authorizing a salary increase to part-time Park Attendant Devin Murphy to \$13.00 hr. as he will have additional responsibilities as a supervisor in the Parks Department effective July 7, 2018.

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

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

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Woman's Club to use the Recreation Center pending the receipt of an updated certificate of insurance as follows:

Board meetings in the Daisy Room at 11:00 am to 12:30 pm and regular meetings in the Tulip Room from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm on September 19, October 17, November 21, 2018, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15 and June 19, 2019;

Literature Department meetings in the Tulip Room from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on September 10, October 15, November 5 and December 10, 2018, January 14, February 11, March 11 and April 8 and May 13, 2019;

Quilting Department meetings in the Daisy Room at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm on September 24, October 22, November 26, 2018, January 2, February 25, March 25, April 22 and May 20, 2019.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Sewanhaka High School to hold their annual Homecoming Parade on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 1:00 pm (rain date Saturday, October 27) with route as follows: north on Landau Avenue, southeast on Tulip Avenue, south on Barrymore Boulevard, west on Hempstead Turnpike, north on Landau Avenue, returning to school, with assistance from the Floral Park Police at the intersection of Landau and Tulip.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Fire Department to hold their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade & Festival on Saturday, August 4, 2018 with parade kickoff at 5:00 pm and use of the Carlton Street parking field for the Festival with assistance of the Floral Park Police Department.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2018-130 authorizing the request of D. Gafforio for a refund in the amount of \$45.00 which represents the fee to participate in the cartooning class as his son was unable to attend.

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

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

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Girl Scout Troop 1285 to create a memorial garden bed in the

Children’s Garden at Centennial Gardens in honor of FDNY Lt. Michael Davidson on Sunday, July 15, 2018 (rain date July 29) in coordination with Marie Martone as liaison of the Floral Park Conservation Society and receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-131 authorizing the hiring of Joseph Esposito as a Tree Pruner in the Public Works Department at the contractual rate of \$39,395.66 (Grade 17 Step 1), subject to clearances of the pre-employment medical and drug/alcohol screenings and 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 Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

### **Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald**

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the 2017 road work program on Locust Street and Clayton has started. Trustee Fitzgerald said the Mayor and Board will be happy to answer questions after the Board has completed their reports. In attendance this evening are Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane and Roger Cocchi from Dvirka & Bartolucci, the engineers who is supervising the projects.

Milling and paving has been done on Aspen Street during the past week in which our Highway Department spread six tons of asphalt.

The catch basins on Remsen Lane, Rose and Violet Avenues and Mayfair and Walnut Avenues were replaced.

### **Conservation Society – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Trustee Lynn Pombonyo commended Floral Park Cadette Troop 1484 of the Girl Scouts. For the prestigious Silver Award, the troop created a Sensory Garden for the community at Centennial Gardens. This beautiful creation stimulates all the different senses through the use of a variety of interesting plants and materials. This garden will be a special place where all children, especially those with autism and other challenges, can fully experience and enjoy nature. Troop 1484 welcomed many community guests at their dedication ceremony on June 28<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to visit this magnificent garden for a most enjoyable sensory experience with nature. Appreciation is extended to Troop 1484, their leaders and the many community members who contributed to this very special addition at Centennial Gardens.

The Conservation Society invites all of our community members to visit this unique display of nature daily from noon to 5:00 pm. Volunteers to help maintain the Gardens are always welcome. Go to [www.fpgarden.org](http://www.fpgarden.org) for beautiful photos and more information.

### **Fire Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo reported that our volunteer Fire Department continues to provide significant community service, even as they respond to fire and medical emergency calls and engage in ongoing, rigorous training and drill activities. During the past month, members of the Fire Department Rescue Company and their equipment were present to provide support at the June 16<sup>th</sup> Floral Park Little League 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Challenger Tournament at the Recreation Center. Teams from at least nine different regions of Long Island participated in this highly successful adaptive baseball program for individuals with physical and intellectual challenges, ages four to eighteen. At the June 24<sup>th</sup> Library Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival, firefighters from our Alert Company spent a Sunday afternoon giving firetruck tours and equipment demonstrations for large, excited audiences of young children and their families. A June 29<sup>th</sup> blood drive at Headquarters yielded 191 pints of blood. Thanks to our Fire Department and the many donors who participated. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Alert Truck Company members participated in the Stewart

Manor Fire Department parade, along with the rest of our Floral Park Fire Department who were there for support, protection and insuring a fun-filled time for our local communities.

On Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, our Fire Department will continue its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with a spectacular parade starting at 5:00 pm. Featured will be our Fire Department, many other departments from the area, bands, marching groups, and a fabulous celebration. The parade will start in the north end, proceed through the Village and end at Village Hall with an evening party for all at the Carlton Parking Field. Stay tuned for more exciting details and save the date – Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

### **Library – Trustee Archie Cheng**

Trustee Cheng reported that so far this year, 197 children have signed up for the summer reading program. On Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, the Library will be hosting a tribute concert to James Taylor, Carole King and more on the Library lawn. On Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm there will be a concert of Great Girl Groups of the 60's with Nina Gordon and Her Band.

The Library is now offering the NYS Empire Pass which allows the pass holder and their occupants in one vehicle free entry to most of New York's State-operated parks and recreational facilities. You may go to the Library's website under Museum Passes to reserve a pass for yourself.

Please check the Library's website at [www.floralparklibrary.org](http://www.floralparklibrary.org) for more interesting and fun children and teen programs.

### **Police Department – Trustee Archie Cheng**

Trustee Cheng reported that there has been a new fence installed at Tunnel Street by the MTA. It is a vast improvement. The Police Department is reporting again that 3 or 4 *unlocked* cars were entered into. Not much personal property was taken.

The Police Department reports that major crimes have decreased by 45% this year to date.

Larcenies have decreased by 58% (10), burglaries decreased by 67% (4) and Robbery by 50% (1). Increases were auto theft 50% (1) and Aggravated assault 100% (1).

### **Third Track Project – Trustee Archie Cheng**

Trustee Cheng reported that last month he attended approximately 18-22 hours of meetings with contractors and the MTA.

The viaduct construction on Tyson Avenue is scheduled to begin sometime in September 2018 and conclude approximately May 2019. In the Memo of Understanding, it was stated that Tyson Avenue would be closed for two weekends; however, the contractor said he expects a full closure at Tyson for three months.

Construction is slated to begin on Plainfield Avenue during the Fall of 2019 and on Linden Avenue also in the Fall of 2019. They will be digging elevator shafts this Fall and estimate elevator construction completion late 2019. This information was received from the contractors. A list of structures to be inspected for pre-existing conditions has been started but we have not received a complete copy of the list yet.

Road surveys are starting on July 11<sup>th</sup> again to check for pre-existing conditions. According to the FEIS, materials and equipment were to be brought into the Village by rail for the most part. The contractor informed us that materials and equipment would arrive by trucks on our roads.

We continue to learn of major deviations from the FEIS and the MOU. We wrote a letter to the MTA on July 1<sup>st</sup> regarding our concerns but we have yet to receive a reply from them.

All the above dates provided by the contractor are subject to change.

Mayor Longobardi stated that we are making every effort to make sure the Memo of Agreement is being adhered to.

### **Recreation Center – Trustee Frank Chiara**

Trustee Chiara reported that the Recreation Center and Pool is the place for our residents to be. At the pool, all the offered programs and activities are in full swing.

As always, we have a large amount of children signed up for free swim lessons. The ‘My Tot and Me Swim Program’ is offered for parents or guardians to introduce infants to the pool environment.

The Junior Lifeguard Program is available to children ages 11 to 15. Our Pirate’s Swim Team has begun their practices and their first meet is July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Trustee Chiara wished them a successful and fun season.

We will be having a variety of entertainment at the pool and will continue to do so throughout the season. Piano Man Pat Farrell, Sam Tesh who sings Frank Sinatra and Ashley Caturano who sings pop music are a few of the entertainers who have performed so far to everyone’s enjoyment.

Senior Bingo is held every Friday from 10:30 am to 11:30 am and Family Nights continue to be very popular.

Coming up will be our Moonlight Movies Series starting on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. ‘Top Your Own Sundae’ and ‘National Hot Dog Day’ where the Snack Bar will offer foot-long hot dogs for sale will also take place on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

District 29 Basement and Softball Tournaments have concluded and the Floral Park Little League Summer League for players ages 7-12 has just begun.

Boys and Girls Sports Camps are now in progress.

Our Men’s Basketball and Volleyball Leagues and Women’s Volleyball are in play.

Please check our website at [www.fpvillage.org](http://www.fpvillage.org) or the Floral Park Pool Facebook page for updated activity information or you can always call the Recreation Center.

Once Again, Trustee Chiara encouraged all residents to enjoy our wonderful facility and he thanked all the staff for doing a fantastic job coordinating and keeping all our activities running smoothly.

Enjoy the summer!

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 Cheng, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi recessed the meeting at 8:20 pm.

\*\*\*\*\*

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi reconvened the meeting at 10:15 pm.

At 10:28 pm, on motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Cheng, the Board went into executive session to discuss contractual and DPW personnel matters. On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, the Board came out of executive session at 10:50 pm. No action was taken.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2018-132 to permit Sergeant Thomas McCarthy to attend the Southern Police Institute Excellence in Policing on August 6-10, 2018 for a 40-hour training

course regarding personnel development, assessment and liability, at a total cost of \$1,500.00 which includes transportation, lodging, registration and meals.

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

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

There being no further business, Mayor Longobardi closed the meeting at 12:00 am.

Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk