

October 15, 2019

A Public Hearing for the Board of Trustees was held on the above date at 8:00 pm.

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, Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister and Village Attorney John E. Ryan

The application of Nasir J. Khanzada, 286 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park, for a Special Use Permit which requires that any alteration to an existing gasoline service station must be heard at a public hearing by the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2019-213 to reserve decision and close the public hearing.

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

The hearing was closed at 8:37 pm.

A copy of the transcript and a copy of the legal notice of public hearing is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK
October 15, 2019
8:00 p.m.

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| DOMINICK LONGOBARDI, | MAYOR |
| KEVIN M. FITZGERALD, | DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE |
| ARCHIE T. CHENG, | TRUSTEE |
| DR. LYNN POMBONYO, | TRUSTEE |
| FRANK J. CHIARA, | TRUSTEE |

ALSO PRESENT:

- JOHN RYAN, ESQ. Village Attorney
- GERARD M. BAMBRICK, Village Administrator
- SUSAN E. WALSH, Village Clerk
- RENEE MARCUS, Supt. Public Works & Bldgs.
- STEPHEN MCALLISTER, Police Commissioner

Catherine P. Murphy
Court Reporter

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1 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Good evening everybody.
2 I ask you to please join and stand us in the
3 Pledge of Allegiance.

4 (Pledge of Allegiance said.)

5 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you all very
6 much. Good evening everybody. Welcome to
7 Village Hall. Tonight is our regularly
8 scheduled board meeting. We will be having two
9 public hearing tonight, one on 286 Jericho
10 Turnpike, an application regarding a gas
11 station. And the other is Local Law Number
12 Five regarding landscapers, the use of leaf
13 blowers and landscapers.

14 So, what we are going to do is have the
15 public hearing on 286 Jericho first. We will
16 have a public hearing. We will go through some
17 business first, part of it with the Board and
18 open it up to the public to speak. After that,
19 same thing with Local Law Number 5 and then we
20 will have our regular board meeting and open it
21 up with board reports after that. And finally,
22 we will open it up again to the public for
23 anybody who may have question or issues they
24 would like to rise to the Village Board.

25 With that, Miss Walsh, if you would.

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1 MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mayor Longobardi.
2 Legal Notice. Notice of Public Hearing.
3 Notice is hereby given that the Board of
4 Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Floral
5 Park, New York will hold a Public Hearing at
6 Village Hall, One Floral Boulevard, Floral
7 Park, New York on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at
8 8:00 p.m. in relation to the following
9 application:

10 The application made by Nasir J. Khanzada,
11 181-24 Hillside Avenue, Jamaica, New York 11432
12 is made in accordance with Chapter 99, Article
13 IV, Section 99-17 D (3) which states that no
14 permit shall be issued for the alteration of an
15 existing gasoline/diesel service station, its
16 premises or appurtenances or for the
17 enlargement of any existing use except after
18 Village Board approval and following a public
19 hearing in accordance with this chapter.

20 The structure for which said Special
21 Permit is applied is situated on the southwest
22 corner of Jericho Turnpike at Plainfield Avenue
23 and known as 286 Jericho Turnpike, Section 32,
24 Block 68, Lot 45 on the Nassau County Land and
25 Tax Map.

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1 A copy of the application is on file in
2 the Office of the Village Clerk, One Floral
3 Boulevard, Floral Park, New York and may be
4 examined by an persons interested therein
5 during business hours Monday through Friday,
6 inclusive, except legal holidays from 8:30 a.m.
7 to 4:30 p.m.

8 Now Take Notice that all parties in
9 interest and citizens will be given the
10 opportunity to be heard at the aforesaid time
11 and place. By Order of the Board of Trustees
12 Incorporated Village of Floral Park, New York,
13 Susan E. Walsh, Village Clerk.

14 The legal notice was dated September 25th,
15 2019 and was published in the official paper of
16 the Incorporated Village of Floral Park and
17 posted according to law and sent to the Nassau
18 County Planning Commission who recommended
19 taking action as deemed appropriate.

20 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you very much. I
21 would like to take this opportunity to place on
22 the record that applicant had previously filed
23 an affidavit of service indicating all
24 neighbors within a 200 foot radius of the
25 dwelling have been served with notice.

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1 And with that, I will ask the applicant to
2 please come up.

3 MR. SUKHRAM: Good evening. I --

4 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: I ask that you be sworn
5 in by our Stenographer, if you could.

6 (Whereupon, Mr. Sukhram was sworn in.)

7 MR. SUKHRAM: My name is Leon Sukhram
8 S-U-K-H-R-A-M, on behalf of the applicant of
9 record, Nasir Khanzada. The address of the
10 firm is 181-24 Hillside Avenue, Queens, New
11 York 11432.

12 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you. Thank you
13 for being here. And on behalf of the Village,
14 thank you to all of you for a very successful
15 and great business that we have in the Village.
16 We're very thankful for everything you do.

17 We know you want to expand the business.
18 If you could tell us is little bit about what
19 you want to do and we have some questions for
20 you.

21 MR. SUKHRAM: Okay. So, I believe you
22 have the plans in front of you.

23 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Yes, we do.

24 MR. SUKHRAM: I would like to start out
25 with the second sheet of the drawings.

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1 So, what we're looking at here is the
2 existing site conditions. If you went by to
3 the corner of Plainfield Avenue and Jericho
4 Turnpike, you see two existing dispensers and
5 one is the existing dispenser one the side of
6 the lot. There are two existing 6000 gallon
7 tanks.

8 So, the reason we started this entire
9 application process is because the Nassau
10 County Health Department was requiring us to
11 decommission these existing tanks because they
12 were in the ground for too long.

13 We filed an application with the Nassau
14 County Health Department and while speaking
15 with our client, we realized that we wanted to
16 also spruce up the gas station a little bit,
17 make it more friendly for the community and
18 make it better for the business side all
19 around.

20 So, we're actually proposing to add, if
21 you will, look at the first page. There are
22 three major things we're proposing which is the
23 reason we are here tonight. It is an addition
24 of one more dispenser along Plainfield Avenue,
25 as well as two canopies, one over the two

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1 dispensers proposed on Plainfield Avenue and
2 one over the dispenser along Jericho Turnpike
3 along with signage that comes along with it in
4 addition to the canopies.

5 So, there are obvious economic reasons for
6 adding the third dispenser, such as we can
7 easily sell more gasoline and a number of gas
8 providers will actually provide you gas if you
9 have three dispensers now even during the
10 current economic market. However, it also adds
11 to the community because as you see, the site
12 is a little tight. At certain times, we don't
13 want traffic to back up into the streets and
14 that kind of thing when people are waiting to
15 pump gas. So, by adding the additional
16 dispenser, we are allowing for gas to be sold
17 to the community faster and prevent traffic
18 back-ups on the street.

19 Going onto the third sheet, we propose
20 what the building to look like in the future.
21 We know that currently, the building has a lot
22 of signs all over the place. There's colors,
23 bubbles, that kind of thing that we know the
24 community didn't feel warm about. So, we're
25 proposing to actually revert the building back

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1 to what it was before the signs went up to keep
2 it very simple, plain white facie at the top
3 and no signs are currently proposed on the
4 building. We're proposing all the signage to
5 be on the existing price and I.D. sign and a
6 very simple sign on each of the canopies, one
7 along Plainfield Avenue and one along Jericho
8 Turnpike.

9 So, you don't actually have this in front
10 of you but I will pass it around in a second.
11 This is what we expect the gas station to look
12 like after the alterations, if everything goes
13 right. As you can see, we're proposing to
14 clean up the side a lot, making it easier for
15 cars to go around by moving the curb cuts along
16 Plainfield Avenue, as well as keeping the
17 canopies very simple. There are other,
18 actually let me pass this around so you can see
19 it.

20 MS. WALSH: I'll take it. Thank you.

21 MR. SUKHRAM: There's another Give and Go
22 Gas Station currently at Merrick Boulevard. As
23 you can see here, there's a little more on the
24 canopy that we want to keep it very simple.
25 Some of it is very clean. As you can see on

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1 the three rendering places to be, plants to be
2 put and that kind of thing.

3 If we go back to the drawings, sheet four
4 I believe, we clearly outline all of the
5 signage that is proposed for the gas station.
6 As you can see, it is a two canopy signs which
7 will be 3 foot by 10 foot for a total of 30
8 square feet each, as well as the price and I.D.
9 sign which is proposed to be 18 square feet
10 total.

11 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Is there any signage or
12 anything in the windows or are you going to --

13 MR. SUKHRAM: No, sir. More or less,
14 we're proposing to remove all the signage from
15 the building to keep it very simple, very clean
16 and restore it to all the previous conditions
17 before the signs went up.

18 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: No lighting, outside
19 change of lighting?

20 MR. SUKHRAM: Nothing is proposed, no.

21 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: I'm just asking if you
22 propose any of that?

23 MR. SUKHRAM: No, we're not proposing.

24 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Okay.

25 MR. SUKHRAM: So once again, I would like

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1 to summarize. So, the changes that we are
2 requesting is the addition of the dispenser
3 along Plainfield Avenue, the addition of the
4 two canopies and the new signage that comes
5 along with the canopies.

6 I would like to go into, a little bit,
7 Give and Go Gas Station, what it is. I'm not
8 sure if you looked into it at all. But more or
9 less the idea is also centered around
10 community. For every gallon that is sold at
11 the Give and Go Gas Station, some of the
12 proceeds go to the Pink Tie Organization which
13 then donates back those proceeds back to local
14 charities in order to give back to the
15 communities as they're also profiting from.

16 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: We are familiar with
17 that and again, it is a very great idea,
18 whoever came up with it.

19 So, I'm not sure if there's anything
20 further. We have a few questions. I would
21 like to start with just in regards to the
22 existing form right now. You have the price
23 sign. We saw you're putting some plantings and
24 things or pots and things. We would like to
25 see you dress up that corner, if it is

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1 possible. The reason we ask for that is
2 because it is a major entrance to the Village
3 and everybody sees the store and everybody sees
4 the facility. It is, again, the way these
5 drawings look, it looks like it is going to
6 come out and looks very nice if it is done. We
7 ask you to please, at some point, work with
8 Renee Marcus from our Building Department, just
9 to take a look at the possibility of dressing
10 it up, that corner, as it is the entrance way
11 to the Village.

12 MR. SUKHRAM: Okay.

13 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Because again, it is
14 one of the first things we see. It is -- it
15 will do well for you as well to have it look as
16 nice as it can be.

17 One of the other questions I have, and I
18 will go into the questions about how you will
19 do the construction, but the curb cut on
20 Plainfield.

21 MR. SUKHRAM: Yes.

22 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: One of my concerns is
23 somebody coming out of the curb cut can go
24 either left or right at this time. Would you
25 consider taking a look at just making it just

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1 right only onto Plainfield? Because
2 Plainfield, as you know, we have major issues
3 right now with traffic and --

4 MR. SUKHRAM: Are you talking about the
5 curb cut that is further in on Plainfield
6 Avenue?

7 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: The one further in.
8 Actually, both of them because I think you are
9 going to have problems with people trying to
10 get out and making a left to go back to
11 Jericho. It is something you should take a
12 look at and I ask you to work with our staff on
13 that.

14 MR. SUKHRAM: Building Department.

15 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Renee, is there
16 something we can come up with and take a look
17 at for that?

18 MS. MARCUS: Okay.

19 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: I don't think Jericho
20 is an issue itself, the egress and entrance
21 there, but I think you are going to have some
22 serious issues with the traffic now and I think
23 you guys see it now with the way we have
24 problems. So, I would like you to take a look
25 at that and possibly traffic going south on

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1 Plainfield out of those two exits.

2 MR. SUKHRAM: Okay.

3 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Obviously, you will
4 have people coming in from both sides. That's
5 another issue. The other way is to take a look
6 at the exits, okay?

7 MR. SUKHRAM: Okay.

8 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Can you talk a little
9 bit about how the construction is going to be
10 done? One of the things that's concerning us
11 with the construction is, of course, are you
12 going to have trucks parked on Plainfield
13 Avenue? And I doubt you will, but can you talk
14 a little bit about how it's going to be done.
15 As you put in the tanks, I'm assuming
16 everything will be self-contained on the
17 property, but at the same time, the truck
18 deliveries and things like that on the corner.
19 We want to help you and work with you to get it
20 done, but we also don't want it to become a
21 problem, an issue, given the issues we have on
22 Plainfield, okay?

23 MR. SUKHRAM: From my experience, I think
24 the hardest part about this proposed alteration
25 is actually getting those two tanks in. And

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1 the way it will be made easier is that since
2 the dispensers are being replaced anyway, the
3 dispensers will likely be removed first.
4 There's space on the side for all the equipment
5 and the delivery of all the tanks and then the
6 removal of the tank. Once the tanks are
7 installed and the piping is installed, I think
8 everything after that will be very easily
9 contained on-site.

10 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Are you going -- once
11 the tanks are installed, the delivery of fuel,
12 is that going to change in anyway or will it
13 still be in the same location?

14 MR. SUKHRAM: The tanks are in the same
15 location and --

16 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Okay.

17 MR. SUKHRAM: The only change that we did
18 make is that we actually moved the dispenser on
19 Jericho Turnpike a little bit more into the
20 site, which gives it a little more room between
21 the dispenser and the sidewalk which makes
22 things actually easier.

23 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Okay. I will turn it
24 over to my colleagues, okay? But I may have
25 other questions for you. With that, our Deputy

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1 Mayor.

2 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Thank you. Thank you
3 very much for coming in this evening. A couple
4 of questions to follow up with the Mayor with
5 curb cuts, the one on Plainfield says on the
6 plans, existing curb cut to be relocated. Do
7 you know where it's going to be relocated to?

8 MR. SUKHRAM: If you -- there's a dashed
9 curb cut. That's the existing location of the
10 curb cut and we're proposing to relocate to
11 where it's actually shown now, the dark lines.
12 That's just to make it easier for cars to get
13 in and out of the side and also still access
14 the garage that is part of the building.

15 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Okay. The curb cuts
16 on Jericho will remain the same?

17 MR. SUKHRAM: Yes.

18 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Are you going to be
19 doing any sidewalk work or leaving it the same?

20 MR. SUKHRAM: So, after all the work is
21 completed, the sidewalk can be repaired.

22 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: You mention about, I
23 guess, hoping to increase business.

24 MR. SUKHRAM: Yes.

25 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: One of the reasons

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1 why the two on Plainfield Avenue is you're
2 hoping people don't stack up on Plainfield
3 Avenue.

4 MR. SUKHRAM: Correct.

5 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: If you increase
6 business, how do you know it will not stack up
7 on Plainfield Avenue? How do you know how to
8 keep the flow going?

9 MR. SUKHRAM: We don't necessarily think a
10 lot more customers come to the side. We want
11 to make it more fluent for customers to come to
12 the side. We don't want them to have to wait
13 five minutes for customers in front of them to
14 pump gas. We want to provide two more places
15 for the gas to be pumped so things can go more
16 smoothly than the existing space.

17 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Thank you for
18 clarifying that. Are you looking to increase
19 the hours at all or they'll remain the same?

20 MR. SUKHRAM: To our knowledge, they will
21 remain the same.

22 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Okay. Are you making
23 any changes to the building itself, like the
24 siding or are you leaving that the same?

25 MR. SUKHRAM: The only thing that we are

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1 going to change is remove the signs at the top
2 of the building and to replace it with the
3 white facie that was there before.

4 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: And inside the
5 building, you're not making any changes to what
6 you're selling or --

7 MR. SUKHRAM: That's not proposed on this,
8 no.

9 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Thank you. Thank
10 you, Mr. Mayor.

11 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Good evening. Thank
12 you for coming in and thank you for working to
13 improve your business. That's always
14 appreciated by the Village.

15 Regarding again, the corner which is a
16 great concern to us, as you can imagine with
17 the traffic situation there, the current curb
18 cut is staying the same on Jericho. Have they
19 been problematic at all from your station line
20 backing up onto Jericho? Is that --

21 MR. SUKHRAM: We haven't noticed anything
22 as an issue on that site.

23 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: How long do you expect
24 the closure to take when you are doing the
25 construction?

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1 MR. SUKHRAM: So realistically, two
2 months. It depends on what happens during the
3 construction, of course.

4 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Just a suggestion in
5 terms of your curb cuts on Plainfield given the
6 complexity of that situation, there are
7 challenges. Our police department,
8 Commissioner McAllister, who is over there in
9 the corner, is a great resource too for that in
10 helping businesses and residents with the
11 traffic pattern. That might be very helpful to
12 you.

13 MR. SUKHRAM: Thank you.

14 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Thank you.

15 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Mr. Cheng?

16 TRUSTEE CHENG: Just a question on page
17 one of your file, you show a parking meter to
18 be removed. Is there a reason?

19 MR. SUKHRAM: So, part of it is, I believe
20 the our client and also someone in the Building
21 Department had a conversation and what is
22 happening is that people were parking actually
23 between the two curb cuts making it difficult
24 for cars to get in and out of the side. So, we
25 wanted to remove the parking space in between

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1 those two curb cuts. We'd allow for easy
2 access for in and out of the site.

3 TRUSTEE CHENG: I understand the in part.
4 I don't understand the out part. I'm -- maybe
5 because the way people are parking in that
6 spot.

7 MR. SUKHRAM: So --

8 TRUSTEE CHENG: The westerly side curb
9 cut --

10 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: You get sworn in
11 first.

12 (Whereupon, Umar Quresh was sworn in.)

13 MR. QURESH: Umar, U-M-A-R, Quresh,
14 Q-U-R-E-S-H, 286 Jericho Turnpike.

15 So yeah, all it is is on Jericho Turnpike
16 between the entrance and the exit, some people
17 are not as conscious at parking so they stop
18 the car in the middle and sometimes they're
19 sticking out a little. So actually, I remember
20 about 8, 10 years ago, I have been here for a
21 long time, actually I thought that the Building
22 Department actually a long time ago,
23 recommended we should remove, that nobody even,
24 I remember when there was an issue when we
25 changed the meters back in the days on Jericho,

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1 I remember it was a thing and you know because
2 they didn't want people parking because there's
3 a hydrant before that so a car cannot be parked
4 before that anyways. Just the middle is a
5 concern. A lot of people, especially with
6 bigger cars, they really don't pay attention as
7 much and they might have just either pulled up
8 too much or pulled back too much.

9 TRUSTEE CHENG: And you were talking about
10 filling the gasoline tanks now. How do you
11 fill the gasoline tanks under the new plan or
12 is it different?

13 MR. SUKHRAM: It's more or less the same
14 as how it will go on right now. The tankers
15 will pull in along Jericho Turnpike and come
16 up --

17 TRUSTEE CHENG: At some point, they have
18 to back in one way or the other either in or
19 out, correct?

20 MR. QURESH: Tanks come in easy. Tanks
21 come from Jericho Turnpike and just goes out.
22 That's how the tanks work.

23 MR. SUKHRAM: They come in on the curb cut
24 along Jericho Turnpike, station themselves over
25 the tanks and the fill ports are directly on

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1 the tanks and the tanks drive out through the
2 other curb cut.

3 TRUSTEE CHENG: So, they're underneath the
4 canopy at that point?

5 MR. SUKHRAM: Yes. There's no canopy now.

6 TRUSTEE CHENG: Forget the canopy. So,
7 they pull in going easterly on Jericho?

8 MR. SUKHRAM: Yes.

9 TRUSTEE CHENG: Correct. And they stop
10 wherever the gas is being pumped from the
11 machine, they take up that spot where somebody
12 would normally gets gasoline and they pump
13 gasoline; is that correct?

14 MR. SUKHRAM: Correct.

15 MR. QURESH: The tanker? Yeah, so most of
16 the time we're not open.

17 TRUSTEE CHENG: I don't know. I'm an old
18 man.

19 MR. QURESH: No problem. So, most of the
20 time because we don't want them coming into the
21 business hours anyways because, you know, it is
22 inconvenient for people anyways. They come in
23 overnight, they pull up coming eastbound on
24 Jericho and the main thing is it doesn't matter
25 where they park so they have a big hose, fill

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1 it in.

2 TRUSTEE CHENG: They're on the northern
3 side of those pumps, correct.

4 MR. QURESH: Yes.

5 TRUSTEE CHENG: That feeds the Plainfield
6 pumps also, the same tank?

7 MR. QURESH: Yes, it is a tank. I'm
8 sorry.

9 TRUSTEE CHENG: I don't know. I'm a
10 lawyer, not a gas guy. As far as the rest of
11 the station, the Deputy Mayor, I ask you,
12 nothing is changing on the inside, so you have
13 one service bay, is that the plan or two
14 service bays, one on the Jericho side and one
15 on the Plainfield side?

16 MR. SUKHRAM: Correct.

17 TRUSTEE CHENG: That area that's to the
18 south of the building, that is now, I believe a
19 vacant area?

20 MR. SUKHRAM: Yes.

21 TRUSTEE CHENG: What can we do there
22 because it is unsightly at all times. We'll
23 think about that in the future because you have
24 to go passed us later.

25 MR. SUKHRAM: It is parking for the

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1 service base. There's a car that can be worked
2 on in the moment will be parked in the area.
3 It can be improved by planting along the
4 property line.

5 TRUSTEE CHENG: I was just saying think
6 about that also. That's all.

7 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Trustee Chiara?

8 TRUSTEE CHIARA: I know usually most of
9 these are self-service. Are any of these
10 pumps, are you considering any full service in
11 the area?

12 MR. SUKHRAM: So, the current plan is to
13 remain full service gas station.

14 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Full service?

15 MR. SUKHRAM: Yes.

16 MR. RYAN: Curb cuts, you are going to
17 need to get county approval on them, correct?
18 You have to go to the county to allow you to do
19 the change in curb cuts.

20 MR. SUKHRAM: Department of Public Works,
21 correct?

22 MR. RYAN: County of Nassau.

23 TRUSTEE CHENG: It is their road.
24 Plainfield is their road.

25 MR. SUKHRAM: Okay.

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1 MS. MARCUS: Even if you do a curb cut
2 because you are changing the pavement there,
3 you have to get county approval as well as
4 state approval.

5 MR. RYAN: Okay.

6 MR. SUKHRAM: All right.

7 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: One more question.
8 Also it says on the west side of to remove
9 another meter. Is that also, the parking meter
10 to be removed, the west side of the station,
11 not in front of your property, in front of, I
12 guess will be the barber shop, you're looking
13 to remove two meters, correct, or one?

14 MR. SUKHRAM: I'm not sure about that.
15 We're definitely looking to remove the one.

16 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: The one in the
17 middle?

18 MR. SUKHRAM: Yes.

19 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Can you come back and
20 confirm to us if you want to remove that one or
21 not?

22 MR. SUKHRAM: So, the owner is saying
23 pretty much is the same issue as if someone
24 parks too close to the curb cut, it makes it
25 impossible, harder for people to move into the

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1 site.

2 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Obviously removing
3 meters is a revenue problem for us.

4 TRUSTEE CHENG: We'll have the new Village
5 of Floral Park gasoline tanks.

6 MR. QURESH: We'll make it up.

7 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Thank you.

8 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you. We'll talk
9 about the two meters and how you can handle
10 that. My concern with removing the meters is
11 that now it becomes a turn on Jericho. It is
12 something else we have to consider. We're
13 taking out a parking meter there. That can
14 become, it wouldn't be official, they will use
15 it as a right hand turn lane on Jericho
16 Turnpike. So we have to take a look at that, a
17 hard look at that.

18 With that, unless the Board has any other
19 questions or Mr. Ryan or Mr. Bambrick? Okay.

20 TRUSTEE CHENG: For the record, I would
21 like to state that I think it will be a good
22 idea if we approve all this, if everything gets
23 approved, go back to the State and change that
24 signage. I don't like the idea we can make a
25 right turn on red even though it says no right

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1 on red when schools open. It should be no
2 right on red if we're going to have traffic
3 entering and exiting with two curb cuts on
4 Plainfield Avenue.

5 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: We will petition the
6 state to do that. With that, we're going to
7 ask you to take a seat, if you don't mind and
8 we're going to open it up to the public. If
9 anybody has any comments or issues they would
10 like to raise on behalf of the application.
11 Nadia?

12 (Whereupon, Richard Cornetta was sworn
13 in.)

