

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 3, 2020 at 8pm.

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 meeting opened with a Pledge to the Flag presented by Salvatore Bonini, Boy Scout, Troop 482. Mayor Longobardi asked for a moment of silence for Floral Park resident, Matthew Palmer, and to keep his family, friends and Boy Scout Troop 482 members in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Tax Grievance Minutes - February 18, 2020

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2020-42 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payables as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,140,855.06
Swimming Pool	-0-
Community Development	\$ -0-
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 251,715.68</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,392,570.74

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 requests by the Wednesday Mothers' Club to use the Rec Center on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm; and on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> (before the Parade of Heroes) to use Heritage Park to hold a St. Baldrick's scavenger hunt fundraiser subject to receipt of certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request from the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual Belmont Stakes Street Fair on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> (rain/shine) from 1-5 pm subject to receipt of certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request from the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce to host a Business Expo at the Rec Center on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6pm – 8 pm subject to receipt of certificate of insurance.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2020-43 ratifying the approval of the final and full settlement of liability case Collins v Inc. Village of Floral Park in the amount of \$20,000.

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. 2020-44 approving the request to transfer \$1,657.00 from contingency account to the following Election accounts: \$1400.00 to

Voting Machine Account 001.1450.0435 and \$257.00 to Stationery, Printing Account 001.1450.0404.

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. 2020-45 to approving the request to hire John Kane as an all-year-round park attendant as the weekend Supervisor at the hourly rate of \$15.00 subject to NC Civil Service approval.

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. 2020-46, relating to previously adopted Resolution 2019-251 wherein the property owner of 133 Iris Avenue was found in violation of Chapter 65 'Maintenance of Premises' of the Code of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park with respect to a retaining wall at said premises, authorized the retention of H2M Architects & Engineers to perform professional structural engineering services for said retaining wall for a fee not to exceed \$3,500.00.

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. 2020-47 amending Village Code Chapter 96 Article XII Section III approving the installation of a permanent stop sign on the northeast side of South Tyson Avenue 137.5' north of Woodbine Court.

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. 2020-48 approving new members of the Floral Park Fire Department Robin Waslin & Joseph Mineo since both candidates received medical clearances from the Village physician and background checks by the Floral Park Police Department.

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 Wednesday Mothers' Club to plant

flowers at Centennial Gardens on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 11:30 am subject to receipt of certificate of insurance.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the CSEA unit to use the Courtroom on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and Firefighters Hall on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 6 pm to hold CSEA membership meetings.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2020-49 ratifying the approval of the payment of \$7136.21 to Tip Top Auto for police car #352 auto damages for the incident on 8/31/2019.

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. 2020-50 approving the promotion of Kevin Roe, currently a Motor Equipment Operator in the Highway Department, to Highway Supervisor at the contractual rate of \$65,300.00 in accordance with the CSEA Supervisor's Collective Bargaining Agreement subject to Nassau County Civil Service Commission approval.

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 Triple 'A' Taxi for taxi cab licenses for Peter Lutz, Howard Mandelker, John Williams, Richard Malloy, Mathew Larocco, Edmund Feurtado, and James Katan since receiving background clearances from the Floral Park Police Department.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2020-51 approving the refund request of S. Bozett in the amount of \$65.00 since she was unable to participate in the cardio class.

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. 2020-52 approving Leonard Green, Motor Equipment Operator in the Tree Department to permanent status as he successfully completed the six-month probationary period.

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. 2020-53 authorizing the determination that the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in an estimated maximum amount of

\$3,045,000 for the 2020 Road Reconstruction Project is an unlisted action that has no significant effect on the environment as that term is defined in SEQRA.

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. 2020-54

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 3, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$3,045,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,045,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Floral Park, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to construct road improvements. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$3,045,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$3,045,000 bonds of the Village to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$3,045,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 20 (c) of the Law, is fifteen (15) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of

the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, to publish or cause to be published, in full, in the "*The Gateway*," a newspaper having a general circulation within said Village and hereby designated the official newspaper of the Village for such publication, and posted in at least six (6) public places and in each polling place in the Village, a Notice in substantially the following form:

VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 3, 2020, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Floral Park, in the County of Nassau, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

"Bond Resolution of the Village of Floral Park, New York, adopted March 3, 2020, authorizing the construction of road improvements, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$3,045,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose, and authorizing the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$3,045,000 to finance said appropriation,"

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING the construction of road improvements; STATING the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$3,045,000; APPROPRIATING said amount for such purpose; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$3,045,000 bonds of the Village to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$3,045,000 bonds of the Village pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; and the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes shall be general obligations of the Village; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Village;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Village Treasurer the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, or the renewals thereof; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

DATED: March 3, 2020

Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk

Section 8. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, after said bond resolution shall take effect, to cause said bond resolution to be published, in summary, in the newspaper referred to in Section 7 hereof, and hereby designated the official newspaper for said publication, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.

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

The resolution was declared adopted.

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Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2020-55 to authorizing the determination that the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in an estimated maximum amount of \$382,500 for the 2020 Drainage Project is an unlisted action that has no significant effect on the environment as that term is defined in SEQRA.

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. 2020-56:

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 3, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON VARIOUS ROADS, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$382,500, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$382,500 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION**

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Village of Floral Park, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to construct drainage improvements on various roads. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$382,500 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$382,500 bonds of the Village to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in

the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$382,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 4 of the Law, is forty (40) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

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SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$382,500 bonds of the Village pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the “Law”) to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is forty (40) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; and the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes shall be general obligations of the Village; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Village;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Village Treasurer the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, or the renewals thereof; and

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DATED: March 3, 2020

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

Trustee Fitzgerald	- Aye
Trustee Pomponyo	- Aye
Trustee Cheng	- Aye
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Mayor Longobardi	- Aye

The resolution was declared adopted.

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On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of the New Resident Committee to use the Recreation Center on Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 1pm – 4pm to host a ‘Meet and Greet’ for new residents of the Village.

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of CREW to use the Shelter House at the Recreation Center for a ‘Jammin’ Event’ for the young adults of the community to show off their musical talents and to hear the musical experiences of Marco Conelli.



On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of Girl Scout Troop 4 to use Firefighters' Hall on Friday, May 15, 2020 from 6pm – 8pm for their bridging ceremony subject to receipt of certificate of insurance.

### **Belmont Redevelopment Project – Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald**

Last Thursday, February 28, 2020, Mayor Longobardi, Trustee Chiara, Village Administrator Bambrick and I along with a few residents attended a meeting in Elmont hosted by New York Arena Partners (NYAP) where an update on the project would be provided. Presenters at the meeting were representatives of the NYRA, LIRR, NYAP and PSE&G. Although some questions were answered (including at the current time NYAP stated their intent is to use natural gas and not propane) there were a lot of questions asked but either not answered or responded to. Some of those include:

- Who will be patrolling the North Lot and ensuring that there is no tailgating or horn honking as described in the FEIS? The response was that there currently is a hotline and when asked if the hotline would involve an immediate action regardless of time of day, there was no response.
- NYAP when asked how many local community members were working on the construction site, they had no idea what that number is.
- NYAP would not respond for a request that they and the LIRR do a full environmental study on the new Elmont Train station.
- There were other questions unique to the Elmont community for which there were no solid answers given to those community members.

On Saturday, the Governor announced that the New York Islanders would be playing any playoff games this year and the entire season next year at the Nassau Coliseum. During the press conference he stated the following:

- *“The Islanders are not just a sports team; they are a point of identification for Long Island and a point of pride for Long Island ... a part of the fabric of the community”*. I would ask then why wouldn't the State and the New York Islanders want to ensure that the local communities that surround their new home would not be significantly negatively impacted by what they are trying to build? At the start of the process I believe that their intent was to ensure that they were part of our community but since the mall was announced increasing the scale of the project, they have not tried to assist in minimizing any impact on Floral Park.
- The Governor then stated that the NHL had legitimate questions about the Nassau Coliseum and needed to get the facility up to par. The State then invested \$6million dollars to upgrade the ice, media accommodations and team accommodations. Why wouldn't the State and NYAP meet with Floral Park to ensure that our residents' concerns are mitigated just like they worked with the NHL? It seems that the NHL concerns that were eagerly and promptly met, are more important than taxpayer/homeowners legitimate concerns.

With all that said, I think it long past due that the Governor, the ESD, the County Executive, our State Senator, the New York Islanders, and NYAP “do the right thing” for the local communities. They all know the issues are and what some of the proposed remedies are. As previously stated, many times both publicly and privately to our elected officials, we are willing to discuss solutions and ideas at any time.

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

Trustee Pombonyo announced that Spring is coming to our Floral Park Rec Center. The ball-fields are being groomed, raked and edged, and 120 tons of clay have been added on our five ball-fields. One field is ninety feet, one is seventy and two are sixty feet. The LIRR has completed its use of Field 7 (the Pit) for its third track construction, and the field is now being fully refurbished with new dugouts, a backstop and fencing. The park will have lots of new grass too as 800 pounds of seed have been spread throughout.

At the pool, Summer 2020 registration has begun. Office hours are 9am to 8pm Monday to Friday. Credit card and three and four month payment plans are available, as well as specials for bringing in new pool members and families, and discounted guest passes when purchasing ten for the price of eight. See the fpvillage.org website

and the pool link or call 516-326-6336 during office hours for all the exciting details. Our informative and colorful Pool and Recreation booklets are being updated and sent to homes in the coming months. Stay tuned for your enjoyable summer at our Village park and pool!

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

Trustee Pombonyo announced that there's less than a month to go until the opening of Centennial Gardens. On Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from noon to 5pm, all are invited to return to the Gardens to celebrate the spring season. In the meantime, you may take a leisurely walk along the outer brick path around the Gardens to catch a magnificent glimpse of all that the Gardens have to offer.

### **Congratulations to FPM!**

Trustee Pombonyo extended the congratulations of all in the community to the Floral Park Memorial Girls' Varsity Basketball Team on their astounding 22-0 record for the 2019-20 season. On Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, the Knights defeated Bellmore JFK's team in the Nassau County Conference A semi-finals game at Farmingdale State College. This Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, our Knights will face Locust Valley, also 22-0, for the Nassau County Conference A Championship at Farmingdale. It promises to be a thriller! GO KNIGHTS!

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

Trustee Cheng reported that the Fire Department is presently involved in a member recruitment drive. The members are actively seeking new members at our high school and throughout the Village. If you are interested, the Fire Department provides all training, including becoming an EMT, at no cost. I can speak from experience that there is no better way for anyone to help your fellow neighbors and have such an important impact on our Village.

Calls for the month - Rescue 61; all other Firematic calls - 37.

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

Trustee Cheng reported that at long last, 3TC is out of Field 7 and our DPW yard. Work has already started to refurbish Field 7 and to build our new and improved DPW yard. As of today, curbs are in the process of being installed on North Street. North Street and Bergen Street from North Street to Terrace Avenue will be repaved in the next few weeks. We have been assured that the baseball field will be ready for play this Spring Season. I wish to thank Superintendents Marcus, Ginnane & Meyfohrt for all their assistance with the redevelopment of Field 7 and the DPW yard. Their collective expertise will greatly improve this area of the Village.

As to Plainfield Avenue Bridge, there will be a full closure of Plainfield Avenue from King Street to Stewart Street between 8pm - 7am on the night of March 19 (rain date March 18). Based on the weather report, we will know for sure which date the closure will occur on. There will be no westbound outlet on Terrace Avenue onto Plainfield Avenue. Traffic northbound on Plainfield Avenue will be diverted at Magnolia Avenue. Traffic on Southbound Plainfield Avenue from Stewart Street will be allowed. The weeks of March 23 & 30 will experience one lane intermittent traffic between the hours of 7am - 3:30pm. On Charles Street, Right Of Way work will commence in April.

Finally, we are developing a landscape plan with 3TC. Details to follow.

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

Trustee Chiara reported that the Library will be hosting St. Patrick's Day celebrations all month for all ages. A St. Patrick's Day Tea Party will be hosted for the little ones, the teens will be making St. Patrick's Day snacks to be donated to the at the Mary Brennan INN soup kitchen, and the adults will be baking and decorating cupcakes and eating them.

There will also be Irish music from the 7's & 3's, which is a very popular Celtic band. Residents that usually attend take to the microphone and share a tune or two and join in for Irish set dancing. It is a fun event. All are welcome to attend all of

these events. Please check the Library calendar on the website for times and dates at [www.floralparklibrary.org](http://www.floralparklibrary.org).

The Tax Assistance Program has been very busy. Anyone seeking assistance with their taxes must make an appointment. The program is held every Tuesday from 10am - 2 pm through April 14<sup>th</sup>.

The New Resident Committee will be hosting its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'Meet and Greet' for new residents. Invitations have been mailed to new residents. If a new neighbor has recently moved to your area, please extend the invite to come to the Rec Center on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1pm - 4pm. Guests will be able to get information about our wonderful community and experience a warm welcome to our Village. Village officials, community groups, sports clubs, civic associations, religious organizations and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce will be on hand to welcome guests, introduce themselves and share information about their services. Last year, it was great event and we are hoping that this year's will be even better. We are looking forward to welcoming our new neighbors to the Village of Floral April. All new residents are welcomed to attend!

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

Mayor Longobardi had called Boy Scout Sal Bonini to open up the Board of Trustees earlier in the meeting by leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance and he thanked him. The Mayor then asked for a moment of silence for Floral Park resident, Matthew Palmer, and to keep his family, friends and Boy Scout Troop 482 members in your thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Longobardi invited Boy Scout Sal Bonini to ask questions during the public meeting and thanked Kenny Procaccia for filming the meeting.

Mayor Longobardi congratulated the Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister and the Floral Park Police Department on its fine work. According to a recent publication, [www.ALARMS.org](http://www.ALARMS.org), Floral Park was listed Number '1' as the safest place to live on Long Island. The Mayor also cited that Floral Park Village was ranked the third safest place to live in New York State and eighteenth in the United States of America. He commented that these statistics reflect the family-oriented community that Floral Park Village is renowned for and stated that the Board of Trustees is grateful to the Police Department, Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick and his staff for all that they do to provide the protection and services to keep the "family" vibrant in the Floral Park community.

Mayor Longobardi thanked the son of Felix Procacia, Kenny, for filming tonight'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 8:25pm.

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On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, Mayor Longobardi reconvened the meeting at 8:40 pm.

There were no actions taken.

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

Susan E. Walsh, Village Clerk