

April 15, 2020

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and Governor's Executive Order 202.15, the Public Hearing to hear the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 was held at 8 pm by way of video-conference using ZOOM platform: <https://zoom.us/j/906783454?pwd=RUM4S0FDVWxpnhHR1YxeS9Hd3ZBZz09>
Meeting ID: 906783454 Password: 155702 or by way of tele-conference: 1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 906783454 Password: 155702

The Mayor and Board of Trustees participated in the hearing as follows: Mayor Dominick Longobardi, Trustee Archie Cheng, Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan Walsh and Darlene Lanza were located in Village Hall in different offices of the building; Trustees Kevin Fitzgerald, Lynn Pombonyo and Frank Chiara, Village Attorney John Ryan participated remotely as well as department heads: Mike Derby-Deputy Assessor, Pat Eren- Library Director, Kevin Ginnane-Superintendent of Public Works, Stephen McAllister-Police Commissioner, Kathleen Mack-Deputy Treasurer, Renee Marcus-Superintendent of Buildings, Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt & Pool Director Thomas Dillon and Rosaleen Shea Deputy Village Clerk. Cathy Murphy, Court Reporter, also 'zoomed-in' remotely.

Mayor Longobardi opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for the families and friends who lost loved ones during this pandemic crisis.

Purpose: To present the Tentative Budget for the Fiscal Year June 1, 2020 and May 31, 2021.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution Number 2020-84 to amend Resolution No. 2020-82 to extend the suspension of parking meter fees in business districts village-wide from today, April 15, 2020 through Tuesday, May 5, 2020.

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 Mayor and Village Board of Trustees presented the 2020/2021 Tentative Budget.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2020-85 to reserve decision on the budget and moved to close the public hearing.

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

Mayor Longobardi closed the meeting 8:55 pm.

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk

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INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK
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8:00 p.m.

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MS. WALSH: Thank you, Mayor Longobardi. I would ask the Board to amend resolution number 2020-82, to extend the suspension of parking meters in business district village wide from today, April 15th to Tuesday, May 5th, 2020.

TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: I adopt this resolution.

TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Second.

MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Is there any

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1 discussion? If not, Miss Walsh, would you
2 please poll the Board.

3 MS. WALSH: Trustee Fitzgerald?

4 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Aye.

5 MS. WALSH: Trustee Pombonyo?

6 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Aye.

7 MS. WALSH: Trustee Cheng?

8 TRUSTEE CHENG: Aye.

9 MS. WALSH: Trustee Chiara?

10 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Aye.

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The purpose of the Budget Hearing is to hear any and all interested persons in connection therewith and to consider such budget for final adoption. Only budget business shall be discussed at this meeting. Copies of the Tentative Budget will be available commencing Monday, April 6, 2020, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Village Hall and online at www.fpvillage.org, commencing April 7, 2020.

The maximum compensation proposed from all sources under such budget to the Village Justice is \$10,000, the Mayor \$10,000 and each Trustee \$5,000 per year.

By Order Of The Board of Trustees. Susan E. Walsh, Village Clerk.

This legal notice dated April 10, 2020, is submitted to the official paper, The Gateway, to amend the previously published notice of April 1, 2020.

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Floral Park, so our fiscal year beginning June 1st is 1.78 percent.

Another factor that impacted the tax cap is a tax base growth factor. Tax base growth factor is also assigned by the state to each municipality which reflects a determination of the New York State Department of Taxation Finance to the increase on the tax base based on such things as new construction, measurable improvements to the taxable property within the village.

Tax base growth factor for Floral Park for 2020 to 2021 fiscal year is point 24 percent or just under one quarter of one percent. Based on the 1.78 percent allowable growth factor and the point 24 percent tax base growth factor, tax cap for Floral Park for the coming fiscal year is 2.02 percent.

This year, the proposed tax levy tentative budget does not exceed the tax cap. In fact, the tax levy proposed in the tentative budget at 0.98 percent is less than one half of the tax levy increase that will be allowed under the New York State tax cap law this year.

To explain this, we have a chart on the

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1 tax cap formula. I will take us through the
2 calculations. I think the chart is up on the
3 screen and if you look at the first line of the
4 chart of the prior tax levy for the rest of the
5 year, 2019/2020, was \$25,501,921.00. To that,
6 you apply the tax base growth factor of point
7 24 percent. That results in an amount of
8 \$25,563,125.00. To that, you will then add
9 entitled payments. We don't have that anymore.
10 So that will be a zero. So then, that number
11 does not change and to that number, you apply
12 the allowable growth factor of 1.78 percent of
13 this year. That results in the tax cap amount
14 of \$26,018,148,00. The tax levy for this year
15 is \$25,751,734.00. It is \$266,000 lower than
16 the tax cap. That's a 0.98 percent tax levy
17 increase. Consequently, as the tax levy does
18 not exceed a tax cap, it not necessary for the
19 Board this year to introduce a local law to
20 authorize and override a tax cap.

21 Additionally, it is important to note the
22 difference between the tax cap from the tax
23 levy. It is not a cap on the tax rate. The
24 tax on the cap levy which is an amount the
25 Village needs to take raise by taxes on

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1 residents and businesses in the Village have to
2 take into consideration all the sources of
3 revenue.

4 An important aspect of the budget is that
5 it sets the tax rate for the coming year. It
6 is the tax rate, not the tax levy, which is
7 multiplied by the assessed value of your home
8 or property, which determines your tax bill for
9 the coming year. Don't get me wrong, the tax
10 levy is very important in determining a tax
11 bill. The tax levy is a component of
12 determining the tax rate. All taxable
13 properties in the Village are subject to the
14 same tax rate for the Village portion of their
15 taxes. The tax rate is calculated by taking
16 the tax levy and dividing it by the assessed
17 valuation of all taxable properties.

18 For the coming year, 2020/2021, the tax
19 rate calculation is set forth on the bottom of
20 roman numeral page I of the in the front of
21 your budget book. If you look at the -- on
22 there, you will notice the net raised by
23 taxation is \$25,751,734.00. That is amount is
24 divided by the assessed valuation of all
25 taxable properties which is the amount just

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1 above it, \$188,732,734.00, which results in a
2 tax rate of \$13, point 6445 per one hundred
3 dollars of assessed value. That's at the
4 bottom of page one.

5 On the next page, Roman numeral page II,
6 also reflects a tax rate from last year which
7 was \$13 and point 557 per one hundred of
8 assessed valuation. This year's proposed tax
9 rate of 13 point 6445 for each \$100 of assessed
10 valuation is an increase of 0.66 percent of the
11 last year's tax rate. Percentage increase on
12 tax rate is lower than percentage increase on
13 tax levy because the assessed valuation of all
14 property has increased in the last year.

15 On the same page, Roman numeral number II,
16 the line above the tax rate is indicated, you
17 can see the taxable value of the properties in
18 the Village increased from \$188,125,743.00 last
19 year to \$188,732,961.00 for the upcoming 2020
20 fiscal year. If the assessed values of all
21 taxable properties had stayed exactly the same
22 as last year, the tax rate would have matched
23 the tax levy increase rate of 0.98 percent.
24 But since the assessed valuation of all taxable
25 properties grew by \$607,028.00 the tax rate

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1 grew at a slower rate of 0.66 percent. The tax
2 impact on our taxpayers is that the tax rate
3 multiplied by the assessed valuation of your
4 home or property determines the Village tax for
5 the coming year.

6 As set forth in the Village items, which
7 is available on-line but also we have a page in
8 the village items, I believe I can pull it up
9 here, that shows that the average property in
10 the Village is assessed at \$38,753.00. The
11 average property assessed at \$38,753 will
12 receive a tax bill of \$5,288 based on the
13 proposed tax rate of 13.6445 for each one
14 hundred of the assessed value.

15 The same property under last years tax
16 rate of 13.5557 of each one hundred dollar
17 assessed value, the tax bill of \$5,253.00. So
18 this proposed tax represents a \$35 tax increase
19 for the average property. Of course, that is
20 for the average assessed property. If the
21 assessed value of your property is higher or
22 lower than the average, then of course, your
23 tax increase will be higher or lower than \$35,
24 but it will increase by the same percentage
25 which is 0.66 percent.

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1 Mayor, that's basically my overview. I
2 want to first, I know you as well, but I want
3 to thank all of the department heads and all
4 the staff for all their efforts in drafting
5 this budget. I know the Village Board took a
6 very special effort to make the budget as low
7 as possible given the economic uncertainties we
8 are under. I believe everyone will appreciate
9 that. I also want to send a thank you to the
10 department heads and the staff for the
11 extraordinary efforts during the past few weeks
12 of this pandemic. I think they have done
13 extraordinary efforts on behalf of our
14 residents and as a resident, I appreciate the
15 work and I thank you also. Thank you, Mayor.

16 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you, Gerry.
17 Thank you very much. As Gerry talked about,
18 and you see the screen in front of you, what
19 you get for the money here, our total budget is
20 a little over 32 million dollars for this
21 Village. This Village, please take a look at
22 the screen in front of you and please take a
23 look at the services you get for that. People
24 tell us the taxes are a lot. This is a full
25 service Village and as Gerry said, he thanks

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1 the department heads and I want to echo that
2 beyond right now because our department heads
3 have worked diligently so hard. I can't tell
4 you the amount of hours they put in to make
5 sure that not only this budget got done and the
6 budget is one part of it, but to make sure
7 every one of the services you see in front of
8 you on the screen is provided to you in the
9 best possible way, in the most efficient way
10 and with the -- as much possible care and
11 consideration to everything that your property
12 needs and you need as a resident of this
13 Village or business owner of this Village. And
14 our department heads, our staff, are second to
15 none. I don't care what anyone says. I will
16 argue that from here to eternity. The things
17 they get done here including the amount of
18 money that we give them to work with and the
19 Village Board is responsible for setting this
20 budget is amazing and things that they make
21 happen with that money to make sure that this
22 is the greatest place that you can possibly
23 live or work is again just beyond.

24 Gerry mentioned what is going on with the
25 Covid virus, the changes that we have to make

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1 in just our operations and things we have to
2 do. Every one of the department heads has
3 stepped up. Every one of the staff members
4 have stepped up to either setting up to work at
5 home or setting up to be here a limited time
6 and getting everything done that has to be
7 done. We still are operating Village
8 government. Everything that we have to do is
9 happening and it is all happening with the care
10 for each and every one of our residents. And I
11 really have to congratulate, thank and just
12 really praise our wonderful department heads
13 and staff for getting that done.

14 I also want to talk about the
15 administration here because Gerry never takes
16 credit for himself and the things that he does.
17 You will drive by here day and night and if you
18 look in Gerry's office window the, light is
19 always on because the man works tremendous
20 hours to try and make sure that we get the
21 things done that we need done. He's
22 responsible for putting together this budget
23 for us to take a look at and tear apart and get
24 back to him saying we're not doing this or
25 we're not doing that or we want to do this or

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1 we don't want to do that.

2 This particular budget was even worse this
3 year because we had a budget put in place. We
4 had different things that we wanted to do. We
5 had different programs we were looking to
6 start. And I will tell you that through the
7 help of each and every one of the department
8 heads, each and every one of the staff members,
9 we came up with a budget that took into
10 consideration what we maybe facing and what
11 everybody is facing right now and what we maybe
12 facing in the future with this Covid 19 virus.
13 We started out with the budget we were looking
14 to present and we'll be very frank, we had a
15 couple of really good things to looking to
16 maybe take off and get off the ground right now
17 was a tax increase of just under 2 percent and
18 that would have been somewhere in the point
19 nine nine range for programs we wanted to do.

20 Taking into consideration the fact that we
21 had all of this going on around us and live has
22 every changed for every single member of our
23 community in a way that we probably never want
24 to see happen in our lifetime. We don't know
25 the extent of how long this is going to last.

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1 The Covid 19 virus, as I said before, is not
2 anything we have dealt with. It is a change in
3 our way of life that is not like a snowstorm or
4 hurricane or a one shot event. This is going
5 to continue at least for the very near future
6 and probably for a couple more months and
7 there's decisions that have to be made that
8 impact us financially, that impact all of us on
9 a physical and mental level.

10 In this case, we're talking about budgets
11 and we're talking about finance. We chose not
12 to do those programs. We chose not to start
13 different things that we wanted to do and we
14 looked for every way, shape possible to cut
15 everything that we didn't need happening and
16 that's how we came up with this. This is
17 version, I believe Gerry, this is version
18 number four of this budget from the time we
19 started it.

20 So, I do want to thank every one of the
21 department heads. I want to thank every member
22 of the staff. I want to thank all of my fellow
23 members on the Board, our Judge and the court
24 staff who are not on this chair, but they have
25 a big part in this as well. But most of all, I

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1 want to thank our Village administrator and our
2 Village clerk and all the people in the Village
3 Hall for putting the final touches and work for
4 each and every one of our residents.

5 The pages you have seen are usually what I
6 goes through. Gerry did a great job on
7 presenting them so I am not going to be belabor
8 the point. So, at this point, I'm going to
9 turn it over to our Deputy Mayor to talk about
10 the different departments and different areas
11 in which he liaisons to and their budget. So
12 with that, I will mute myself and Deputy Mayor
13 Kevin Fitzgerald, please take over.

14 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Thank you, Mr. Mayor
15 and thank you my fellow residents for joining
16 us this evening and taking an interest in our
17 home and Village. I most appreciate you
18 joining us and taking time out of your day and
19 night.

20 I will start off first with the police
21 department. The Floral Park Police
22 Department's mission is to work in partnership
23 with the people of the Village of Floral Park
24 to prevent crime and preserve the peace and
25 order of the Village while serving and

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1 protecting all persons, safeguarding their
2 property and enhancing the quality of life
3 through professional, superior and
4 compassionate policing. The success of this
5 mission can be easily quantified by once again
6 Floral Park being recognized this year as the
7 2nd safest city in New York State and the 18th
8 safest city in the United States with
9 populations over 15,000. The department is
10 staffed by our Police Commissioner, two
11 Lieutenants, five Sergeants, two Detectives and
12 24 patrol officers. The department also
13 includes six 911 dispatchers, five neighborhood
14 aides and seven school crossing guards.

15 During the year, the department responded
16 to 5,243 calls for service for which 957 were
17 aides cases. Additionally, the department
18 issues 16,676 summons ranging from moving
19 violations such as disobeying stop sign, trucks
20 off route, driving an uninsured vehicle, etc,
21 along with various quality of life summons.
22 Parking summonses are up 28 percent over the
23 year, over 2500 moving violations, up
24 34 percent and 126 Village ordinances, up
25 26 percent.

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1 This year, we welcomed seven new officers
2 who replaced the various officers that retired
3 in 2019. The increase this year in the budget
4 is primarily due to the contractual increases
5 for the PBA and CSEA members along with the
6 termination payments to be made to the retired
7 officers.

8 I would like to take the time to thank our
9 entire police department and leadership for
10 everything they do throughout the year and in
11 the last four or five years. They're truly on
12 the front lines of this and doing a great job
13 for our Village.

14 Next, I will walk through the Department
15 of Public Works. The Department of Public
16 Works budget is broken down in the budget book
17 into the various departments within DPW. We
18 will briefly walk through each with the vast
19 majority of the increases due to the new
20 contract that the Village has agreed to with
21 the CSEA.

22 The services, which is on page 19 of the
23 budget, this section is for the maintenance and
24 upkeep of the Village's buildings such as
25 Village Hall, the firehouses, library, etc.

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1 This department is staffed by one supervisor
2 and two full time maintainers.

3 Central garage on page 18, this section is
4 for the maintenance and upkeep of the Village's
5 fleet of vehicles. This includes 18 police
6 vehicles, 15 fire department vehicles and 55
7 DPW vehicles and 40 pieces of small equipment.
8 This Department is staffed by one Supervisor
9 and three mechanics.

10 DPW administration. This section is for
11 the Administration of our Department of Public
12 Works and ensures the efficient running of the
13 various departments within DPW. This
14 department is staffed by the Superintendent of
15 DPW, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works and
16 one full time and one part time employee.

17 Street Maintenance. This section is the
18 Highway Department and road repairs. The
19 Highway repairs and maintains the approximate
20 37 miles of streets and parking lots which
21 include sweeping and line striping and in the
22 winter, sanding, salting and plowing. This
23 department also cleans out storm basins and
24 maintains a drainage system. This department
25 is staffed by the garage Foreman who oversees

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1 the entire work force, one supervisor, five
2 drivers, five laborers and consists of 20
3 vehicles and associated other mechanized
4 apparatus.

5 There is an in increase of \$60,000 for the
6 annual sidewalk repair program which is offset
7 fees collected which are in the revenue
8 section. However, at this time, we are
9 contemplating either suspending or reducing the
10 program this year. All contingent on how the
11 next few weeks/months play out.

12 Additionally, for we are still planning on
13 road reconstruction for Floral Boulevard,
14 Spooner Street, Spooner Lot, Hinsdale from
15 Jericho to Lowell and Marshall from Orchid to
16 Covert along with the drainage projects, Elm,
17 Crocus, dead end of Walnut, West Hitchcock,
18 Depan and Emerson, Lowell.

19 The next page is off street parking. This
20 section is used for the collection of funds and
21 the repair of our meters. It includes the
22 salary of one meter attendant.

23 Culture and rec and parks. This section
24 is for the parks maintenance team. They ensure
25 that our parks including portions of Centennial

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1 Gardens, various pocket parks, medians, etc.
2 They also work hard to ensure that our special
3 events such as the tree lighting, street fairs,
4 etc, run seamlessly. This department is
5 staffed by a supervisor, one senior
6 groundskeeper, one motor equipment operator and
7 one full time laborer along with additional
8 summer laborers and consists of three vehicles
9 and associated other mechanized apparatus.

10 The overall budget shows a \$47,000
11 increase. The primary change besides the
12 recently signed CBA is an additional \$25,000
13 was placed in the budget to continue our small
14 weekend crew that does various projects as
15 needed during their half day as well as pick up
16 trash in our commercial districts before
17 heading home late morning, early afternoon. We
18 have found this program to be successful in
19 ensuring our commercial districts remain clean
20 as well as getting various small odds and ends
21 job completed.

22 Refuse and garbage. This section is the
23 Sanitation Department. They are responsible
24 for the pickup and drop off of more than 8,500
25 tons of refuse, 1450 tons of bulk refuse, 1400

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1 tons of yard waste and 1600 tons of recyclables
2 that is disposed of each year by our residents
3 and businesses. This department also assists
4 with snow removal when necessary. This
5 department is staffed one supervisor, 12
6 drivers, five recyclers and consists of 11
7 vehicles and associated other mechanized
8 apparatus. Additionally this section also
9 includes the cost the Village pays to actually
10 dispose of the waste either through
11 incineration or recycling.

12 The overall budget shows an overall change
13 of approximately \$162,000. The primary change
14 besides the increase due to the newly signed
15 CBA is a \$50,000 increase in our recycling
16 cost. As you may be aware over the past year
17 or so the end users of the recycling material
18 are taking less and less of the materials which
19 is driving up the costs as our partners are not
20 making as much on the re-sales of the
21 recyclable material and pass that on cost onto
22 us.

23 Street cleaning. This section is for the
24 street cleaning department. They are staffed
25 with two motor equipment operators who drive

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1 our street sweepers to ensure that our
2 residential and commercial streets remain
3 clean.

4 Storm sewer. This section is for the
5 maintenance of our sewer system which the bulk
6 of the budget (\$20,000) is for engineering
7 services and maintenance of one clam bucket
8 vehicle to clean out the drains.

9 Shade trees. This section is four our
10 tree department. They are responsible for the
11 care and maintenance of our trees that provide
12 many values and make Floral Park all the more
13 beautiful. This department is staffed two tree
14 pruners and one motor equipment driver along
15 with seasonal part time employees.

16 Additionally, this section also includes the
17 cost that the Village pays to annually purchase
18 and plant additional trees to replace those
19 that had to be removed as well as plant new
20 trees in spots that could use additional
21 foliage. Each year, we plant approximately 200
22 new trees and continue to proudly meet the
23 requirements to be a Tree City USA as
24 recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation.

25 I would like to thank our folks in DPW for

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1 doing a tremendous job also over the last few
2 weeks, keeping the buildings clean so the
3 Village can function, along with making sure
4 all our refuse is picked up in a timely manner.

5 4 Village Studio. The studio which serves
6 our Village along with Bellerose Village,
7 Stewart Manor and South Floral Park receives its
8 entire annual operational budget from a portion
9 of the franchise fees paid to the villages by
10 Altice USA, formerly Cablevision and Verizon.
11 The studio was able to produce 60 shows as well
12 as arising almost 1000 announcements posted on
13 the Community Billboard.

14 In addition, the studio continued to turn
15 out award-winning programs along with serving
16 as a great training ground for our teenage
17 volunteers as they learn the business of
18 producing and editing television shows. The
19 studio has averaged 45 to 55 volunteer staff
20 members since being established over 20 years
21 ago. As a direct benefit from their time spent
22 volunteering at Four Village Studio, dozens of
23 former student staff members are now working
24 professionally in television. Many other local
25 students have gotten college credits, community

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1 service credits and scholarship opportunities
2 via their experience at the studio.

3 Over the years, 4VS has also partnered
4 with virtually every organization that exists
5 in the four village area. Charitable,
6 government, school, church, fraternal,
7 business, athletic, veteran, scouting, senior
8 citizens, fire department and more have chosen
9 4VS as an aid to their respective efforts.
10 Additionally, the studio maintains an important
11 role, if warranted, in the Village's emergency
12 management plans.

13 Thank you, Mr. Mayor and now I will turn
14 it over to Dr. Pombonyo.

15 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Thank you. Good
16 evening everyone. Thank you for joining us.
17 Tonight I will start by discussing the cultural
18 and recreation, playground and youth program on
19 pages 38 and 40 of your budget packet. On the
20 sides of the slide, you will see an area view
21 of our beautiful rec center with its many
22 features, the rec building, pool complex, six
23 basketball fields, hockey rink, basketball,
24 tennis and volleyball courts, a recently
25 refurbished shelter house and our new Tiny Town

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1 playground.

2 You'll also notice our newest feature,
3 field seven, known as the pit in the upper
4 left-hand corner, which has been completely
5 reconstructed by 3TC ball field contractors as
6 per the Village's agreement with the Long
7 Island Railroad. Field 7 was used to stage
8 equipment during the Long Island Railroad's
9 construction and will be ready to play ball
10 with the new back stop, dug out and other
11 enhancements.

12 The recreation budget on page 38 has been
13 prepared with the assumption that it will be a
14 full operational season this year. That's the
15 budgetary assumption. Our very active rec
16 program includes approximately 33 enthusiastic
17 staff members who are almost all hourly
18 part-time with many seasonal. They provide
19 year-round activities and arts and crafts,
20 hobbies, fitness, sports and games for all
21 ages. There are five budget areas with
22 relatively modest increases and decreases that
23 reflect changing needs and changes in
24 year-round program offerings and instructors
25 who are instrumental to the success and high

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1 participation rates we have in our programs.

2 The total proposed recreation budget is

3 \$714,405.00, which is a \$1,523.00 or 0.21

4 percent increase over the current year 2019/20

5 budget.

6 Moving onto the next page to the cultural
7 recreation youth programs, which is page 40.

8 The codes are 7310 going down the page. That

9 includes our summer sports, arts and crafts and

10 fitness programs, as well as the youth

11 programs, such as gardening, zumba, yoga in the

12 fall, winter and spring and on Saturdays.

13 Equipment, supplies and special events such as

14 the annual egg hunt and recreation tree

15 lighting are also included. Approximately 26

16 hourly, part-time and seasonal staff members

17 lead our participant in enjoyable stimulating

18 activities. Modest hourly increases are

19 included. The total increase is 3.9 percent

20 with a proposed budget of \$138,707.00 for

21 2020/21.

22 Now, moving on to our swimming pool

23 program. That will be code 2200 on pages 57

24 through 59. Since 2015, our swimming pool

25 programs have evolved with exciting events and

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1 activities. In 2019, in response to tremendous
2 member interest, we focused on fitness
3 including daytime and evening including water
4 zumba and water aerobics classes. What started
5 out as classes of six ended up to be classes of
6 50 people of all ages exercising in the water
7 to enjoyable motivating music. One can often
8 see additional people especially our children,
9 teens enthusiastically joining in the zumba and
10 aerobics on the pool deck. In our pool, we
11 offer so much more than just swimming.

12 The first page is page 57, swimming pool
13 funds revenue. As you know, the pool and
14 library are separate funds. Page 57 lists the
15 sources of revenue as well as, like the rec
16 budget, with the assumption the pool will be
17 fully operational this year. The revenue
18 projected increases and decreases are
19 relatively offsetting, ranging from
20 approximately \$100 to a \$2,500 decrease. A new
21 feature coming from 2019 are pool sponsorships
22 by our local businesses. That is something
23 we're looking forward to seeing that going
24 forward.

25 Line 5031, which is the last line in the

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1 revenue budget is \$282,947.00 transfer from the
2 general fund to balance the pool expenditures
3 which include bond costs which I will talk
4 about when I get to expenditures. The pool
5 revenue is projected at \$1,149,989.00 or a
6 1.81% increase which totals \$20,429.00
7 increase.

8 The swimming pool funds are presented on
9 pages 58 to 59. Our pool programs employ
10 approximately 69 staff, all but one, the
11 director, are hourly part-time and seasonal and
12 do a great job look leading our pool programs
13 and ensuring our safety. The proposed
14 expenditure changes reflect many offsetting
15 increases and decreases between \$200 and \$4,000
16 which reflect changes in needs and utilization.

17 Changes in the 0100 personal service and
18 0102 overtime line, the top two on page 58,
19 there's small increases that will allow the
20 Village of Floral Park to be competitive with
21 other summer job offerings, especially with
22 respect to our lifeguards. Also, compensate
23 our staff for their extra time for special
24 events, opening longer hours on very hot nights
25 and maintaining staffing levels for the high

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1 schools dismissed in June and the college
2 students needed leave for school in August. As
3 you know, we proudly employ a large pool staff,
4 which includes mostly high school and college
5 students and we are very, very happy that
6 they're working with us and with our family
7 throughout the summer in the pool.

8 In addition, you will note the last
9 expenditure, number 9940 on page 59, which
10 covers two bond payments, one for the pool
11 share of the recreation pool building bond
12 which is about \$41,175.00 and the greater
13 amount of \$457,931.00 for the pool
14 reconstruction bond and that gives you the
15 total you see on line 9940 of \$499,106.00. Our
16 pool operating budget is primarily
17 self-sustaining to about the 75 percent level
18 with respect to operations and our bonding.
19 The total proposed accrued expenditures match
20 the \$1,149,989.00, proposed a 1.81 percent or
21 \$20,129.00 proposed increase.

22 We thank Recreation Superintendent Kurt
23 Meyfort, Recreation Assistant and Pool Director
24 Tom Dillon and their staff as we look forward
25 to another enjoyable and successful recreation

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1 and pool season. We hope to see you all there.
2 Thank you.

3 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you, Dr. Lynn.

4 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: And I'm happy now to
5 introduce Trustee Cheng who I believe will be
6 starting with the fire department. TRUSTEE

7 CHENG: Good evening everyone. At present, our
8 all volunteer fire department has 141 active
9 members. In 2019, the fire department
10 responded to a total of 1,330 calls which
11 included 964 rescue calls and 366 Firematic
12 calls. I said this before, but that truly is a
13 staggering number especially when most calls
14 average at least one hour. If you break out
15 the number of hours spent by week, our fellow
16 resident members of the department average over
17 25 hours weekly away from their jobs, homes and
18 their family, without counting the hours spent
19 on drills, meetings, training, certification
20 and recertification.

21 To each and every member, we thank you for
22 all your service and we especially thank you
23 through this unprecedented time.

24 The major changes to the 3410 line, which
25 is the fire department budget code as you see

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1 on page 23 of the proposed budget, overall, the
2 major increase -- I'm sorry, the budget
3 increase is point 44 percent or \$1,800.00. We
4 are increasing the budget \$2,300.00 for new
5 fire hoses. Hose testing is done annually and
6 some hoses are longer have parts and those
7 hoses are being replaced with new rubber
8 jacketed hose which are more durable.

9 We're also spending an additional \$500 for
10 new uniforms. The department plans on
11 purchasing four to ten Class A uniforms due to
12 new membership and replacement of old, worn out
13 uniforms.

14 The radio line is reduced by \$5000. Last
15 year, we ran all portable radios on our fire
16 vehicles were replaced. One of the biggest
17 increases is fire prevention. We're increasing
18 that line by 36 percent or \$2,000. This line
19 is for the supplies used for fire prevention
20 school visits and demonstrations.

21 This line also funds the departments
22 recruitment effort drives. The department is
23 currently engaged in a major drive to recruit
24 new members for all companies. With respect to
25 members, upon acceptance, will receive

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1 Firematic and/or EMT certifications at no cost.

2 If you have the inclination to serve, I
3 can personally attest to the fact that there is
4 no better way to give back to our wonderful
5 Village. But it's also more than service.
6 There's a sense of camaraderie in the fire
7 department that is without equal. Because of
8 my time spent in the department, I not only
9 acquired knowledge, confidence, a sense of
10 self-worth and satisfaction, but I've also been
11 blessed with many acquaintances and lifelong
12 friends. Please consider you joining your
13 fellow Village residents in this noble cause.
14 And I will turn it over to Trustee Chiara.

15 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Frank, if you can see
16 us, you have to unmute yourself.

17 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Sorry about that guys.
18 I'll start with the building department.

19 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: This is why we call you
20 the baby trustee. You're too young to know how
21 to use this equipment.

22 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Yes, I'm still learning.
23 Thank you very much. Thank you very much,
24 Mayor Greene I appreciate it.

25 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: I know Mayor Greene is

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1 on the line too.

2 TRUSTEE CHIARA: The building department
3 has undergone some changes this year with the
4 retirement of Superintendent Steve Siwinski and
5 the addition in his replacement, Superintendent
6 Renee Marcus. Steve did a great job with the
7 department and Renee has already shown her
8 abilities and willingness to prioritize the
9 efficiency and professionalism of the
10 department. Renee and staff has automated and
11 placed on-line forms to needed to file for
12 permits on construction projects. She has
13 encouraged residents to their discuss projects
14 with the department prior to start so the
15 process can explain away any potential delays.

16 The building department is responsible for
17 reviewing all plans submitted for alterations
18 or new structures, the issuance of permits,
19 conducting required inspections, all to assure
20 compliance with New York State and local codes
21 leading to the issuance of certificates of
22 occupancy. There continues to be a steady flow
23 for requests for permits and the turn around
24 time and issuance for these permits has
25 significantly decreased due to the new

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1 available on-line services.

2 I would like to thank the entire
3 department for working together during this
4 transition. It was smooth and seamless due to
5 all their efforts, professionalism and
6 dedication to the department and our Village.

7 The overall budget on page 26 shows an
8 increase of 0.63 percent which equates to
9 \$2,300.00. The notable changes are the
10 reduction of 1.41 percent due to the salary of
11 our new Superintendent, now in charge of the
12 building department only, whereas, Mr. Siwinski
13 had has dual responsibilities for DPW and
14 buildings. It also reflects the collective
15 bargaining increases for staff. There are also
16 slight other increases due to repair or replace
17 a printer and copier parts and also for the
18 purchase of additional file cabinets needed for
19 expansion, on line 0200.

20 On line 0460, an increase of \$1,700 for
21 continuing education of staff and new code
22 books and organizational memberships was added.
23 The overall increase to the budget for this was
24 .063 percent or \$2,300. They did a great job
25 and continue to do a great job for the Village.

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1 Next, I will move to the library. Our
2 library chartered by New York State Education
3 Department continues to serve our residents as
4 a community hub and a center for learning and
5 professional development. It's a gathering
6 ground for our residents to learn, share and
7 celebrate. Reading materials, on-line tools
8 and resources are readily available for patrons
9 to enjoy in a warm and safe environment.

10 As a place to preserve history, our
11 library staff continually refreshes and
12 decorates the different areas of the library to
13 capture the holiday seasons. Throughout the
14 year, many interactive and inspiring programs
15 for all age groups, most of which attended to
16 capacity, were creatively put together by our
17 library staff. These programs are entertaining
18 and educational, fostering learning by
19 encouraging communication with its
20 participants.

21 A big thanks goes out to our great library
22 staff and library board for all that they have
23 accomplished this year and all that they
24 continue to do for our community.

25 If noticed on page 60 I believe we're at,

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1 revenue for the library. There was an increase
2 which was largely in part from the increase of
3 gifts and donations on line 2705. It was for
4 an additional of \$12,500. I would like to
5 thank the Friends of the Library and all of the
6 donators for their generosity.

7 Line 5031 represents the transfer from the
8 general fund tax collection to finance the
9 library.

10 Now, let's return to the next page, page
11 61, this year, there's an increase of
12 2.87 percent to the operating budget. The
13 major part of the increase was due to salary
14 increases from collective bargaining. Personal
15 services in overtime on line 01012 were reduced
16 by \$32,000 by reducing overtime costs by
17 eliminating or rescheduling of events. There's
18 an increase of \$7,000 for equipment for needed
19 replacements of computers, increased internet
20 services and supplies, along with an increase
21 of \$5,000 to cover programming and presented
22 costs.

23 On line 4080, there's a reduction of
24 \$1,000 for continued expansion of on-line
25 webinars and in-house staff development

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1 meetings. The rest of the budget line
2 represents employees benefits. The library
3 budget has a total increase of 2.87 percent or
4 \$38,000. Thank you, Mayor.

5 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you very much
6 Trustee Chiara. At this point, I want to talk
7 just a little bit more about the Village and
8 then we will turn it over to the residents on
9 the line if anyone has any questions. I just
10 want to bring up a couple of points. As the
11 trustees have gone through everything that you
12 see on here, all of this gets put together and
13 maintained and all of our expenditures and
14 banking gets put, it's a yeomans task to keep
15 everything in order. We have a wonderful
16 person that does that and I want to thank her
17 and her staff. I get, once a year I get to
18 thank her for what she does, and I know she's
19 on the line, and that's our Deputy Treasurer
20 and that's Kathleen Mack, but she does a
21 fantastic job with making sure that every
22 little detail is taken care of. The staff
23 makes sure payroll is done correctly and
24 everything thing that we do is done correctly.
25 Our audits, everything that we have to go

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1 through and they maintain all of what you see
2 in this document day to day, every receipt,
3 every bill, every check that's written, credit
4 cards, things like that. So, I want to thank
5 them and Kathleen, I want to thank you for
6 everything that you do in regards to this.

7 I also, on the line and on the call are a
8 couple of other people who, their efforts to go
9 into what goes on in the Village everyday. We
10 have Michael Derby. He is our assessor. He's
11 on the line today. I already talked about the
12 department heads and you heard about them, but
13 Mike Derby put together, he talks to our
14 residents and not only handles all our, not
15 only claims against our assessment role, but
16 the addition of all the people who are entitled
17 to exemptions from our assessment and things
18 like that and I know he takes it very
19 personally because Mike goes and visits our
20 citizens and does what he has to do. So I want
21 to thank him for his efforts and all he does.

22 Our Village Attorney, who is on the line,
23 is John Ryan. John gets a call from me
24 probably everyday. I know he gets a couple of
25 calls from Gerry everyday and the things he

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1 does. John is not only our Village Attorney,
2 he is a resident here, as well and does so much
3 to make sure the Village runs the way it should
4 and the things that are done are done to the
5 best they can be done. So, I want to thank him
6 for protecting us everyday and for the things
7 he does.

8 You know, we have all these public
9 hearings all the time and I never really do get
10 a chance to thank her because she sits, she
11 tries to decipher everything that I say and
12 everybody else says and I just want to thank
13 Cathy Murphy, our Court Reporter. She's here
14 with us all the time. Cathy, thank you for
15 everything that you do. I am really very
16 grateful for your time spent with us and the
17 things you make happen here.

18 So again, the last people I want to thank
19 are all of our volunteers. This Village is
20 built on volunteers, built on the people who
21 are part of all the organizations who work day
22 in and day out on all of our committees. The
23 Village has hundreds of volunteers who step up
24 and make things happen for our residents. We
25 try very hard to make sure they are part of

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1 what goes on everyday because it's their ideas
2 that help us shape the future of the Village.
3 And it's their ideas that help put us where we
4 are and the beautiful facilities we have and
5 wonderful programs we have. So, I want to
6 thank all of our volunteers because this isn't
7 just the budget, this is the operation of the
8 Village and the operation takes many people and
9 I want to thank everybody top to bottom for all
10 the things that you do.

11 With that, we will go to questions from
12 anybody who is on the line who wishes to ask a
13 question. Now, how is this going to work is
14 for those of you who have video, we can see you
15 so I ask you to please raise your hands. For
16 those of you who don't have video, I am going
17 to ask you to please unmute yourself. I'm
18 being told here, what am I doing? There's a
19 prompt on your app in which you can raise your
20 hands. As I said, we're all new to this. If
21 you can do that. Darlene, as I said, is
22 sitting across the table from me and she will
23 guide this and help me out here and we will get
24 to everyone's questions. If anyone would like
25 to start, please, go right ahead. Okay. None.

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1 If we're not recognizing you, please unmute
2 yourself and speak.

3 MS. ORTIZ: I don't see a hand raise.

4 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Hi, Nadia?

5 MS. ORTIZ: Yes, it is. Sorry.

6 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: No, that's okay. If
7 you can identify yourself. I recognize the
8 voice.

9 MS. ORTIZ: Of course. Of course. Okay,
10 I will make it quick. With regards to the
11 Police Commissioner's salary, I saw that
12 itemized as \$245,000, which was previous, but I
13 do believe his contract is up this month; is
14 that correct?

15 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: His contract is up at
16 the end of the term. So it will be done. He
17 will be technically a holdover. We're not
18 doing anything with our contracts at all since
19 our elections have been moved and our
20 re-organization have been moved to after the
21 elections. So right now, that's where it
22 stands.

23 MS. ORTIZ: Okay. So, when that
24 re-organization -- so, the assumption is
25 \$245,000 for the year and with no raise for the

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1 fiscal year?

2 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: That will be correct,
3 yes.

4 MS. ORTIZ: Okay. Thank you.

5 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you.

6 MS. ORTIZ: Stay safe.

7 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: You too, please. Is
8 there anybody else who wishes to comment? Some
9 People are looking for the prompt. If somebody
10 is unmuted and wishes to identify themselves,
11 please go ahead. I don't believe I have any
12 hands raised. Thanks Nadia. Okay.

13 All right, since there is none again, I
14 want to thank you all for participating. I
15 want to thank you all for everything that you
16 do for our Village. This, again, the budget
17 was worked on by all of our staff and again,
18 recognizing what we maybe going through in the
19 next year, but hopefully we can get everything
20 moving the way we usually get it moving and
21 have a wonder wonderful summer. I know things
22 in this month alone, things like our annual
23 opening of little league and our firemens
24 annual dinner and election of the fire chiefs
25 who are, of course, that is all the fire chiefs

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1 in the election going on, the dinner, of
2 course, cannot. These things are traditions in
3 our community.

4 I would like to address real quickly the
5 pool. We are planning to open the pool on
6 time. We hope we can, but we will play it day
7 by day and hour by hour and everything else.
8 If changes have to be made, we will adopt and
9 make the changes.

10 I would like to thank, the last
11 opportunity to thank our fellow Board Members.
12 I'm so pleased to have a wonderful group with
13 me and team doing this. It is a team. It is a
14 great team. They talked about the departments
15 that they liaison to. They didn't tell you
16 about the countless hours they spend on things
17 like the third track and Belmont and all the
18 other issues we have to raise and put before
19 us. It's just amazing the time and effort they
20 put in and I am so thankful that they do. I am
21 blessed to work with them day in and day out
22 and I want to thank them for everything that
23 they do.

24 With that, you know I was going to close,
25 but unfortunately, Darlene is waving at me and

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1 I think somebody does want to ask a question
2 and speak. If you wish, again, because you may
3 not understand this and again, we're all
4 learning, if you wish to talk, please click on
5 the participant tab and there's an option to
6 raise your hand if you wish to do so. So, I
7 will give it one last chance and we will close
8 the public hearing.

9 TRUSTEE CHENG: Mayor and Darlene, on my
10 device, it is to the right of the participants
11 where it says more. If you click the more,
12 you'll see a raised hand at the bottom of that.

13 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Okay. With that,
14 again, thank you all for your participation.
15 Please stay safe. We have one last motion and
16 I'm going to ask now for a motion to close the
17 public hearing and reserve decision.

18 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: So moved.

19 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Do I have a second?

20 TRUSTEE CHENG: Second.

21 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Thank you. Miss Walsh,
22 will you please poll the board.

23 MR. BAMBRICK: I think it's me that does
24 that. I'm sorry.

25 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: Sorry. So,

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1 Miss Walsh's stand-in, Gerry Bambrick.

2 MR. BAMBRICK: Trustee Fitzgerald?

3 TRUSTEE FITZGERALD: Aye.

4 MR. BAMBRICK: Trustee Pombonyo?

5 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Aye.

6 MR. BAMBRICK: Trustee Cheng?

7 TRUSTEE CHENG: Aye.

8 MR. BAMBRICK: Trustee Chiara?

9 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Aye.

10 MR. BAMBRICK: Mayor Longobardi?

11 MAYOR LONGOBARDI: And again with

12 everybody's thanks and all the effort you put

13 into this, I vote aye. I know you're home.

14 Please be safe. Please take care of your

15 families and take care of each other and say a

16 lot of prayers that this starts to end. Again,

17 thank you all so much. Have a good night.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. BAMBRICK: Thank you.

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21 Certified to be a true and

22 accurate transcript of the proceedings.

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CATHERINE P. MURPHY

Court Reporter

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The Budget for the Village of Floral Park covering fiscal year June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2020 was adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on April 21, 2020, following a Public Hearing held on April 15, 2020. The summary of the adopted budget is available for public inspection at Village Hall, 1 Floral Boulevard, Floral Park, NY between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday or on the Village website www.fpvillage.org.

Dated: April 24, 2020

Susan E. Walsh
Village Clerk