

Inc. Village of Floral Park
September 3, 2019
Board of Trustees Meeting

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mayor Longobardi asked for a moment of silence to remember the victims of Hurricane Dorian in The Bahamas; to remember the approaching 18th anniversary of 9-11 and all those lost on that day; and to remember Madeline Mahoney who was a parking meter enforcer in the 1980s. Madeline retired a while ago, but many people still remember her for the many parking tickets she issued! Our condolences go out to Madeline's family at this sad time.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald thanked Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane and the Department of Public Works for their hard work on Locust Street. There are more items that still need to be completed including tree planting and putting down sod. Hopefully this will be accomplished in the next few weeks.

Nassau County has completed paving Tulip Avenue. However, the street still needs to be re-striped.

Police Department – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that major crime is down 23%. There were 22 crimes committed last year as opposed to 17 this year. This week, another agency came out with a list of the safest cities in New York and Floral Park ranked third in the State. Trustee Fitzgerald thanked Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister and the entire Police Department for their hard work.

Recreation and Pool – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo reported that the final jump in the pool at 5:00 pm on Labor Day was attended by many enthusiastic families who braved the earlier rain to see the sun break through as we closed the pool for summer, 2019. On September 3rd, the seniors all enjoyed their annual picnic at the pool, complete with sandwiches, salads, crumb cake and ice cream. Everyone basked in the sunny weather and thanked Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt, Pool Director Tom Dillon, and their extraordinary staff for a bright and sunny summer of recreation, swimming and fun. Thanks also to Trustees Chiara and Cheng for helping to serve the delicious luncheon.

Watch for your September issue of the Floral Park Recreation Center News filled with information and descriptions of our upcoming fall programs including Zumba, Gymnastics and Yoga for Children; Boot Camp, Yoga, Zumba, Cardio and Toning, and Aerobics for Adults; and Silver Sneakers, Senior Agility, and Knitting for Seniors. Competitive Adult Tennis and

Volleyball are also back by popular demand. Registration details and dates are on page 2 of the newsletter.

We look forward to seeing all of our families back at the Rec Center for an energizing and fun-filled fall.

Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo congratulated the Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce on its 25th year of spectacular street fairs. Join the celebration on Covert Avenue, Saturday, September 21st from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Fire Department – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that the Fire Department is currently updating its computer network as well as the existing alert system. The entire Fire Department will be at the Fire Service Academy for the next four weeks for Department Operation training. Members of the department give up a lot of their own time to complete these classes. We thank all the members of the Fire Department for their dedication.

The new radios are expected to be in shortly.

There were 102 fire calls for the month of July; 74 were rescue calls and 28 were general alarm and non-rescue calls.

Third Track – Trustee Archie Cheng

At the Board of Trustees meeting held on Tuesday, September 3rd, Trustee Cheng reported that the installation of the Tyson Avenue Bridge was completed during the weekend of August 17th. All work proceeded as planned without any major problems. Trustee Cheng was informed that 3TC will need another two weeks at Tyson Avenue for finishing work and replacement of sidewalks.

It is anticipated that the work for the expanded Plainfield Avenue Bridge will commence in the next week or two. That work will continue through January, 2020.

As previously reported, work on the retaining and sound walls behind the Recreation Center and Pool and the expansion of the Linden Avenue Tunnel (access to Rec Center off Charles Street) will commence on September 4th. As of that date, the Linden Avenue Tunnel will be closed. It is estimated that the tunnel will be closed until late January, 2020.

Electrical work is in progress under the viaduct at the Floral Park Train Station. Trenching of certain streets will be taking place through September resulting in a full closure of Atlantic

Avenue between Carlton Street and Carnation Avenue. Also, partial lane closures on Caroline Place will occur.

Additional parking has been obtained for under the railroad commuter parking permit holders (village residents) to use 34 spots on Lily and 28 spots at The Harrison Restaurant on South Tyson Avenue.

The elevators being installed at the Floral Park Station will not be completed until April, 2020.

The Community Scorecard results for the period ending June 30th were released. Believe it or not, out of the scorecards sent to all residences within 400 feet of the work along the mainline, the response rate was 5.72%. In Floral Park, 3TC was given a 74.01% favorable rating as compared with a rating of 66.23% favorable rating for the first quarter. Anyone can go online to the LIRR website, go to the scorecard and record your rating. All responses will be accepted.

Although not in the Village, the Covert Avenue Bridge was installed the weekend of August 24th. Covert Avenue will remain closed until at least through the end of September. As soon as Covert Avenue is reopened, work on the New Hyde Park Road grade crossing elimination will result in a partial closure of New Hyde Park Road.

Library – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the Library had a busy summer filled with a variety of events for residents of all age groups. A favorite was the Woodstock Anniversary on the Library lawn. A large crowd of residents enjoyed the music from Woodstock while relaxing on our Library lawn. It was a special evening. Thanks to our Library staff for putting together this and all the other summer events for our residents' enjoyment – great job!

On Saturday, September 7th and Sunday, September 8th, the Friends of the Library will be having a book sale. All residents are invited to stop by and support this book sale.

The Library is offering a bus trip for a tour of Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn. Registration is now open. It will be an exciting tour filled with a lot of history of those who are laid to rest at this cemetery. The date of the trip is October 24th.

On Sunday, September 22nd from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm there will be a Fall festival on the Library lawn. Our children will be treated to a pumpkin patch, balloons, face painting and a sports arena. All are welcomed to stop by and enjoy this festival.

Building Department – Trustee Frank Chiara

Once again, Trustee Chiara welcomed Renee Marcus as our new Superintendent of Buildings and said he is looking forward to working with her. Trustee Chiara also congratulated Kevin

Ginnane as our new Superintendent of Public Works. It is a well-deserved appointment for doing such a great job for our Village. Best of luck to both of you!

Mayor's Message – Mayor Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi reported that he has called Governor Cuomo's office regarding having a meeting to discuss the issues regarding Belmont Race Track. A number of emails have also been sent to the Governor's staff. As of this date, we have not had a reply. If the Governor does not reply, the Board will have to make a decision as to how to proceed as we feel this project will have a detrimental effect on the quality of life in the Village. A lot of work is going on at Belmont right now and time is of the essence. A Work Session was held on August 21st in which the Board authorized the filing of legal action. This filing will be determined on how the Governor responds.

Mayor Longobardi extended an invitation to everyone for the 9-11 Remembrance to honor those we lost on that faithful day. It will begin at 8:15 am on the lawn at Village Hall.

Mayor Longobardi congratulated the Police Department on Floral Park being named the third safest city in New York. This does not happen overnight. It is the result of many hard working people making it happen including the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works. The Village Justice and his staff then do their work properly adjudicating each case. By everyone working together, Floral Park is not only a great place to live but a safe place to live, too. When residents go home at night, they can rest assured they are safe. But the Police Commissioner did ask, out of precaution, to lock your homes and cars!

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