

Inc. Village of Floral Park
March 19, 2020
Board of Trustees Meeting

Mayor's Report – Mayor Dominick Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi opened the March 19, 2020 Regular Board of Trustees meeting by announcing that due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, special accommodations were made to conduct business and to protect the health and welfare of the public. Seating in the Village Hall Courtroom followed CDC guidelines for social distancing of seating six feet apart. The Firemen's Hall room was also open to the public. To allow residents to virtually attend the meeting and to stay at home, public participation and listen-in options were made available via tele-conference by dialing into conference number 1-206-279-9585 and by using a special conference call code. The Mayor was happy to report that ten people took advantage of the dial-in conference feature.

The Mayor then opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Longobardi assured the public that the Village of Floral Park has taken every step in accordance with all federal, state and county Executive Orders declaring a public health emergency and is complying with the Centers of Disease (CDC) guidelines and all OSHA, and NYS and Nassau County Department of Health procedures.

The Department of Public Works will continue to provide vital services such as garbage pick-up and the Floral Park Police Department and Fire Department stand ready to respond to any and all emergencies. If the residents have special needs that are not emergency-related, please call the Village Hall at 516-326-6300 and the Village will respond.

The Village has taken all measures and precautions to provide clean and sanitary work environments for its employees and the residents. Instructions are located on the Village website regarding services that can be provided via mail such requesting parking, building and landscaper permits. The Justice Court is closed temporarily, however parking tickets can be paid by mail and trial dates have been postponed to a future date.

Mayor Longobardi thanked all of the Village staff in all departments for their dedication and hard work during the COVID-19 public health emergency. This type of public emergency is very different than weather-related events such as Superstorm Sandy. As this is a public health emergency, the health and welfare of every individual is affected. As the community follows social distancing guidelines, the Village stands ready to serve. Please remember our local businesses and support them through this difficult time where possible. Perhaps order a take-out dinner from a restaurant or purchase a gift card for future use.

The Mayor thanked all of the Village staff for their team work and response to the public needs during the COVID-19 health emergency. Please remember that we are all in this together and to care for each other and practice good health. The Village of Floral Park is here to help everyone. Thank you.

Recreation and Pool Department – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo reminded all that, as you enjoy your time outdoors, to be sure to follow the "ten people" and "six feet" rules. It is crucial that every one of us, including our children and teens, gather in groups of less than ten people and remain at least six feet apart. Let's all follow these guidelines and protect the safety and health of those around us.

Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce – Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Trustee Pombonyo reiterated our SHOP AND DINE LOCAL themes. Many of our Floral Park and Stewart Manor businesses remain open, some with modified hours and services, and many restaurants are promoting take-out. You may call or check the websites for details. Stay tuned for ways to support our businesses through this challenging health crisis.

And, to all of you, please stay healthy and safe!

LIRR Third Track – Trustee Archie Cheng

Trustee Cheng reported that Plainfield Avenue at the Main Line of the LIRR was closed from 8PM to 7AM on Friday, March 20th. At long last, the new bridge which will support the Third Track is being set in place. Originally, this was supposed to require a full closure for 1-2 weekends. For the next two weeks, Plainfield Avenue will experience intermittent single lane closures and not require any further full closure.

The restoration of the ball field is in full swing and starting to really take shape. Base paths and the pitcher's mound are in, new bleachers are in place, and poles for fencing are in place.

The work on the DPW yard is well under way. Two drywells and push blocks have been installed. Curbs have been partially installed on North Street, driveway aprons have partially been installed on Bergen.

All in all, work is proceeding at a fast pace. Thanks to Renee Marcus, Kevin Ginnane, Kevin Pearsall, Kurt Meyfohr, and Gerry Bambrick.

Library – Trustee Frank Chiara

Trustee Chiara reported that the Library Building is closed to the public. However, staff are answering phones and emails so if a patron requests a book, CD, audiobook, DVD or a magazine on the shelf, the item may be checked out in the patron's name and left for pick-up in the lobby of the Library. Lobby hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 11am - 7pm and Wednesday and Friday from 11am – 6 pm.

The Library has been posting online links to e-materials so that this information may be accessed from home. Also, the Library opted into a free virtual library card for residents who do not have a Floral Park library card. This will make electronic materials available to these residents. It does not allow them to use any of the printed materials, digital only. It will make e-books, audiobooks, live tutoring, language courses and test preps available for our children and teachers. This virtual

library card will expire in June. The link for this service and other information about the Library will be posted on the Library's homepage and Facebook page.

I would like to thank our staff in both the Building Department and the Library for quickly adjusting to performing their tasks in a different manner, all of which was necessary to safeguard our employees and our residents. They both continue doing their jobs with the best interests of our residents in mind.

Building Department - Trustee Frank Chiara

The Building Department remains open. In an attempt to limit traffic to the Building Department, the community is reminded that there are many Village services available that do not require a personal visit.

Any questions for or requests for building information can be answered from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday by contacting the Building Department at 516-326-6319 or FPBuildings@FPVillage.org. All inspection appointments must be made by phone or e-mail. Contractor license applications, permit applications, and Architectural Review and Zoning Board applications are available on the Village website FPVillage.org.

Until further notice, all permits will be accepted by mail or drop-off box in the vestibule of the Building Department building. Mailing Instructions: These permit applications, along with associated backup and fee (checks only), can be mailed to: Incorporated Village of Floral Park, Attn: Building Department – Permit Application, One Floral Boulevard, Floral Park, NY 11001.

For recycle bins, certificate of occupancy searches or property file foil requests, please call the Building Department prior to your visit so we can have it ready in advance for your arrival. The Architectural Review Board will go forward via teleconference. Thank you.