

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on December 3, 2019 at 8:00 pm.

Prior to the start of the Board Meeting, at 7:50 pm, with 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 and Village Attorney John E. Ryan in attendance, on motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Board went into executive session to discuss litigation matters. On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, the Board came out of executive session at 7:55 pm. No action was taken.

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, Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, Fire Chief Sal Arrigo, 4th Assistant Chief Brian Hamerman and Village Attorney John E. Ryan

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

November 19, 2019 - Public Hearing - 374 Tulip Avenue
November 19, 2019 - Regular Board Meeting

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2019-241 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable consisting of the following:

General Fund	\$2,903,088.85
Swimming Pool	\$ 700.00
Community Development	\$ 0.00
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 40,550.97</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$2,944,339.82

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 the Hance Family Foundation to use the Recreation Center on Friday, May 15, 2020 and Centennial Gardens on Saturday, May 16, 2020 (rain date Sunday, May 17) to hold their annual 5K Run/Walk and Family Fun Day subject to receipt of certificates of insurance.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2019-242 granting the application of John Cavallo, 374 Tulip Avenue, Floral Park, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Decision and Resolution.

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

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Girl Scout Troop 1622 to use the Daisy room on December 11,

2019 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm to hold their silver award ceremony subject to the receipt of a certificate of insurance.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2019-243 to adopt a resolution wherein property known as 7 Fuller Avenue is hereby declared in violation of Sections 65-2, 65-6 and 65-7.1. of the Code of the Village of Floral Park as said property is vacant, abandoned and deteriorated, thereby posing a danger to human life and health, as well as requiring repeated visits to the premises by the Floral Park Police Department to remove trespassers; and further resolve that in accordance with Section 65-7.1. property owner shall immediately post an undertaking with the Village in an amount of \$35,000.00.

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. 2019-244 to adopt a resolution rescinding Resolution #2019-211 which awarded the bid in the amount of \$141,232.00 for the purchase of up to 4 emergency/patrol vehicles to Eagle Auto Mall Sales.

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. 2019-245 authorizing the purchase of up to two (2) Dodge Durango patrol vehicles for the Police Department under Onondaga County Police Contract #8771 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00.

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 Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2019-246 authorizing Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick to execute the necessary documents and pay fee of \$450.00 for the Village to join the BOCES Cooperative Bidding Program.

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 Cheng offered Resolution No. 2019-247 authorizing the purchase of up to two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes for the Fire Chief under BOCES Bid 19/20-045 in an amount not to exceed \$76,000.00.

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

Police Department – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald

Trustee Fitzgerald reported that the Police Department has been reviewing and undergoing extensive research into the potential impact that the new criminal justice reforms in New York State will bring and are preparing to address the issues that are arising from this new legislation.

Additionally, the Department will be actively looking out for “porch pirates”, including running undercover operations (e.g. using unmarked cars) in an attempt to thwart thefts. It is suggested that if you can arrange for alternative delivery spots such as a back or side door, you should do so.

Lastly, the men and women of the Department, besides continuing to keep us safe, have also been actively enforcing both traffic and village violations, including writing over 150 “don’t block the box” tickets since the various intersections were marked.

Trustee Fitzgerald said he looks forward to seeing residents and all of the holiday festivities this coming month!

Recreation Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo invited all to the fun-filled Recreation Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday evening, December 20th. This annual event for both children and adults will feature holiday music and songs by “The Dance Place,” hot chocolate, cookies, coloring, Santa and elf hats, and a visit by Santa and friends. Enjoy the outdoor festivities at the Recreation Roller Rink, opening at 7:00 pm, program starting at 7:30 pm. If the weather outside is frightful, we’ll head upstairs in the Rec Building. So let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Other Recreation news: Centennial Gardens is now closed for the season and will reopen in April, 2020. All Village of Floral Park 2018-19 leisure passes will expire on January 1st. Applications for the 2020-21 passes are now being accepted at the Rec Center, Mondays to Thursdays, 9:00 am-7:00 pm, and Fridays, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. If you have a 2018-19 leisure pass, you may submit the current pass and a current utility bill with your 2020-21 application. Questions? Please call 516-326-6336. Plan to make our Floral Park parks and recreational facilities a big part of your family’s 2020 activities!

Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo thanked all for supporting Small Business Saturday on Covert Avenue and throughout Floral Park and Stewart Manor. The turnout was large and enthusiastic. Holiday shoppers are encouraged to continue doing your browsing and shopping on Covert and at all of our local stores and businesses.

The holiday season in Floral Park sparkles and glows with our beautiful traditions, and the holiday decorations and lights on our homes, businesses, places of worship and trees. Take some time to walk or drive around our Village and enjoy every moment of the holidays. Thanks to all in Floral Park for making this such a magnificent place to be at this blessed time of year.

Fire Department – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that the Floral Park Fire Explorers are having their annual fundraising drive. They will be selling wreaths, blankets and crosses this year. Please contact John Florio at fpchief96@yahoo.com.

Trustee Cheng asked residents to be careful with their holiday decorations. We want everyone to have a happy and safe holiday season.

The Fire Department responded to 64 rescue and 33 non-rescue calls during the month of November.

Third Track – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that there is not much to report on the Third Track Project that has not been previously announced. Inasmuch as our monthly meeting is normally scheduled for the 4th Thursday of the month and Thanksgiving was last Thursday, we did not have a meeting and we were not provided with any updates on construction.

Work on the retaining and sound attenuation walls, the expansion of the Linden Avenue tunnel, Plainfield Avenue and Terrace Avenue wing walls and support for the Third Track bridge is continuing.

We are still meeting with 3TC regarding the restoration of Field 7 and landscaping along the retaining walls. We will provide further information as soon as we have come to an agreement.

We are also still negotiating with the LIRR and 3TC regarding the possibility of additional parking under the railroad viaduct.

Library – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the Christmas concert held last Sunday went very well. A full house enjoyed the music entertainment and all who attended had a wonderful time. It was a great way to start off the holiday season.

All of the donated food from the Food for Fines Program was dropped off to the Our Lady of Victory food pantry. The program went very well and lots of food was donated. Thank you to the residents of Floral Park who are so giving!

The Library received a Certificate of Appreciation from “Birthday Wishes”, an organization that brings birthday goodies to homeless children. The Library provides some goodies and Floral Park families come to stuff the goody bags as part of this great giveback. Congratulations to our wonderful Library staff and all the families that helped put a smile on a homeless child’s face on their birthday.

On Thursday evening, December 5th, the Library will be hosting a Sidewalk Astronomer who will set up behind the Library for all to view the night sky. All are welcome to attend.

Building Department – Trustee Frank Chiara

The gas moratorium has been lifted so we anticipate the Taco Bell project on Jericho Turnpike to begin shortly.

Rene Marcus, our Buildings Superintendent, is continuing to move to electronic forms to make the department more efficient and user friendly to our residents. Thank you to Renee and our Building Department.

Centennial Hall – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the purchaser/developer, Friedman Group, has been submitting engineering and architectural plans to our Building Department for the required building permits. We anticipate to close on the sale of the property to the Friedman Group this month.

New Residents Committee

Trustee Chiara said that this Friday evening at our Village Tree Lighting event sponsored by the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce and the Jr. Woman’s Club, the New Resident Committee will have a table with information about our community available for new residents. All new residents are encouraged to stop by.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi said he hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We all have a lot to be thankful for starting with our Village employees. Thank you for all the work you do.

Today was declared as *Giving Tuesday* which is a very important day. Anyone who gave today, thank you very much. This is what the season is about.

Friday, December 6th is the annual Christmas Festival at Memorial Park sponsored by the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce and the Jr. Woman's Club. The festivities begin at 5:00 pm and it is a great evening for everyone. The tree lighting takes places around 6:00-6:30 pm. Mayor Longobardi said that, unfortunately, he will be out of town on that evening and the tree will be lit by Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald. Let's all hope the weather holds out!

Mayor Longobardi also asked residents to please shop locally. Our local shops are the businesses that support our community so it is very important to support them too. It is very important to keep a strong business community – please support them.

On Saturday, December 14th at 9:30 am, Mayor Longobardi said he and other members of the Board will be at the Shelter House by the Recreation Center if any resident would like to come by and talk to them.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Felix Procaccia for filming this evening's meeting and Tom McCarthy from *Island Now* for attending.

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 8:25 pm.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi reconvened the meeting at 8:35 pm.

No actions were taken.

There being no further business, Mayor Longobardi closed the meeting at 10:20 pm.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk