

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on August 13, 2019 at 8:00 pm.

Prior to the start of the Board Meeting, Mayor Longobardi asked for a moment of silence to remember MaryJane Menendez, former Deputy Village Clerk for the Village of Floral Park, who passed away recently. Please keep MaryJane and her family in your prayers.

Prior to the Mayor and Board delivering their Board Reports, Mayor Longobardi welcomed our new Superintendent of Buildings, Renee Marcus, who is filling the position vacated by Stephen Siwinski who retired from the Village last month. Renee is a licensed architect and comes to us with a wealth of experience in her field. Mayor Longobardi said we all look forward to working with Renee and are pleased she is joining our Village family. On September 3rd, Renee's first day of employment with the Village, she will be taking her Oath of Office at the Board of Trustees meeting.

Mayor Longobardi was very happy to announce the promotion of Kevin Ginnane from Deputy Superintendent of Public Works to Superintendent of Public Works. Kevin has been with the Village for over 18 years and is a hard-working and dedicated employee. Kevin will also be taking his Oath of Office along with Renee at our next Board Meeting on September 3rd. Congratulations Kevin and we wish you well in your new position!

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 Kevin Ginnane, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister and Village Attorney John E. Ryan

Village Attorney John E. Ryan was excused from the Board Meeting.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of:

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| July 16, 2019 - | Public Hearing – AAA Taxi |
| July 16, 2019 - | Regular Board Meeting |

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2019-180 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

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| General Fund | \$1,155,577.12 |
| Swimming Pool | \$ 81,604.40 |
| Community Development | \$ 0.00 |
| Capital Fund | <u>\$ 2,852.81</u> |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$1,240,034.33 |

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Cheng and adopted on roll call as follows:

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| Trustee Fitzgerald | - Aye |
| Trustee Pombonyo | - Aye |
| Trustee Cheng | - Aye |
| Trustee Chiara | - Aye |
| Mayor Longobardi | - Aye |

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2019-181 ratifying and approving the retention of BMB Consulting for the installation and maintenance of cyber security system for computer server as per their proposal and authorize Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to sign same.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Chiara and adopted on roll call as follows:

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| 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 following block parties in accordance with Section 32-12d:

Calla Avenue between Clarence Street and Zinnia Street on Saturday, August 17, 2019 (rain date Saturday, August 24)

Fern Street between Marshall Avenue and Tulip Avenue on Saturday, September 7, 2019 (rain date Saturday, September 14)

W. Poplar Street between Floral Parkway/Carnation Avenue and Cherry Street on Saturday, September 14, 2019 (rain date Saturday, September 21)

Hill Street between Tulip Avenue and Marshall Avenue on Saturday, September 7, 2019 (rain date Saturday, October 5)

Mayfair Avenue between Walnut Avenue and Chestnut Avenue on Saturday, September 7, 2019 (rain date Saturday, September 21)

Violet Avenue between Carnation Avenue and Rose Avenue on Saturday, September 7, 2019 (rain date Sunday, September 8)

Childs Avenue between Floral Blvd. and Crocus Avenue on Saturday, September 14, 2019 (rain date Sunday, September 15)

Laurel Street between Tulip Avenue and Magnolia Avenue on Saturday, September 21, 2019, (rain date Saturday, September 28)

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Councilman T. Muscarella to use the Recreation Center's parking lot to park a Mobile Unit on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm for residents to voice their concerns regarding veteran and senior programs and provide tax exemption information.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2019-182 authorizing the following refund requests:

- \$230.00 to S. Gafary which represents a caregiver pass that was never used;
- \$105.00 to C. Murphy which represents a senior pass that was never used;
- \$255.00 to E. Sosa which represents children's one-week camp program as son was unable to attend.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald and adopted on roll call as follows:

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| Trustee Fitzgerald | - Aye |
| Trustee Pombonyo | - Aye |
| Trustee Cheng | - Aye |
| Trustee Chiara | - Aye |
| Mayor Longobardi | - Aye |

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request from the Floral Park Woman's Club to use the Recreation Center for their monthly meetings from September 2019 through June 2020 as outlined in their letter subject to the receipt of certificate of insurance.

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

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2019-183 approving the request of a film permit application to 2Guns Production Co. to use the Courtroom and Judge's Chambers on Sunday,

August 25, 2019 subject to receipt of a certificate of insurance and permit fee of \$500.00 plus reimbursement of any personnel overtime costs.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Chiara and adopted on roll call as follows:

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| 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 Hance Family Foundation to use Centennial Gardens for their annual Grow with Me 5th grade field trip on October 10, 2019 (rain date October 11) subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the requests of the Floral Park Little League, the Floral Park Titans and the Floral Park Indians to use the fields as outlined in their permit requests, all subject to the receipt of certificates of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Woman's Club to use the Recreation Center for their monthly meetings from September through June 2020 as outlined in their letter and subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Historical Society to use the Recreation Center for their program meetings from September through December as outlined in their letter 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 request of the Floral Park Lions Club to use the Recreation Center for their monthly meetings from October 2019 through June 2020 as outlined in their letter subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Mary Quinn Marks Foundation to use the Recreation Center from September 2019 through June 2020 as outlined in their letter to sponsor programs for students with intellectual disabilities and subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Hillcrest Civic Association to use the Recreation Center for their monthly meetings from September 2019 through May 2020 as outlined in their letter.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Junior Woman's Club to use Memorial Park on Sunday, September 22, 2019 (rain date Sunday, September 29) from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm to host their annual vendor's craft fair subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2019-184 authorizing the hiring of Leonard Green to the position of Motor Equipment Operator at the contractual rate of \$39,395.00 effective August 19, 2019 having been approved by Civil Service and received medical and drug/alcohol screening clearances.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

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| Trustee Fitzgerald | - Aye |
| Trustee Pombonyo | - Aye |
| Trustee Cheng | - Aye |
| Trustee Chiara | - Aye |
| Mayor Longobardi | - Aye |

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2019-185

WHEREAS, 57 Webster Street, 14 Holland Avenue and 372 Jericho Turnpike is in violation of Chapter 65 ‘Maintenance of Premises’ of the Code of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park.

THEREFORE, if homeowner is not in compliance with Chapter 65, the Board of Trustees authorizes the work to be done and cost charged to the property owner.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

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| 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 the Southside Civil Association to use the Recreation Center for their monthly meetings from September 2019 to June 2020 as outlined in their letter.

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the West End Civic Association to use the Recreation Center for their first meeting on Thursday, September 5, 2019.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution 2019-186 authorizing the hiring of Renee Marcus as the Superintendent of Buildings at an annual salary of \$135,000.00 effective September 3, 2019.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and adopted on roll call as follows:

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| Trustee Fitzgerald | - Aye |
| Trustee Pombonyo | - Aye |
| Trustee Cheng | - Aye |
| Trustee Chiara | - Aye |
| Mayor Longobardi | - Aye |

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2019-187 authorizing the promotion of Kevin Ginnane to Superintendent of Public Works at an annual salary of \$115,000.00 effective immediately.

The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Chiara and adopted on roll call as follows:

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| Trustee Fitzgerald | - Aye |
| Trustee Pombonyo | - Aye |
| Trustee Cheng | - Aye |
| Trustee Chiara | - Aye |
| Mayor Longobardi | - Aye |

Belmont – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald said most of us now know that on Thursday, August 8th, the ESD approved the FEIS and the FOB approved the plan late today, August 13th. Unfortunately, despite our respectful request and various letters signed by elected officials that represent not only Floral Park but other communities that surround Belmont, the ESD Board at the meeting did not grant our request for an SEIS (Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement) for more time to study this still ever-changing project. Trustee Fitzgerald thanked the following elected officials who sent in letters of support of Floral Park’s request for an SEIS: Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages, Assemblyman Edward Ra, Nassau County Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto, Nassau County Legislator Vincent Muscarella, Councilman Thomas Muscarella and Receiver of Taxes Donald Clavin.

Additionally and perhaps one of the most unfortunate events of this entire process was at the meeting last week when the ESD Board did not ask one single question to their project managers

or the project sponsors (NYAP, NYI). Trustee Fitzgerald said it is hard to believe that not one question was asked knowing, by the ESDs own admission, that this was the most commented project that they ever undertook, including the Barclay Center and the now rejected Amazon Headquarters in New York City.

As there are still a significant number of unresolved and unsatisfactorily answered questions, we as a Board will continue to actively engage our outside counsel, Beveridge & Diamond, to discuss the next steps that need to be taken in order to ensure our Village and its residents' way of life is not irreparably harmed by this project that has over stepped its initial intent and scope.

Department of Public Works – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that dead trees were taken down on Tulip Avenue in anticipation of Tulip Avenue being repaved by Nassau County. The repaving will begin on Thursday night, August 16th and continue for three to five days. The work will occur at night only. We are currently looking at options for streetscaping improvements.

The remainder of Locust Street will be finished in the next two weeks. Of course weather plays an important part in the timely completion of the work both on Locust Street and Tulip Avenue.

Police Department – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that so far this year to date, crime is down from 23% to 17%. Vehicle and traffic law (VTL) summonses are up 58% from 937 to 1,482.

Recreation and Pool – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo happily reported on the final weeks of the Summer 2019 recreation and pool season. Team sports activities in football, basketball, cage soccer, volleyball, swimming and tennis are reaching the championship rounds in exciting competitions. Pickleball enthusiasts will be thrilled about the addition of two courts at the hockey rink. All look forward to the annual park and pool awards night coming soon. The season's final jump into the pool is scheduled for 5:00 pm on Labor Day.

The park is gearing up for the fall season of activities including Titans Football, Youth Council Football, Indians Soccer, and Little League Baseball. Watch for the details posted at the Recreation Center, on the Village website and in a Recreation mailing in the coming weeks.

Conservation Society – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo invited all to enjoy the beauty of nature, right here in our own Centennial Gardens on Floral Parkway, open noon to 5:00 pm daily, weather permitting.

Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo reminded all to save the date, Saturday, September 21st, for the 25th Annual Covert Avenue Street Fair featuring crafts, face painting, inflatables, live bands, raffles, a rock wall, food and store sales, mums, pumpkins and more. It promises to be a fun-filled community celebration for all.

Fire Department – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng said he is happy to report that all of our fire trucks have been repaired and are in service. Trustee Cheng thanked Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane for his support in getting the repairs done quickly.

There were 126 fire calls for the month of June; 97 were rescue calls and 29 were general alarm and non-rescue calls.

Many of our Fire Department members have been attending the Fire Service Academy. New members are participating in basic fire training and seasoned members are attending advanced

training. It is very difficult and taxing training, especially in the hot summer months wearing the heavy fire gear.

Third Track – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that the retaining walls and sound attenuation walls have, for the most part, been completed where work has been allowed. Work on the retaining walls at Plainfield Avenue will be installed once the Plainfield Avenue bridge is installed. Work on the retaining and sound walls behind the Recreation Center and Pool and the expansion of the Linden Avenue tunnel will commence after Labor Day.

The installation of the Tyson Avenue bridge will occur this weekend, Friday, August 16th through Sunday, August 18th. This will result in a complete closure of Tyson Avenue and the suspension of the Hempstead Branch of the Long Island Railroad east of Floral Park. The following weekend, the Covert Avenue bridge will be installed.

Electrical work is in progress under the viaduct at the Floral Park Station. Trenching of certain streets will be taking place during August resulting in partial closures of Atlantic Avenue between Carlton Street and Carnation Avenue. Also, partial lane closures on Caroline Place will occur. Trenching work under the viaduct for the elevators should be completed by December of this year.

Library – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the Library is having a very active summer providing a number of programs for all ages to enjoy. In coordination with our CREW Committee, a children's workshop was offered to ages 6 through 8. It was an interactive workshop with fun activities tailored specifically for children within this age bracket focusing on building self-management, relationship building, cooperation and conflict resolution skills and combining awareness of their own emotions and those of others. It was well attended. Thank you to our CREW Committee, especially Elaine Licari and her daughter, Terry Sanlewicz, and our Library staff who put it together.

A reminder – Thursday, August 15th is the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock. The Library will be hosting a celebration highlighting the music of Woodstock with Nina Gordon. All are invited to attend. So dust off your bellbottoms and tie-dye shirts and come and enjoy the legendary music of Woodstock!! Please check the Library website for all upcoming programs and events.

New Resident Committee – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara said the New Resident Committee continues to welcome our new neighbors and our community. If a new resident moves into your area, please encourage them to stop by Village Hall to pick up a welcome bag or give us a call at Village Hall to set up an appointment for a committee member to stop by to welcome them into the community.

Building Department – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara welcomed Renee Marcus as our new Superintendent of Buildings. After interviewing a number of highly-qualified candidates, Renee was selected as the best candidate and fit for our Village. She is a highly-qualified registered architect with an enormous amount of experience with project management, construction administration, design and code enforcement. Trustee Chiara said he is looking forward to working with her and welcomed her to our Village.

Trustee Chiara personally thanked Trustees Fitzgerald and Pombonyo for attending the last ESD meeting. Although the outcome was anticipated, they both represented our Village extremely well making our concerns heard. Thank you for all your hard work on this project and all that you do for the Village. We will all continue to work together to ensure our Village concerns are addressed at Belmont. Thank you!

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi said dealing with the Belmont ESD Board was a very difficult process. He thanked all the residents for taking the time to work toward the betterment of our community. The process is not done. We will continue to monitor closely all of our concerns. The Belmont Task Force has put in many, many hours of dedicated time to this project and they will continue to do so. Mayor Longobardi thanked Trustee Fitzgerald for the enormous amount of work he has done. The Mayor also thanked the entire Village Board and our Village staff. He appreciates everything they have done led by Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick. Gerry even took telephone calls last week while on vacation. Mayor Longobardi also thanked all the elected officials who came to our aid in order to protect our beautiful village.

On a personal note, Mayor Longobardi said he experienced first-hand assistance from the Floral Park Fire Department. He said he had a small fire in his home last week and, thankfully, no one was hurt. The only thing lost was the stove. The response from the Police Department and the Fire Department was extraordinary. The Mayor said he cannot thank them enough, particularly Police Officer Robert Hayes who had the fire extinguisher followed up by members of the Fire Department and the Police Department. They all knew what to do and extinguished the stove fire immediately. Mayor Longobardi thanked everyone for taking care of his family and for taking care of all the residents in our community. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart.

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.

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

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 8:35 pm.

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the Floral Park Fire Department to hold an Oktoberfest celebration at Fire Headquarters on Saturday, September 28, 2019 and to close Vernon Street from Floral Boulevard to Atlantic Avenue from 12:00 noon to 10:00 pm.

There being no further business, Mayor Longobardi closed the meeting at 10:45 pm.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk