

**At the March 20th Board Meeting the
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ADOPTED THREE RESOLUTIONS REGARDING TRAFFIC PATTERNS
DURING THIRD TRACK CONSTRUCTION**

Resolution No. 2019 – 69 to temporarily change the direction of traffic on Cisney Avenue to one way heading easterly from Orchid Street to Covert Avenue.

Resolution No. 2019 – 70 to temporarily change the direction of traffic on Beverly Avenue to one way heading easterly from Orchid Street to Covert Avenue.

Trustee Cheng said after consultation with our traffic engineering firm, NV5, and the traffic engineering firm for 3TC, one way to mitigate cut-through traffic on our side streets due to closure of Covert Avenue in New Hyde Park would be for a temporary change in direction of these streets. He reported these changes at the March 5th board meeting, and twice at the Hillcrest Civic Association meetings. Furthermore, after speaking with numerous residents in the area, for the most part, these changes were met with understanding and favorable comments. It is expected that we will implement these changes on or about April 1st to begin to educate motorists of these changes. At the present time, the Covert Avenue closure is expected to begin on April 15, 2019. We have a meeting with 3TC and the MTA on March 27th and hope to be updated if there is any delay regarding the date of closure.

Resolution No. 2019 - 71 to temporarily install “No Right Turn” signs at the intersections of Marshall Avenue/Revere Drive West; Beverly Avenue/Revere Drive West; and Cisney Avenue/Revere Drive West.

Trustee Cheng said that Marshall Avenue will remain a two-way street. Bi-directional traffic on Marshall is necessary for emergency service vehicles accessing the Hillcrest area. The Board understands that this may cause extra traffic on Marshall and that it will impact Marshall Avenue residents. It is our hope that motorists on Marshall Avenue will then turn left at the four intersections on Marshall to gain access to Tulip Avenue. Furthermore, we do not want to see excessive traffic proceeding from Marshall to Magnolia Avenue. We are passing this Resolution now, however, we are going to take a ‘*wait and see*’ attitude regarding traffic patterns after implementing the temporary one-way road changes on Cisney and Beverly Avenues.

Go to Page 4 of this report for Trustee Cheng’s additional comments & updates regarding the Third Track project.

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BOARD of TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Election – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald extended his congratulations to Mayor Longobardi, Trustees Pombonyo, Chiara and Justice Hayden on their re-election on Tuesday. Speaking as their colleague, Trustee Fitzgerald said he has witnessed firsthand over the years their unique skills and talents that allow the Village Board to form and provide well thought out decisions. Stepping outside of his role as Trustee, he would like to thank them as a resident for their dedication and time that keeps Floral Park a wonderful place and allows his family to continue to enjoy all that we have become accustomed to as well as ensuring a vibrant future.

Tree City USA – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that for the 23rd year, Floral Park has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. This honors our continued commitment to effective urban tree management. We have achieved this distinction by meeting the four requirements which are:

- A Tree Board or Department;
- A tree care ordinance;
- An annual forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita;
- An Arbor Day observance which this year is April 26th and a proclamation.

Trustee Fitzgerald thanked Superintendent of Public Works Stephen Siwinski, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane and the entire Tree Department at DPW for their efforts all year long.

Additionally, over the next few weeks, DPW will be commencing with their annual Spring tree planting. If a resident would like a tree planted, please call the Department of Public Works.

Senator Kaplan's Office – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald said that on Thursday, March 21st, State Senator Anna Kaplan's mobile office will be at the Floral Park Library from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. There are many issues the Senator's office can assist our residents with, inclusive of letting her office know of our concerns regarding the proposed development at Belmont Park and with the current proposed State budget cuts which will eliminate AIM funding to Villages (last year the Village of Floral Park received \$270,000). Trustee Fitzgerald urged all residents to stop by Senator Kaplan's mobile office to discuss any concerns you may have.

Fire Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo introduced 1st Assistant Fire Chief Sal Arrigo to the meeting and thanked him for his service. Trustee Pombonyo reported on the importance of maintaining working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in our homes and other buildings. When Daylight Savings Time kicked in on March 10th, the Spring Ahead/Fall Back reminder was also an alert to check and change the batteries in our CO detectors and smoke alarms. Our local Fire Departments have seen a recent increase in calls to respond to CO detectors that have been activated due to the presence of carbon monoxide. This odorless, colorless gas can be fatal and, recently, has caused serious illness for local residents. Now is the time to make sure all carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms are fully operational with new batteries.

Conservation Society – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo thanked Sewanhaka High School student volunteers who spent a recent Saturday at Centennial Gardens cleaning up some of the damage from this winter's snow and wind. The hard work of volunteers, like those from our schools and community, helps to make the Gardens a great place for all to visit.

On Saturday, March 30th, the Conservation Society, along with local volunteer groups, will hold a clean-up day to get ready for the April 1st opening of the Gardens. Check the Conservation Society website at www.fpgarden.org for details about the March 30th clean-up, upcoming weed-out activities, events, and beautiful photos of this special treasure called Centennial Gardens.

Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo reminded everyone that Floral Park's and Stewart Manor's businesses are open throughout the LIRR third track construction period, including during the partial closure of Covert Avenue in the vicinity of Jericho Turnpike. So please SHOP LOCAL at our wonderful stores and enjoy our restaurants and other fine establishments throughout the year.

