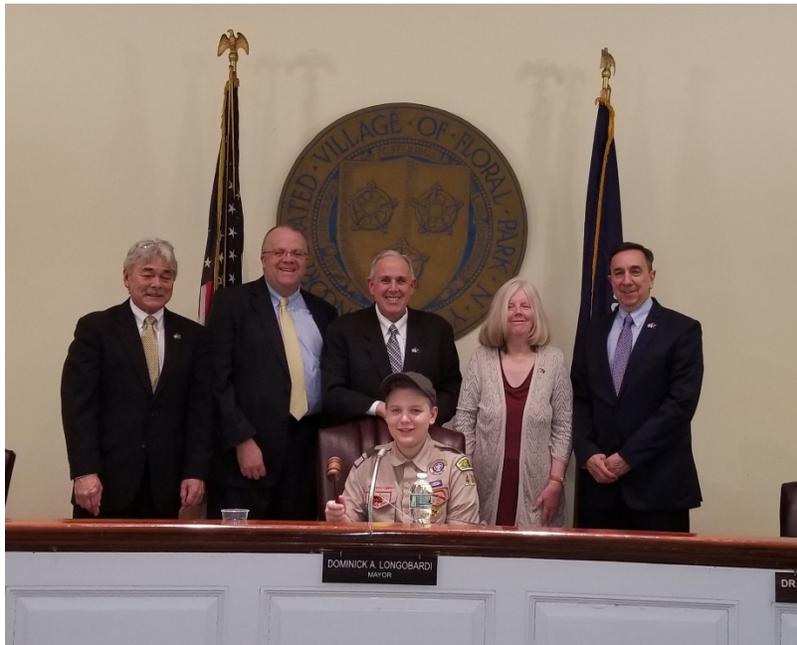


Inc. Village of Floral Park
March 3, 2020
Board of Trustees Meeting

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi called Boy Scout Sal Bonini to open up the Board of Trustees meeting by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor then asked for a moment of silence for Floral Park resident, Matthew Palmer, and to keep his family, friends and Boy Scout Troop 482 members in your thoughts and prayers.



CAPTION: Mayor Longobardi and the Floral Park Board of Trustees congratulate Boy Scout Sal Bonini from Troop 482 at the March 3, 2020 Board meeting as Sal is working toward earning his citizen's badge.

(Picture L-R: Front Row: Sal Bonini, Boy Scout Troop 482, Back Row: Trustee Archie Cheng, Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald, Mayor Dominick Longobardi, Trustee Dr. Lynn Pombonyo and Trustee Frank Chiara.).

Belmont Redevelopment Project – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Last Thursday, February 28, 2020, Mayor Longobardi, Trustee Chiara, Village Administrator Bambrick and I along with a few residents attended a meeting in Elmont hosted by New York Arena Partners (NYAP) where an update on the project would be provided. Presenters at the meeting were representatives of the NYRA, LIRR, NYAP and PSE&G. Although some questions were answered (including at the current time NYAP stated their intent is to use natural gas and not propane) there were a lot of questions asked but either not answered or responded to. Some of those include:

- Who will be patrolling the North Lot and ensuring that there is no tailgating or horn honking as described in the FEIS? The response was that there currently is a hotline and when asked if the hotline would involve an immediate action regardless of time of day, there was no response.
- NYAP when asked how many local community members were working on the construction site, they had no idea what that number is.
- NYAP would not respond for a request that they and the LIRR do a full environmental study on the new Elmont Train station.
- There were other questions unique to the Elmont community for which there were no solid answers given to those community members.

On Saturday, the Governor announced that the New York Islanders would be playing any playoff games this year and the entire season next year at the Nassau Coliseum. During the press conference he stated the following:

- *“The Islanders are not just a sports team; they are a point of identification for Long Island and a point of pride for Long Island ... a part of the fabric of the community”*. I would ask then why wouldn't the State and the New York Islanders want to ensure that the local communities that surround their new home would not be significantly negatively impacted by what they are trying to build? At the start of the process I believe that their intent was to ensure that they were part of our community but since the mall was announced increasing the scale of the project, they have not tried to assist in minimizing any impact on Floral Park.
- The Governor then stated that the NHL had legitimate questions about the Nassau Coliseum and needed to get the facility up to par. The State then invested \$6million dollars to upgrade the ice, media accommodations and team accommodations. Why wouldn't the State and NYAP meet with Floral Park to ensure that our residents' concerns are mitigated just like they worked with the NHL? It seems that the NHL concerns that were eagerly and promptly met, are more important than taxpayer/homeowners legitimate concerns.

With all that said, I think it long past due that the Governor, the ESD, the County Executive, our State Senator, the New York Islanders, and NYAP “do the right thing” for the local communities. They all know the issues are and what some of the proposed remedies are. As previously stated, many times both publicly and privately to our elected officials, we are willing to discuss solutions and ideas at any time.

Recreation and Pool Department – Trustee Dr. Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo announced that Spring is coming to our Floral Park Rec Center. The ball-fields are being groomed, raked and edged, and 120 tons of clay have been added on our five ball-fields. One field is ninety feet, one is seventy and two are sixty feet. The LIRR has completed its use of Field 7 (the Pit) for its third track construction, and the field is now being fully refurbished with new dugouts, a backstop and fencing. The park will have lots of new grass too as 800 pounds of seed have been spread throughout.

At the pool, Summer 2020 registration has begun. Office hours are 9am to 8pm Monday to Friday. Credit card and three and four month payment plans are available, as well as specials for bringing in new pool members and families, and discounted guest passes when purchasing ten for the price of eight. See the fpvillage.org website and the pool link or call 516-326-6336 during office hours for all the exciting details. Our informative and colorful Pool and Recreation booklets are being updated and sent to homes in the coming months. Stay tuned for your enjoyable summer at our Village park and pool!

Conservation Society – Trustee Dr. Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo announced that there's less than a month to go until the opening of Centennial Gardens. On Wednesday, April 1st from noon to 5pm, all are invited to return to the Gardens to celebrate the spring season. In the meantime, you may take a leisurely walk along the outer brick path around the Gardens to catch a magnificent glimpse of all that the Gardens have to offer.

Congratulations to FPM!

Trustee Pombonyo extended the congratulations of all in the community to the Floral Park Memorial Girls' Varsity Basketball Team on their astounding 22-0 record for the 2019-20 season. On Saturday, February 29th, the Knights defeated Bellmore JFK's team in the Nassau County Conference A semi-finals game at Farmingdale State College. This Saturday, March 7th, our Knights will face Locust Valley, also 22-0, for the Nassau County Conference A Championship at Farmingdale. It promises to be a thriller! GO KNIGHTS!

Fire Department – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that the Fire Department is presently involved in a member recruitment drive. The members are actively seeking new members at our high school and throughout the Village. If you are interested, the Fire Department provides all training, including becoming an EMT, at no cost. I can speak from experience that there is no better way for anyone to help your fellow neighbors and have such an important impact on our Village. Calls for the month - Rescue 61; all other Firematic calls - 37.

LIRR Third Track – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that at long last, 3TC is out of Field 7 and our DPW yard. Work has already started to refurbish Field 7 and to build our new and improved DPW yard. As of today, curbs are in the process of being installed on North Street. North Street and Bergen Street from

North Street to Terrace Avenue will be repaved in the next few weeks. We have been assured that the baseball field will be ready for play this Spring Season. I wish to thank Superintendents Marcus, Ginnane & Meyfohr for all their assistance with the redevelopment of Field 7 and the DPW yard. Their collective expertise will greatly improve this area of the Village.

As to Plainfield Avenue Bridge, there will be a full closure of Plainfield Avenue from King Street to Stewart Street between 8pm - 7am on the night of March 19 (rain date March 18). Based on the weather report, we will know for sure which date the closure will occur on. There will be no westbound outlet on Terrace Avenue onto Plainfield Avenue. Traffic northbound on Plainfield Avenue will be diverted at Magnolia Avenue. Traffic on Southbound Plainfield Avenue from Stewart Street will be allowed. The weeks of March 23 & 30 will experience one lane intermittent traffic between the hours of 7am - 3:30pm. On Charles Street, Right Of Way work will commence in April.

Finally, we are developing a landscape plan with 3TC. Details to follow.

Library – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the Library will be hosting St. Patrick's Day celebrations all month for all ages. A St. Patrick's Day Tea Party will be hosted for the little ones, the teens will be making St. Patrick's Day snacks to be donated to the at the Mary Brennan INN soup kitchen, and the adults will be baking and decorating cupcakes and eating them.

There will also be Irish music from the 7's & 3's, which is a very popular Celtic band. Residents that usually attend take to the microphone and share a tune or two and join in for Irish set dancing. It is a fun event. All are welcome to attend all of these events. Please check the Library calendar on the website for times and dates at www.floralparklibrary.org.

The Tax Assistance Program has been very busy. Anyone seeking assistance with their taxes must make an appointment. The program is held every Tuesday from 10am - 2 pm through April 14th.

The New Resident Committee will be hosting its 2nd Annual 'Meet and Greet' for new residents. Invitations have been mailed to new residents. If a new neighbor has recently moved to your area, please extend the invite to come to the Rec Center on Sunday, March 22nd from 1pm - 4pm. Guests will be able to get information about our wonderful community and experience a warm welcome to our Village. Village officials, community groups, sports clubs, civic associations, religious organizations and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce will be on hand to welcome guests, introduce themselves and share information about their services. Last year, it was great event and we are hoping that this year's will be even better. We are looking forward to welcoming our new neighbors to the Village of Floral April. All new residents are welcomed to attend!

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi continued

Mayor Longobardi invited Boy Scout Sal Bonini to ask questions during the public meeting and thanked Kenny Procaccia for filming the meeting.

Mayor Longobardi congratulated the Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister and the Floral Park Police Department on its fine work. According to a recent publication, www.ALARMS.org, Floral Park was listed Number '1' as the safest place to live on Long Island. The Mayor also cited that Floral Park Village was ranked the third safest place to live in New York State and eighteenth in the United States of America. He commented that these statistics reflect the family-oriented community that Floral Park Village is renowned for and stated that the Board of Trustees is grateful to the Police Department, Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick and his staff for all that they do to provide the protection and services to keep the "family" vibrant in the Floral Park community.

On motion by Mayor Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi recessed the meeting at 8:25pm.

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