

Inc. Village of Floral Park
December 4, 2018
Board of Trustees Meeting

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Longobardi asked for a moment of silence in memory of Ethel Dodson who recently passed away. Ethel and the entire Dodson family have been very active members of the Floral Park community. Her son, Jeb, is currently our 4th Assistant Fire Chief. We extend our deepest condolences to the Dodson family.

It was with great pleasure that Mayor Longobardi swore in the newest member of the Floral Park Police Department, Kelly Murphy. The Mayor also swore in newly promoted Sergeant Dean Mayo. The ceremony was attended by their proud families and friends and many members of the Police Department.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald thanked DPW for their hard work over the last few weeks. They have been busy with leaf pick up including keeping the drains free of debris and putting up the holiday decorations on Jericho Turnpike and Tulip Avenue. DPW crews also set up and cleaned up Memorial Park for the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival and the Jr. Woman's Annual Tree Lighting on November 30th. Thank you for a job well done.

Belmont Park – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that there is no new news to report on Belmont Park. You may visit the Village's website at www.fpvillage.org or our Facebook page to view the report disseminated to community organization leaders at a recent meeting which further describes the concerns the Village has with the project.

Fire Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo reported that a memorial service for FDNY EMT Martha Stewart was held at Our Lady of Victory on November 28th. EMT Stewart, a resident of South Floral Park, passed away from a 9/11 related illness. Our Floral Park Fire Department and, in particular, Rescue Company, opened Headquarters to the Stewart family and friends, and firefighters from South Floral Park, FDNY and other departments. Once again, guests to our Village gathered at our firehouse and found warmth, comfort, friendship and peace at a very sad time in their lives. As always, we salute and thank our Floral Park Fire Department for extraordinary dedication and service to community members and fellow firefighters, and our Floral Park Department of Public Works and Police for their valuable support.

The holidays are a very special time of year in Floral Park when our homes, businesses and neighborhoods sparkle with greenery, lights and festive decorations. The Chief staff and firefighters urge all residents and businesses to avoid destructive fires and injuries by being vigilant and observing important fire safety rules:

- Do not obstruct your house number with holiday decorations to ensure that first responders can find you quickly in the event of an emergency.
- With holiday lights, both outdoors and indoors, ensure that the wiring is intact and that extension cords are not overloaded. Turn off holiday lights overnight.
- While candles and fireplaces cast a beautiful glow when lit, do not allow children to use them without adults present and never leave them unattended.
- And, Chief Maickel is famous for his reminders to “Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate.” That includes our Christmas trees, too. Dry needles and branches are particularly at risk to catch fire.

The Floral Park Fire Department wishes all a joyous holiday season, one in which all of our people and property remain safe.

Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce-Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo thanked the Covert Chamber for ushering in the holiday season with a fun-filled festival and tree lighting ceremony. Thanks go to the Sewanhaka High School Jazz Band for the festive music; to the Covert businesses for the delicious soup, hot chocolate, cookies and candy canes, and for arranging the very popular horse and carriage rides; to Santa Claus for leading all in lighting the bright and sparkling Christmas tree; and to the Stewart Manor Fire Department and Departments of Public Works in Stewart Manor and Floral Park for their valuable assistance.

Now that the holiday season is here, we hope you will enjoy every moment and SHOP LOCAL!

Third Track Project – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that we are still waiting for the final detour traffic pattern plan from 3TC once Covert Avenue is closed. The closure is expected to last six months. The original plan would have had drivers on Hempstead Turnpike heading north onto Tulip Avenue making a right onto Plainfield Avenue. This would have resulted in possible traffic on Plainfield Avenue; therefore, the traffic plan is being revamped. The Village is discussing this plan with the Villages of Stewart Manor and New Hyde Park.

County Legislator Richard Nicoletto and Assemblyman Vincent Muscarella along with the Floral Park Police Department have been looking at the traffic reports to sync the lights at Plainfield, Magnolia and Tulip Avenues and to alleviate congestion at Tulip Avenue, Caroline Place and Verbena Avenue. Nassau County is looking at the problems in these areas. They own the roads and are in charge of the process.

Recreation Center – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the Session I Recreation Programs are coming to an end and registration for the next session will be taking place on January 9th and 10th from 6:30 pm to

8:30 pm at the Pool Building. Registration for our seniors will be on the same days January 9th and 10th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. More information on these programs can be found in the winter items of the Recreation booklet and on our Village website.

Reminder to residents - the winter park hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm daily, weather permitting.

The Tiny Town Project is coming along very nicely. Most of the apparatus is in and the plantings are currently going in. The final stage will be putting in pavers and turf. The project is just a few weeks out until completion.

The Recreation Center Tree Lighting is on Friday, December 21st. Gates will open at 7:00 pm with free skating, cookies and hot chocolate and, of course, a visit from our main guest, Santa! The tree will be lite at 7:30 pm and all are welcome to attend.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi said the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival and the Jr. Woman's Club Tree Lighting Ceremony took place on Friday, November 30th at Memorial Park. Many people helped to make the event happen including the Department of Public Works who made sure the park was ready for the festivities including putting up the tents. The Floral Park Police and Fire Departments, as always, played a key role. In our Administrative Offices, Mayor Longobardi thanked Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick, and, especially, Village Clerk Susan Walsh for all her hard work coordinating the event. It is a wonderful yearly event and, this year, more than 1,000 people attended, even in the rain! Mayor Longobardi thanked Father Tom, the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce and the Jr. Woman's Club who started this wonderful tradition. It is a wonderful kick off to the holiday season.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia for filming this evening's meeting and the media for attending.

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 Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi recessed the meeting at 8:30 pm.