Election – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng echoed the sentiments of Trustee Fitzgerald congratulating his colleagues who were re-elected. Trustee Cheng said he looks forward to working with them for another few years.

Library – Trustee Cheng

Trustee Cheng said that Senator Anna Kaplan is hosting mobile hours on Thursday, March 21st from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm in front of the Library to speak to constituents about their concerns. All are welcome to attend. No appointment is necessary.

The Library is currently working on a project to expand and enhance the Young Adult Area of the Library and have asked The Friends of the Floral Park Public Library for their help. The Friends reply on the generous donations of our residents and businesses and would be grateful for any support the community could give them.

Please check out the Library's website at www.floralparklibrary.org for all the wonderful programs they offer.

Third Track Project – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that the Village, the MTA and 3TC have had numerous discussions, meetings, and arguments for the past several months regarding the use of the four MTA access gates along the MTA Right-of- Way from Plainfield Avenue and our Recreation Center to build the retaining walls along the Right-of-Way. We were initially informed that access for delivery of machinery, supplies and equipment would be necessary for at least 8 months. The Village argued that that length of time seemed excessive for the short length of wall being constructed. We were also informed that the trucks delivering the items mentioned would carry in excess of 20,000 pounds of retaining wall blocks. When alerted to the fact that our roads have a load limit of 10,000 pounds and that our Police Force has the expertise and certifications to do truck inspections, 3TC advised the Village that if they only used the gate and Plainfield and New Hyde Park and not use our local roads, the retaining wall work would take at least 16 months. The Village found this to be totally unacceptable.

After much hard work and time, it is our belief that the Village, the MTA and 3TC have come to an understanding. In exchange for the Village allowing 3TC the use of our DPW yard and the small baseball field affectionately known as the "Pit" and the use of our local roads in excess of 10,000 pounds, 3TC has represented and promised the following:

- 1) On or before March 29, 2019, 3TC, as reasonable compensation for the use of the DPW yard and the Pit, will pay to the Village the sum of \$100,000.00;
- 2) Absent finding a major problem in construction, the bulk of retaining wall work west of Linden Avenue will be completed by Labor Day;
- 3) No truck access west of the DPW yard at North Street will be required after Labor Day;
- 4) Truck access to the Right-of- Way will be restricted to the hours of 7AM to 4:30 PM;
- 5) There will be no staging of trucks on our local road. When a truck has been offloaded a loaded truck will enter our local road network;

- 6) Between now and Memorial Day, 3TC will utilize the DPW yard and the baseball field ("the Pit") for access and storage; Linden Avenue and the Linden Avenue tunnel will be closed to do demolition work at Linden Avenue and the Linden Avenue tunnel;
- 7) Prior to June 1st, Linden Avenue and Linden Avenue tunnel will be reopened for vehicular and pedestrian traffic;
- 8) No wall construction will be done at the Recreation Center and the Pool after Memorial Day and will resume after Labor Day;
- 9) Access for wall construction behind the Recreation Center and the Pool will be from 6th Avenue in New Hyde Park;
- 10) Post retaining wall construction, at the DPW yard, 3TC will install a drywell, pour a concrete slab and install a fence;
- 11) At the conclusion of the 3rd track project, 3TC will donate a used street sweeper in good working order to the Village;
- 12) 3TC will repair any roads damaged by their use of the local roads;
- 13) 3TC will support our application for the use of the Community Benefit Fund to purchase 2 police vehicles and 2-3 small used vehicles for our meter enforcement officers;
- 14) and finally, 3TC acknowledges that our Police Department will enforce all Vehicle and Traffic Law violations in regard to equipment safety or operator violations.

Recreation Center – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara said the Recreation Center staff is busy getting the fields ready for the upcoming Little League and softball seasons. Seed has been planted and clay is being added so that the fields will be ready to open on Monday, April 8th.

The Recreation Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th. Children 5 and under will start their hunt at 9:30 am within Tiny Town. Children 6 and over will hunt for eggs starting at 9:45 am in the same area. There will be games, prizes and a special visit from the Easter Bunny!

The Pool Registration Payment Plan is now being offered and credit cards are being accepted. We encourage all residents to apply for a Leisure Pass for the 2019 Season. Applications can be downloaded off the Village website or at the Shelter House or Pool Building.

We are still accepting applications for summer employment, including Lifeguard positions. If you are interested, please call 326-6336 for more information.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi said the Re-Organization Meeting will be taking place on April 1st when we will be swearing in all our recently elected officials and make appointments to our volunteer committees. Please call Village Hall at 326-6300 if you are interested in joining one of our committees. All residents are invited to attend the Re-Organization Meeting.

Mayor Longobardi reported that there will be a portrait unveiling for Raymond Stokely on Re-Organization Night, April 1st. Mr. Stokely, back in the beginning of the incorporation of the Village, was President before that title was changed to Mayor. We were never able to obtain a picture of Mr. Stokely so he did not have his portrait hanging in the courtroom with all the other former Mayors. Recently, through our wonderful Historical Society, a picture was obtained so now Raymond Stokely will finally be honored with his portrait along with all our other Presidents and Mayors.

Mayor Longobardi said he is very grateful to the voters who returned him, the Trustees and the Village Justice to their positions. Thank you to the Board, the staff at Village Hall, DPW and the Police Department and all the volunteers for all their hard work.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia for filming this evening's meeting.

The meeting was recessed the meeting at 9:20 pm.