

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on June 18, 2019 at 8:40 pm.

Mayor Longobardi asked for a moment of silence in memory of Rosalie DiSunno, wife of our former Superintendent of Public Works and long-time member of the Floral Park Fire Department, Lou DiSunno; Tom Kwiatkowski, a longtime member of our community; and Victoria Lippolis, a former Neighborhood Aide in our Police Department. They were all very present in our community and in many of our lives and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all their families.

Prior to the start of the meeting, two public hearings were held for 50 Hemlock Street and 230 Jericho Turnpike.

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 and Building Department Stephen Siwinski, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister and Village Attorney John E. Ryan

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, with Trustee Cheng abstained, the Board approved the minutes of:

June 4, 2019 - Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2019-151 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$3,168,119.08
Swimming Pool	\$ 44,219.00
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 17,058.49</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$3,229,396.57

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

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of AARP to use the Recreation Center for their monthly meetings from September, 2019 through June, 2020 as outlined in their request and subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following block parties in accordance with Section 32-12d.

Carnation Avenue between Birch Street and Raff Avenue on Saturday,  
August 17, 2019 (rain date Sunday, August 18)

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Fire Department to close Atlantic Avenue between Chestnut and Pine Avenues on Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm to host the Active Truck Dedication Ceremony.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2019-152 approving the proposal of USI Consulting Group for actuarial valuation services for GASB Statement No. 75 and authorize Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to sign said proposal.

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. 2019-153 approving the promotion of Robert Gartner who is currently a Laborer to Motor Equipment Operator Trainee as he received his CDL license, at the contractual rate of \$37,988.00 and subject to the approval of the Civil Service Commission.

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. 2019-154 ratifying the approval for the retention of Patricia McConnell, Esq. of Levy Ratner for legal services pertaining to the 457 Tax Deferment Plan and authorize Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to sign the retention letter.

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. 2019-155 authorizing the seasonal supervisory rates for pool and recreation eight-week programs as follows:

Primary Pool Supervisor	\$29.62 hr.	Lauren Krouse/Palumbo
Primary Recreation Supervisor	\$22.03 hr.	Krista Longobardi
Arts & Crafts Supervisor	\$18.22 hr.	Lisa O'Grady

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	- Recused from approving Krista Longobardi and Lisa O'Grady

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2019-156 requesting to surplus Sanitation Truck #32; 2000 Crown Victoria #28; and 1997 Dodge Ram.

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 the request of the Boy Scouts to use the Floral Park pool for a swim classification test on Monday evening, June 24, 2019 subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2019-157 approving a new member of the Floral Park Fire Department, Logan McCabe, as he has received clearances for fingerprinting, medical screening and background check by the Floral Park Police 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

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Girl Scouts to use Firefighters' Hall on Friday, September 20, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm for their Mother/Daughter Dance subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2019-158 authorizing Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to sign the agreement with Gov Planet for online vehicle auction services regarding the sale of the 1992 Spartan/Saulsbury fire truck.

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. 2019-159 to adopt a resolution to amend Village Code Chapter 96 Article XII Section 96-81 Schedule III to install a stop sign as follows:

<u>Stop sign on</u>	<u>Direction of Travel</u>	<u>At intersection of</u>
Linden Avenue	South	Charles Street
Beechhurst Avenue	South	Charles Street

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

Both Mayor Longobardi and Trustee Fitzgerald commented that the placement of new stop signs was as a result of the Open House forums held by the Mayor and Board when concerned residents on Charles Street expressed their concerns. These forums are being held on the first Saturday of each month (except in July and August) in different locations throughout the Village. All residents are welcomed to attend.

### **Police Department – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald**

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that at times the Floral Park Police Department responds to various calls for service with wide ranging levels of severity. Trustee Fitzgerald assured residents that their number one priority is our collective safety. At times during active scenes, they may not be able to immediately disperse full information to the public as to what is happening. In the event that an incident rose to a level that the Village or a section of the Village's safety was in jeopardy, there are various plans in place to ensure that the proper official message is immediately and widely distributed as needed. With that said, we do ask for residents not to speculate on what may be occurring as it could lead to unattended and potentially disruptive consequences.

With regard to the activity on Jericho Turnpike on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, there was a call into 911 with potential shots fired. This was found out very quickly to be unsubstantiated. Out of an abundance of caution, a decision was made to call in the Nassau County Police Department and close the surrounding area.

Please rest assured that our extraordinary men and women of the Police Department and its leadership are trained and continue to constantly reassess emergency response plans to keep us safe on a wide range of expected and more importantly unexpected events.

Mayor Longobardi commented that all kinds of information gets out on social media that is incorrect. Please make sure to get the facts correct so as not to create hysteria that may cause someone to get hurt.

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

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the June 9<sup>th</sup> pool opening was an exciting and busy one. Each day, swimmers of all ages are beginning very active summer seasons in Floral Park. Adult volleyball and basketball have also gotten off to an exciting start. The Teen Luau Splash Party featured All Occasion DJ's and was enjoyed by over three hundred participants. Coming up soon are Saturday swim lessons beginning June 22<sup>nd</sup>; Residents' Day (when Village residents, who are not pool members, may pay the guest fee, use the pool, and enjoy the music of singer Ashley Caturano) on June 23<sup>rd</sup>; My Tot and Me, also beginning on June 23<sup>rd</sup>; Early Bird Swimming, beginning at 7:00 am on June 24<sup>th</sup>; and Night Owl Swimming beginning at 9:00 pm on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please check our Pool & Recreation book and the Village website for all the fun-filled individual, family and community activities scheduled at our Rec Center and Pool during our Summer 2019.

### **Conservation Society – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo reported on recent Centennial Gardens events enjoyed by the entire community. The annual Garden Party launched the Belmont Stakes weekend as over two hundred guests, many decked out in their horse racing finery including colorful, flowery fascinators and big hats, summery dresses and suits, enjoyed a beautiful evening and sunset, music, hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, music and conversation. David Hance, of the Hance Family Foundation, presented a plaque to President Dennis McEnery and the Conservation Society in appreciation of their years of hard work and dedication in beautifying the Gardens. David Hance added that FPCS and Centennial Gardens have helped make it possible for the Hance Family Foundation to present their renowned self-esteem programs to about 60,000 participants over the past ten years.

Centennial Gardens was also the setting for a summery evening mass led by Father Thomas Fusco and Deacon Larry Mulligan of Our Lady of Victory Church and the Floral Park Knights of Columbus. Several hundred worshippers enjoyed this special event and the beauty of nature at the Gardens.

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

Trustee Pombonyo reminded all to celebrate summer in Floral Park and Stewart Manor by SHOPPING AND DINING LOCALLY. All are OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

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

Trustee Cheng reported that the work on the Third Track continues. Several issues need to be addressed with the MTA and the contractor. There is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, to discuss these issues which include drainage from the retaining walls, an enhanced landscaping plan, South Tyson Avenue work and elevator work at the station which includes discussion about parking spaces under the railroad.

### **Airplane Noise Update – Trustee Archie Cheng**

Trustee Cheng said we are lucky to have as the Village's representative on the Town-Village Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC), Andrew Weiss. He recently met with David Johnson from the FAA regarding increased plane traffic over Floral Park. At the present time, work on runways 13 left and 13 right is being done resulting in increased use of 22 left and 22 right which goes directly over Floral Park. The work on the runways should be finished in the Fall. They also discussed other mitigation measures including different height approaches and glide slope methods of landing. Mr. Weiss was also named as co-chair of the Legislation Committee for the JFK Airport Committee for the New York Community Aviation Roundtable. This committee is looking at which legislation Congress can introduce to provide relief.

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

Trustee Cheng said that on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, the Floral Park Fire Department will be having the Active Truck Dedication Ceremony on Atlantic Avenue between Chestnut and Pine Avenues.

### **Building Department – Trustee Frank Chiara**

Trustee Chiara reported on the progress on the sale and construction of Centennial Hall. The construction drawings are expected to be submitted by the end of next week. Once the drawings are approved, the sale of the building will be ready for closing, after which time the builder can begin construction.

Taco Bell, to be constructed on Jericho Turnpike, should have their building permits within the next two weeks. Once permits are issued, construction will be underway.

Our Building Department will continue to monitor the progress of both projects.

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

Trustee Chiara reported that on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Library will be having its summer reading kick off for our children on the Library lawn. Erik the Reptile Guy is bringing live critters to teach our children the value of respecting nature. There will also be balloon animals and other crafts available for all that sign up to read this summer.

Please check the Library website for details on this event and for upcoming events being offered throughout the summer months.

### **Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi**

Mayor Longobardi commented on Trustee Cheng's report regarding airplane noise. He said his telephone has been ringing constantly with complaints about the excessive airplane noise. Mayor Longobardi thanked Andrew Weiss and the Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee for all their hard work and dedication. Unfortunately, airplane noise increases when there is construction on the runways. There are a number of steps to help mitigate what is going on including changing plane elevations flight patterns. Co-chairing the Legislation Committee for the JFK Airport Committee for the New York Community Aviation Roundtable is another Floral Park resident, Tom Curry, who also works in U.S. Representative Kathleen Rice's office. We have two people from our Village representing us so we have a lot of hope that changes will be made in order for our residents to get relief from this ongoing problem.

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

The Village Board Meeting will continue in the Mayor's 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 8:55 pm.

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On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi reconvened the meeting at 9:00 pm.

At 9:01 pm, on motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Cheng, the Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter in the Department of Public Works. On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Board came out of executive session at 9:10 pm. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Mayor Longobardi closed the meeting at 10:50 pm.

Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk