

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on December 18, 2018 at 8:00 pm.

Prior to the start of the regular board meeting, the Village Board of Trustees, Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan Walsh and Village Attorney John Ryan met at 7:15 pm.

At 7:30 pm, on motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Board went into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to the Library and Police personnel and litigation. On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Board came out of executive session at 7:59 pm. No action was taken.

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 Stephen Siwinski, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt, Pool Director Thomas Dillon, Fire Chief David Maickel, 1st Assistant Fire Chief Salvatore Arrigo, 3rd Assistant Chief Michael Saville, 4th Assistant Chief James Dodson and Village Attorney John E. Ryan

At the start of the meeting, Mayor Longobardi said that this was a very special night. We are installing a new Police Officer, a Police Officer is being promoted to Sergeant and two Sergeants are being promoted to Lieutenant. Thanks to all our hard working police officers, Floral Park has one of the greatest police forces in the nation. Mayor Longobardi thanked the entire department for their hard work and congratulated our new member and newly promoted officers for achieving their new positions.

Mayor Longobardi swore in Anthony Siragusa as Floral Park's newest police officer in the department; Michael Vigorito was sworn in as Police Sergeant; and Thomas McCarthy and William Doherty were sworn in as Lieutenants. Congratulations to all!

Mayor Longobardi recognized some familiar faces in the audience including Former Mayor Phil Guarnieri, Former Trustee Tom DeMaria, Village Justice Doug Hayden, Former Police Commissioner Mike Reid, Former Lieutenant Mike Suppe, Former Sergeant Ron Gagliano and current PBA President Bob Pedley. Mayor Longobardi thanked all of them for showing their support to our newly installed Officers.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2018-250 authorizing the hiring of new Police Officer Anthony Siragusa effective December 19, 2018 at the contractual rate of pay of \$60,474.00 subject to the completion of an 18-month probationary period.

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

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2018-251 authorizing the promotion of Police Officer Michael Vigorito to the rank of Police Sergeant at the contractual rate of \$158,146.00 plus longevity effective immediately subject to the completion of a sixty-day probationary period.

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. 2018-252 authorizing the promotion of two Police Sergeants, William Doherty and Thomas McCarthy, to the rank of Police Lieutenant effective

immediately at the contractual rate of \$178,765.00 plus longevity subject to the completion of a sixty-day probationary period.

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 Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of:

December 4, 2018	-	Regular Board Meeting
December 8, 2018	-	Work Session

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2018-253 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$3,489,235.55
Swimming Pool	\$ 429.30
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 380,382.25</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,870,047.10

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 Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved they change of dates for the January Board of Trustees meetings to Wednesday, January 2, 2019 and Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 8:00 pm due to a scheduling conflict with the public hearings held by the Empire State Development for the Belmont Park Redevelopment Project.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-254 authorizing the transfer of funds in the amount of \$812,618.35 from Contingent Account # 001.1900.1900 for the payment of termination pay and retirement incentive for the six retired police officers appropriated as follows:

- \$410,618.36 001.3120.0103 Termination Pay and
 - \$402,000.00 001.3120.0100 Personnel Services
- \$812,618.36

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

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-255 authorizing the transfer of funds for the replacement of chairs for the Pool Building as follows:

- \$4,000.00 from Park/Youth Special Activities 001.7310.0415 to Park Equipment Account 001.7140.0200;
- \$1,000.00 from Pool Stationery 002.2200.0404 to Pool Equipment 002.2200.0200;
- \$4,000.00 from Pool Supplies 002.2200.0406 to Pool Equipment 002.2200.0200

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 Cheng offered Resolution No. 2018-256 ratifying the approval to hire Kelly Murphy as a new police officer effective December 4, 2018 at the contractual rate of \$48,377.00 subject to the completion of the Nassau County Police Academy and an 18-month probationary period.

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

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2018-257 ratifying the promotion of Police Officer John Wilson to the rank of Sergeant effective November 20, 2018 and Police Officer Dean Mayo to the rank of Sergeant effective December 4, 2018 at the contractual rate of \$158,146.00 plus longevity subject to the completion of a 60-day probationary period.

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. 2018-258:

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE PURSUANT TO
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)**

This Notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York.

The Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed action described below will not have a significant effect on the environment and neither a draft environmental impact statement nor a final environmental impact statement will be prepared.

Name of action:

Application of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park to enter into an inter-municipal agreement

Description of action:

Applicant seeks to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Nassau County to reimburse the Incorporated Village of Floral Park \$48,500.00 for the purchase of portable radios for the Fire Department.

Reasons for supporting this determination:

This Board has determined that the proposed action is a Type II action as that term is defined in SEQRA. After careful consideration, the Board has concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

1. The proposed action will not result in a substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, traffic or noise level, will not affect solid waste production, and will not affect erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems.
2. The proposed action will not interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, nor impact on a significant habitat area, nor result in any other significant adverse effect to natural resources.
3. The proposed action will not encourage or attract a large number of people.
4. The proposed action will not impair the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural or aesthetic resources of the Village.
5. The proposed action is consistent with the Village's current plans or goals for enforcement of Village laws.
6. The proposed action will not bring about a major change in the use of either the quantity or type of energy.
7. The proposed action will not create a hazard to human health.
8. The proposed action will not produce a substantial change in the use or intensity of land, including cultural or recreational resources, or its capacity to support existing uses.
9. The proposed action will not create a material demand for other actions that would result in any of the above consequences.
10. The proposed action will not change two or more elements in the environment which, when considered together, could result in a substantial adverse impact on the environment.
11. When considered cumulatively with other actions, the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment or meet one of the above criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Board, after reviewing the above criteria, has determined that the proposed action is not environmentally significant.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-259 authorizing the Mayor to sign an Inter-municipal Agreement with Nassau County wherein Nassau County will reimburse the Village of Floral Park an amount of \$48,500.00 for the purchase of portable radios for the Floral Park Fire Department.

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

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2018-260 determining that Nassau County's Community Development Block Grant funds in the total amount of \$320,000.00 appropriated for handicap

accessibility at the Library and Village Hall is considered a Type II Action as that term is defined in SEQRA.

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 Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-261 authorizing the Mayor to sign the Community Development Block Grant Sub-recipient Agreement of Nassau County wherein the Village was awarded \$160,000.00 for Handicap Accessibility Improvements at Village Hall and \$160,000.00 for Handicap Accessibility Improvements at the Library commencing September 1, 2018.

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 Cheng offered Resolution No. 2018-262 to adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy as per the requirements of New York State.

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

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2018-263 approving the request of the Village Clerk to carry over 8 unused vacation days, the Village Administrator to carry over 15 unused vacation days and the Deputy Treasurer to carry over 5 unused vacation days into calendar year 2019 provided all are used within the first quarter.

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 Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Fire Department to offer flu shots via the Village Physician as per his proposal.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2018-264 authorizing Public Works/Building Department staff to carry over unused vacation days to calendar year 2019 provided all are used within the first quarter as follows:

- Stephen Siwinski - 7 days
- Lucille Langone - 3 days
- Kevin Ginnane - 2 days
- Sal Cotilletta - 5 days

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

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2018-265 authorizing the hiring of Joseph Campanaro as a full-time Laborer in the Public Works Department at the contractual rate of \$33,767.00 subject to pre-employment medical, drug/alcohol screening and approval by the Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

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

Fire Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo welcomed and acknowledged Fire Chief Dave Maickel, First Assistant Fire Chief Sal Arrigo and Ex-Fire Chief Mike Longobardi who were present in the audience. Trustee Pombonyo thanked them for their extraordinary service and dedication to our Village.

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the Floral Park Fire Department remains very concerned about the scope of the proposed redevelopment at Belmont Park which, as now planned, will worsen traffic congestion on our main thoroughfares and jeopardize quick emergency response times. Ex-Chief Michael Longobardi is the Fire Department liaison to the Village's Belmont Task Force. All will continue to monitor the redevelopment planning and prepare statements for the January public hearings about the serious, negative impact this redevelopment plan will have on our local fire and emergency services, especially with concurrent issues arising from the LIRR third track construction.

But, for today, our Fire Department wishes all our families, schools, houses of worship, and businesses a joyous, peaceful and safe holiday season.

Holiday Wishes – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Thanks to all in Floral Park for making this such a beautiful holiday season. Our neighborhoods sparkle and shine with bright lights, colorful decorations, and festive displays. It's a magical time to be here, especially for our children. May the holiday season bring us all joy and peace.

Third Track Project – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that we have a tighter timeline for the Third Track Project. Work has started on the South Tyson viaduct. This work will continue until July of next year. The work on the retaining wall and the Linden Avenue Tunnel will start in February, 2019 and is scheduled to last approximately 11 months. Covert Avenue will be completely shut down north of Stewart Avenue starting in March 2019. Traffic plans are being studied. There most likely will be a public hearing on this so that we can get the input of residents. In Fall 2019, the Plainfield Avenue underpass construction work is scheduled to begin and will take approximately eight months. Finally, the elevator work at the RR station will commence in February, 2019 and be completed towards the end of 2019. If all goes well, it is possible the project will be completed in 1 ½ years.

Library – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng noted that the Library will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and will reopen on December 26th.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on Wednesday, January 2, 2019.

Trustee Cheng wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Recreation Center – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the Recreation Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Friday, December 21st at 7:30 pm. Gates open at 7:00 pm and there will be free skating, cookies, hot chocolate and a visit from the main guest of honor, Santa Claus! All are welcome to attend.

Trustee Chiara wished everyone Happy Holidays and a very Merry Christmas. May the New Year bring us all health and happiness throughout the New Year.

Belmont Park – Mayor Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi reported that for the past year and half, the Village Board along with the Belmont Task Force has been meticulously following what is now officially called the Belmont Park Redevelopment Civic and Land Use Improvement Project. At the onset of the project, an arena, although it would not have been our first choice of what we would have liked to see there, seemed to potentially be something that may work based on original project outlines. Over the past year, after meetings with the ESD and NY Arena Partners, the project has now grown in scope to a point that where the concerns and impacts to our Village are of grave concern. To that end we are asking all concerned residents for their assistance in the coming months. We would like you to either send in written comments or more importantly, and probably more impactful, please attend and express your concerns at one of the upcoming public hearings. As there are many concerns and issues, the Belmont Task Force is planning an information session to be held on Thursday, January 3 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall.

Mayor Longobardi thanked the four civic associations for issuing their Statement of Shared Concerns.

On behalf of his family and the entire Village Board, Mayor Longobardi wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay healthy and enjoy your families during this time.

Belmont Park – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald said that last week, he and Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick and West End Vice President Kevin Flood attended the ESD Board meeting. Prior to the ESD Board approving the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, they had the opportunity to address the ESD Board. Among the comments mentioned were the incremental scope or scope creep of the project, how the overall project does not fit into the character of our suburban neighborhood, along with the proximity of the now-to-be parking lots to our homes and schools. Trustee Fitzgerald also asked the ESD Board to attend the public hearing in person so that they would be able to hear and see the passion and concern our residents have for Floral Park as opposed to potentially reading the comments. Kevin Flood's closing comments that day were especially poignant with regards to how special the Floral Park community is.

It is imperative that all residents educate themselves on the project and its impacts. Some of the topics to be covered at the January 3rd Information Session will be:

- Transportation - the ESD recognized there are significant challenges with regards to traffic;
- Infrastructure;
- Parking lot impacts which include the North Lot (attached to Floral Park-Bellerose School) along with the now recently included East Lot (which is the infield of the practice track);

- Impact of mall in addition to arena;
- Safety/security;
- Impact on daily lives.

Additionally, Trustee Fitzgerald urged all residents to review the DEIS which can be found at the Village website to formulate their comments which they can express by attending one of the three public hearings being held at the Elmont Public Library scheduled on:

- Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 4:00 pm
- Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00pm

If you are unable to attend, comments can be submitted in writing by February 11, 2019. Details on how to submit comments in writing can be found on the ESD's website. The Village will be submitting substantial comments not only at the public hearing but in writing. Additionally, as previously mentioned, the Village has hired NV5, an engineering firm, to perform a professional review of the traffic impacts as reported in the DEIS. Additionally, we continue to retain the environmental law firm Beverage and Diamond.

Trustee Fitzgerald wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Mayor stated the Village Board Meeting would continue in his office with Department Heads after a brief recess and the public is invited

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi recessed the meeting at 8:30 pm.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi reconvened the meeting at 9:35 pm.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2018-266 authorizing the Mayor to sign the MS4 Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Acceptance Forms which certifies the Recharge Basin and Drainage Improvements Project at Belmont Park, and Walnut, East Elder and Mayfair Avenues meets the substantive requirements in the SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems.

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

At 9:35 pm, on motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, the Board went into executive session to discuss Public Works personnel. On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Board came out of executive session at 9:41 pm. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Mayor Longobardi closed the meeting at 9:50 pm.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk