

**Inc. Village of Floral Park**  
**September 17, 2019**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Police Department – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald**

Trustee Fitzgerald said that recently there have been postings on various Facebook pages directly relating to various police matters. Some of the incidents that were reported turned out to be unsubstantiated by our Police Department. Therefore, Trustee Fitzgerald respectfully asks that our residents:

- Be hesitant to believe what they read on Facebook;
- Know that our Police Department thoroughly investigates all potential criminal incidents that are reported to them; and
- Be confident that if there was any serious public safety matter, they would use all resources to ensure that we are safe and that proper notification be given to all in an expeditious manner and through every available channel.

In the event that you are aware of an issue and want to verify it, please call or email the Police Department while being respectful that they may be attending to a prioritized matter.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald said that trees were planted on Locust Street and sod will be put down the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>.

On Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Trustee Fitzgerald, Mayor Longobardi and Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane along with the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce and residents met to talk about starting a new committee for the beautification of our commercial districts. Many interesting ideas were discussed and Trustee Fitzgerald said he looks forward to meeting with them again.

**Belmont – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald**

Trustee Fitzgerald said with regard to the Village's recent Article 78 filing, he is disappointed that it came to this unfortunate juncture. The Mayor, Board and our residents have been on the record for the better part of two years stating our very reasonable concerns about the project. Trustee Fitzgerald reminded everyone that at the December 2017 ESD Board meeting, he stated to the ESD Board that at the end of our dialogue that "we were looking forward to working with all parties to ensure that the project either kept Floral Park the same or improved it". Unfortunately, the parties named in our filing had total disregard for that very basic statement.

### **Recreation and Pool – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo announced that the fall season continues to bring days of enjoyable outdoor and indoor activities for those of all ages. At the recent Floral Park Little League Fall Awards Ceremony, well over 100 athletes, from our very young to our teens, received awards for their impressive baseball and softball skills and teamwork. Coaches, family members and community leaders were on hand to applaud the teams for another exciting season.

At our fall recreation program, Saturday openings remain in the 8:30 am-9:30 am Yoga class and the 9:45 am-10:45 am Zumba class for adults as well as the morning and afternoon Aerobics programs. The Jim Krug Fall Tennis Classic is underway and the results will be posted on the Village website. Also up and running are fall Baseball, Titans Football, and the fall Volleyball League. For details on programs and availability, call the Recreation Center at 516-326-6336, Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and enjoy your days of recreation in Floral Park.

The Recreation and Pool Committees extend their appreciation to Trustee Cheng for his vigilance in monitoring the third track construction in the vicinity of the Recreation Center and Village pool, and ensuring that there would be no serious disruptions or negative impacts on this summer's season.

### **Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo reminded all of the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce Street Fair taking place this Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Come for the craft fair, face painting, mums flower sale, huge inflatables, live bands, big prize raffles, towering rock wall, and great food and store sales. The opening ceremonies will take place at noon when the Villages will honor the Chamber. See you there!

### **Fire Department – Trustee Archie Cheng**

Trustee Cheng reported that the 9-11 services were held last week on the Village Hall front lawn and at the Reliance Fire House. These services not only paid tribute to the fallen but also the resiliency of the American spirit. The Reliance Company service was attended by several other departments as well as the New York City Emergency Medical Services Department. Both services were well attended by our residents.

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

Trustee Cheng reported that work on the retaining and sound walls behind the Recreation Center and pool and the expansion of the Linden Avenue tunnel has commenced. The tunnel will remain closed until further notice. We were hoping that we would be able to open the tunnel for Liz's Day, but work has started and it would be unsafe for pedestrian traffic.

Work is in progress under the viaduct at the Floral Park train station. Atlantic Avenue between Carlton Street and Carnation Avenue has reopened. Trenching for the electrical work was completed sooner than expected.

Parking spaces under the viaduct at Carlton Street have been restored. Parking at The Harrison and Mayflower Avenue lots on South Tyson Avenue are no longer available to Village commuter permit holders.

Questions have been asked about the retaining walls and heavy rains. The walls have not been completed and seams need to be sealed. This will be done soon.

With regard to the utility poles, the poles located on the outside of the railroad property to the walls are temporary. They will eventually be moved back to the inside of the retaining walls.

### **Library – Trustee Frank Chiara**

Trustee Chiara reported that the Friends of the Library's recent book sale was very successful, raising over \$1,800 for our Library. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this sale. The Friends of the Library have events to raise funds for projects that will further enhance the patron experience at our Library. Thank you to the Friends and the Library staff for all the time and effort they volunteer to make these events happen.

A few upcoming events at the Library are:

- On Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, there will be a Fall Family Festival on the Library lawn. Pumpkin decorating, a pumpkin patch, face painting, balloons and a junior sports arena will be available for all who attend. All residents are invited.
- On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, the Friends of the Library are hosting a Lawn Sale on the Library lawn. Anyone interested in renting a space for \$25 will be able to sell their attic and garage treasures or new items on the lawn. There will be something for everyone at this sale. Please come out and support this event.
- Save the date for Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm for the Floral Park Library's Family Fun Event being held at Barnes & Noble in the Country Glen Shopping Center. 'Goblin Up a Good Boook' will have storytelling, face painting, crafts and much, much more. There will be a prize for the best costume so come out in your most creative Halloween attire to win this prize. All are invited to attend.

Please check the Library's website for information on these and future events.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Longobardi reported that this is a busy time of year and our calendars are getting filled very quickly but please come out and support our local events. It is a great time to come out and see our neighbors and support worthy causes.

Mayor Longobardi said there was a meeting scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm with Governor Cuomo's staff and the developers of Belmont. At 10:00 am of the same day, the meeting was cancelled. They informed us that "the meeting would be rescheduled if the Governor thought it was necessary"; it was then cancelled completely. There have been many

attempts to meet with the Governor and his staff over the last two years but our requests have just been pushed aside, as usual. We will continue to press the Governor's office for a meeting and we will continue our legal action. Anything that could potentially become a bad situation for Floral Park we will make sure it is resolved as best we can.

Mayor Longobardi asked everyone to attend the Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce Street Fair on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the street fair. It will be a fun time for everyone!

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia for filming this evening's meeting and for Tom McCarthy, a member of the press, for attending.