14 MR. CORNETTA: My name is Richard
15 Cornetta, 217 Beech Street, here in Floral
16 Park. Some of you know me. Some of you know
17 my last name because my family has two
18 businesses locally that are both third
19 generation. I'm third generation homeowner in
20 the Village. One thing this Village has always
21 done, not just good to my family but good to
22 the families in the Village. They accept
23 businesses to come in here. They have certain
24 expectations out of those businesses to hold a
25 high standard, not just in looks but in service

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1 and full disclosure.

2 The company I work for, the co-owners
3 actually started Pink Tie.org as a charity to
4 raise money for local charities. When they
5 started to Give and Go gas stations, it
6 actually worked out to be a win/win situation
7 for local communities. They have one, I
8 believe in Freeport. They also have one in
9 Melville and they're looking to put out a
10 couple more gas stations. The funds they
11 collect from the gas station go right back into
12 the community.

13 Presently oddly enough, as it works out,
14 I'm a secretary of the Kiwanis Club here in
15 Floral Park, one of the benefactors of their
16 charity. Another one is the local Rotary Club.
17 As many of you know, both the Kiwanis Club and
18 the Rotary Club try to do good things within
19 the community, try to help make this a better
20 place to live.

21 As far as what needs to be done for the
22 Village to make sure they're in compliance with
23 our building codes and what not, I hope that
24 both the Village and the owners of the gas
25 station work hand-in-hand to get this done

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1 because I think this is a type of business that
2 we like to see in the Village, one who
3 understands what giving back to the community
4 is.

5 So, thank you for your time and once
6 again, hopefully we can work through this and
7 get the station done.

8 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you. Thank you
9 very much for your comments.

10 MR. CORNETTA: Thank you.

11 (Whereupon, Tom Reilly was sworn in.)

12 MR. REILLY: Tom Reilly, 91 Elizabeth
13 Street, Floral Park. I'm not hear to talk
14 about dog prints tonight but the gas station.
15 I'd love to see a third pump go in and I'd like
16 to see the place get busy. The more gas they
17 pump, the more money Kiwanis and Rotary are
18 going to get. We already got a check from them
19 in the last year or so. Periodically they do
20 give us checks and we use the checks to do
21 things here in the Village.

22 As far as what she was talking about,
23 taking out the parking meters, I agree with
24 that it is difficult to get out of that gas
25 station, make the right hand turn. I'm there

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1 everyday. I live around there by to buy
2 cigarettes. So I know everybody in there and
3 they're a great bunch of people. They give
4 back to the Village. Increasing the looks of
5 the station would go along with what you did
6 with 7-Eleven and also with Wendy's. Wendy's
7 looks a hell of a lot better. They tore it
8 down and put up a new one. I'm in favor and I
9 would request that you go ahead and grant the
10 approval, right. Have a good night.

11 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you, Tom. Thank
12 you very much. Nadia?

13 (Whereupon, Nadia Ortiz was sworn in.)

14 MS. ORTIZ: Nadia Ortiz, 64 Orchid Street.
15 Good business. Good neighbors. It's all a
16 win/win. My only concern is for pedestrian
17 safety. If you know, I don't know if I am
18 hearing correctly in the back, is it more pumps
19 that are being added?

20 MR. SUKHRAM: One more dispenser.

21 MS. ORTIZ: A dispenser is a pump or two
22 pumps?

23 MR. SUKHRAM: Dispenser is a pump.

24 MS. ORTIZ: So, I would then assume an
25 increase in the vehicular traffic coming into

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1 and out of and that's bad a bad corner. I like
2 the idea of no turn on red. That's great. I
3 like the right turn, but that's not necessarily
4 enforceable. It is just a suggestion unless it
5 becomes a Nassau County.

6 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Nassau County has to be
7 consulted. We can ask them and we can ask, as
8 part of the plan, to have the right turn, you
9 know.

10 MS. ORTIZ: But is it enforceable and so
11 if there was an accident --

12 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Yes, it is enforceable.

13 MS. ORTIZ: Because again, we have a
14 preschool right there. We have JLC right
15 there. We have the church right there and I
16 anticipate more cars going in and out and
17 pedestrian safety. That's my only question or
18 answer or whatever. Thank you.

19 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Great. Thank you so
20 much. Anybody else who would like to be heard
21 on this application?

22 (Whereupon, Poltoratsay Vladimir was sworn
23 in.)

24 MR. POLTORATSAY: My name is Vladimir
25 Poltoratsay. I live just across the station

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1 and they're really a nice business and nice
2 people and I'm really thinking that if the gas
3 station looks better, it will be good for the
4 neighborhood. That's it. Thank you.

5 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you. Thank you,
6 sir. Is there anybody else who wishes to be
7 heard? We ask the applicants to come back up.

8 MR. QURESH: Just one extra thing to
9 Nadia's point. That extra pump will actually
10 lower down the traffic instead of adding to the
11 traffic, you know. Instead of and knock on
12 wood, the last 17 years, there's never been
13 known a pedestrian issue ever, right? Because
14 obviously we make sure we know every kid that
15 passes by there, right? So we make sure of all
16 of that and there's a reason that safety record
17 is there. And in Floral Park, just as an
18 addition, only one of the few businesses on --
19 and you can -- and this is not within local of
20 Floral Park, a five star rated business for a
21 reason and we provide the service in the
22 community that we expect and we expect it. We
23 literally hear more than anything. I wanted to
24 add that.

25 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you. Does the

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1 Board have any other questions? With that, I
2 will say thank you for the application.

3 For full disclosure so everybody knows, I
4 am a member of the Rotary of Floral Park and we
5 are grateful for all the things that you do do
6 for our community. It is a thriving business
7 and we would like to see it continue.

8 We will review this application. We do
9 have some other applications in front of our
10 Architectural Review Board that I believe you
11 will have to go to. You have to contact the
12 county. So this process is not over tonight.
13 We will again review it, go through everything.
14 I am going to close the public hearing now and
15 ask for a motion to reserve decision, as you
16 have all these other things you have to do and
17 some of the questions and issues we raised have
18 to be addressed, okay.

19 So, we will keep going and work towards
20 everything we can possibly do to make this
21 happen.

22 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: So moved.

23 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Second.

24 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Miss Walsh, can you
25 please poll the Board.

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1 MS. WALSH: Trustee Fitzgerald?

2 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Aye.

3 MS. WALSH: Trustee Pombonyo?

4 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Aye.

5 MS. WALSH: Trustee Cheng?

6 TRUSTEE CHENG: Aye.

7 MS. WALSH: Trustee Chiara?

8 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Aye.

9 MS. WALSH: And Mayor Longobardi?

10 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Aye. Again, thank you
11 very much for everything you do for Floral
12 Park. We look forward to working closely
13 together with you and hopefully we will make it
14 as quick a process as possible. Thank you very
15 much. Thank you for being here tonight.

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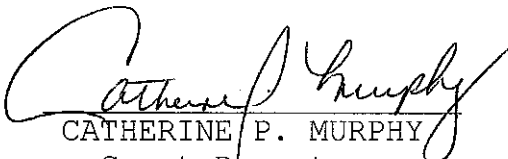
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park, NY will hold a Public Hearing at Village Hall, One Floral Boulevard, Floral Park, NY on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 8:00 pm in relation to the following application:

The application made by Nasir J. Khanzada, 181-24 Hillside Avenue, Jamaica NY 11432 is made in accordance with Chapter 99, Article IV, Section 99-17 D (3) which states that no permit shall be issued for the alteration of an existing gasoline/diesel service station, its premises or appurtenances or for the enlargement of any existing use except after Village Board approval and following a public hearing in accordance with this chapter.

The structure for which said Special Permit is applied is situated on the southwest corner of Jericho Turnpike at Plainfield Avenue and known as 286 Jericho Turnpike, Section 32 Block 68, Lot 45 on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map.

A copy of the application is on file in the Office of the Village Clerk, One Floral Boulevard, Floral Park, NY and may be examined by any persons interested therein during business hours Monday through Friday inclusive, except legal holidays, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

NOW TAKE NOTICE that all parties in interest and citizens will be given the opportunity to be heard at the aforesaid time and place.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK, NY**

**Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk**

Dated: October 2, 2019