

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on April 21, 2020 at 8:00 pm.

Before the opening of the meeting the Mayor announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing mandate, in addition to social distance seating in the Village Hall Courtroom, video-conference and tele-conference options were set up for the public to listen in and to allow for a public comment period during the village board meeting as follows:

(Click Link:<https://zoom.us/j/95612840247?pwd=VDJaZlVZRUo2Q2VUblHlYXNDT3UvZz09> Meeting ID: 956 1284 0247 Password: 596480) and tele-conference (Call 1-646-558-8656; Meeting ID: 956 1284 0247; Password: 596480).

The Floral Park Chief and Assistant Chiefs will be sworn-in at this meeting also and are participating from Firemen's Hall. The Mayor also stated for the record that various Trustees, Department Heads, employees and volunteers were participating remotely, all in accordance with CDC guidelines. The Mayor and Board of Trustees participated in the meeting 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: Kevin Ginnane-Superintendent of Public Works, Stephen McAllister-Police Commissioner, Renee Marcus-Superintendent of Buildings, and Rosaleen Shea- Deputy Village Clerk.

Mayor Longobardi opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for those that have passed away due to COVID-19 in our community and asked all to please keep their families and friends in our prayers.

Mayor Longobardi called upon outgoing Fire Chief Salvatore Arrigo to present his annual report to the Mayor and Board of Trustees. Chief Arrigo read his annual report as follows:

'Mayor Dominick Longobardi, Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald, Fire Commissioner and Trustee Archie Cheng, Trustee Dr. Lynn Pombonyo, Trustee Frank Chiara, Members of the Village Administration, Chiefs, Members of the Department, Residents and Guests.

Before I read my final report tonight, I want to take a moment to express how proud I am of all my fellow Chiefs and Department members. One month ago, no one could have predicted the challenges that laid ahead. As I conclude my position as Chief of the FPDF I want to thank each and every one for the incredible job done during these extraordinary times. I feel honored to have worked with you especially during a time when immediate actions and important decisions had to be made for our Floral Park residents while risking the health of our family and loved ones. I commend each and every one in the Department and others throughout Floral Park for rising to the occasion. This is what we signed up for and we do it wholeheartedly. I will forever be thankful for your kindness, support, and dedication. "Thank you" does not seem like enough but please know that your professionalism and commitment to this Department, and our entire Floral Park community will never be forgotten.

This is the status of our department:

**Membership:**

The Department currently has 146 members consisting of the following:

Active membership is 118 including 105 firefighters and EMS, 25 Ex-Chiefs, 4 Honorary Chiefs, 13 Probationary members, 27 Associate Members and 3 Chaplains.

This year we swore in 8 new members and had 10 resignations.

**Alarms:**

EMS calls:	983
Fire Calls:	185
Auto accidents:	37
Hazmat/Hazmat related:	28
Carbon monoxide alarms/incidents:	41

Total calls: 1,274

This is the estimated damage caused by fire and events that we are called to. This year total fire loss is approximately \$1,275,000.00.

**Training:**

This year our members accumulated 2975.00 of hours in training; a testament to their professionalism and dedication. Thank you to Chief McAllister, the Chiefs Staff and the committee for all their hard work and dedication to the training program.

**Probationary Training:**

The Department continues with our specialized in-house program to train our new members on how Floral Park operates and get them familiar with our equipment. Thank you to the Chiefs Staff and the committee for all their hard work and efforts with our new members. They are currently working with 13 probationary members.

**Purchasing:**

This year there were 55 purchase orders and 142 vouchers processed. Thank you to Village Administrator/Treasurer Gerry Bambrick and Village Deputy Treasurer Kathleen Mack for all your help and assistance with our purchasing needs.

**Medicals and Fit Testing:**

Each year our members are required to take an OSHA medical and interior firefighters are required to be fit tested for their SCBA mask and the N95 mask. Thank you to Chief McAllister, William Hecker and EMT-CC Carol Ragona for overseeing these and ensuring our members are current.

**Radios:**

The Radio communications system has been revamped by Chief Saville with his tireless and diligent work on upgrading all of the Department's handheld radios. Chief Saville was able to change all of our department radios to the new Kenwood Handhelds. We thank the Village Board for their help with this process and their continued support. Thank you to Chief Saville for spearheading this task.

**Equipment:**

The Department has the following inventory of vehicles:

- 2019 Ferrara Igniter Pump
- 1998 Spartan Saulsbury Pumper
- 2002 Spartan Saulsbury Pumper
- 2004 Pierce Hook and Ladder 95' Aerial Truck
- 1984 Mack Heavy Rescue Truck
- 2003 Safety Utility Van
- 2018 Ford Transit Passenger Van
- 2015 Ford F450 Ambulance
- 1931 American LaFrance Antique Pumper
- 2019 Chevy Tahoe Chief Vehicle
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2013 Chevy Tahoe Chief Vehicle  
2016 Chevy Tahoe Chief Vehicle  
2017 Chevy Tahoe Chief Vehicle  
2009 Chevy Tahoe Chief Vehicle

### **Work Orders:**

All the equipment needs to be maintained and kept in top working order as our members' and residents' lives depend on them 24/7/365 days a year. This year 40 vehicle work orders and 8 housework orders kept our fleet in good working order. Thank you to Superintendents Steve Siwinski, Renee Marcus and Kevin Ginnane and all of the Village mechanics for all your hard work and dedication to this.

### **Pump, Ladder and Hose Testing:**

All ladders and hoses were tested as required. Any damaged hose was removed and replaced. All three engines had their annual pump test. All equipment is in good working order.

### **Explorers:**

Our explorer program continues to thrive under the leadership of Chief Florio, Ex-Captain Georke, their advisors and members.

### **Parades:**

The Department participated in two parades this year: July 4<sup>th</sup> Stewart Manor parade and the Mineola Fire Department parade. Thank you to Chief Saville for all your hard work in organizing these events.

### **Fire Prevention:**

Our fire prevention is always ongoing through both inspection and education. This year, the Department conducted 302 inspections. Thank you to Chief Dodson and Chief Bennett for all your hard work and overseeing this very important task. The education side involves formal programs. We conduct firehouse tours with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Daises as well as all schools in the Village. Thank you to Chief Hamerman and the members of the committee for all your efforts to make this program a complete success.

At this time, I would like to take a moment to thank some people:

Mayor Longobardi: Thank you for all of your help, guidance and support on many situations we encountered.

Board of Trustees: Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support your agenda and goals and make us the best we can be for the residents we serve. Your help has been greatly appreciated.

Commissioner McAllister: Thank you for your continued support. The relationship between the Police and Fire Departments is exceptional. Thank you to all your officers for a great job and their continued help.

To Gerry Bambrick, Susan Walsh, Sue Kerner, Lauren Killigrew, Katy Mack, John Ryan, Darlene Lanza, and the entire staff at Village Hall, thank you for all your hard work and help.

To the Staff, Chief Joe O'Grady, Chief Frank Wakely, Chief Daniel Bennett, Chief Michael Longobardi and Captain Paul Pinto. Thank you for all your hard work and support in keeping the department running.

To Chief Naughton, Chief Florio, Chief Longobardi and Chief Maickel, thank you for all of your guidance and support as I made my way up the line to Chief. It was a pleasure working with you.

To Chief McAllister, Chief Saville, Chief Dodson and Chief Hamerman. To an incredible staff who were always able to get the job done, no matter what, regardless of what curve ball was thrown their way. To a staff whose motto was “THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS, ONLY SOLUTIONS”. Your dedication, hard work and support is very much appreciated. A welcome back to Chief Bennett, you will be in good hands.

Lastly, but most important, are the amazing members of the Floral Park Fire Department. Words cannot express the gratitude and admiration I have for my brothers and sisters, who selflessly give of themselves day in and day out. Thank you for all you do and always be safe. At this time, I would like to thank my family – Gena, Erica and Andrew. I missed many dinners and vacations but you always supported me. I love you and I am blessed.

Mayor Longobardi, Board of Trustees, as my final duty it is my Honor to introduce an amazing group of dedicated individuals, the newly elected Chief’s Staff of the Floral Park Fire Department for the 2020-2021 year:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant Chief Daniel Bennett from Rescue Company # 1;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Brain Hamerman from Reliance Engine Company # 2;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief James Dodson from the Alert Engine Company # 1;
- 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Michael Saville form the Hook and Ladder Company #2; and
- Chief of Department Patrick McAllister from the Active Engine Company #3.

Mayor Longobardi, I now respectfully request to be relieved of my duties as Chief of the Floral Park Fire Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Salvatore Arrigo  
Chief of Department’

#### **Chief Sal Arrigo – Mayor Dominick Longobardi**

Mayor Longobardi thanked “Sal” for his service and his family, Gina, Erica and Andrew for their support and sacrifice and allowing Sal to volunteer to serve the FPFd the se many years. The amount of time and care spent on detail to manage such a vital operation is an example of the love Sal has for the residents in his community. Thank you for your friendship and it has been a wonderful experience working with you as Chief of Detriment. I wish you and your family all of the best.

#### **Chief Sal Arrigo –Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald**

Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald thanked Chief Arrigo for the thousands of hours that he volunteered in his many roles in the FPFd. He is always amazed at the amount of tome and courage of all of the FPFd member and is especially grateful to all of them. Congratulations to all of the newly appointed Chiefs and thank you Chief Arrigo.

#### **Chief Sal Arrigo - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Good evening. I begin by thanking our Floral Park Fire Department for another year of extraordinary volunteer service to our residents and businesses. Your fire and rescue protection has been constant and reassuring, and your hard work, steadfast courage and dedication are deeply appreciated.

To Chief Sal Arrigo, your many decades of service to us as a member, officer, Assistant Chief and Chief of Department have been of the greatest value. Our heartfelt thanks go to you, Gina, Erika and Andrew, your wonderful family.

And to Chief McAllister, Chief Saville, Chief Dodson, Chief Hamerman and Chief Bennett, congratulations! We look forward to working with you and supporting the very special women and men of our Floral Park Fire Department. God bless you all.

**Chief Sal Arrigo – Trustee Archie Cheng and Fire Commissioner**

Trustee Cheng thanked each and every member of the FPPD who leave their homes and exhibit such acts of courage during this unprecedented time. Congratulations to the remaining Chiefs and to Chief Bennett for stepping up again. Good luck to Chief Sal Arrigo and thank you for your five years and all the years of commitment in Rescue Company # 1. Best wishes to all of the FPPD members and staff. Thank you.

**Chief Sal Arrigo – Trustee Frank Chiara**

Trustee Chiara thanked Chief Arrigo, the members of the FPPD and the EMTS. On behalf of the Chiara family and the residents, he expressed his appreciation for the selfless acts and extraordinary amount of time that Chief Arrigo “Sal” has dedicated to the community. Welcome aboard to the new Chiefs and congratulations to everyone. Thank you.

**Chief Sal Arrigo – Officially Relieved of Duties**

Mayor Longobardi again thanked Sal for his distinguished service to our Village and relieved Chief Sal Arrigo as Chief of Department of his duties..

**Swearing-In Fire Chiefs in the Department**

Mayor Dominick Longobardi then swore in the new Chiefs in a remote ceremony where the Chiefs participated from Floral Park Fireman’s Hall in accordance with CDC guidelines: Fire Chief Patrick McAllister, 1st Assistant Chief Mike Saville, 2nd Assistant Chief James Dodson, 3rd Assistant Chief Brian Hamerman and 4th Assistant Chief (and ex-Chief) Daniel Bennett.

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

Regular Board Meeting -	April 3, 2020
Public Hearing – 262 Jericho Tpke	April 3, 2020
Work Session -	April 13, 2020
Budget Hearing Minutes	April 15, 2020

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2020-86 approving the Schedule of Accounts Payable as follows:

General Fund	\$ 713,730.62
Swimming Pool	\$ 1,533.82
Community Development	\$
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 200,274.33</u>
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$ 915,538.77

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

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

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request to have a block party on Hickory Street between Cherry Street and Cedar Place on Saturday, June 27th with June 28th (R/D) and conditional upon the status of COVID19 pandemic.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2020-87 granting the application for the Special Use Permit for Anthony Lopez, Tony's Tacos and Tequila, 262 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park, NY, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Decision and Resolution.

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 Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2020-88 approving authorization of the Village Clerk to sign the Early Voting Agreement for use of the village facility of the Shelter House at the Recreation Center on Saturday, June 13 2020 through and including Sunday, June 21, 2020 and Saturday, October 24, 2020 through and including Sunday, November 1, 2020. The opening and close times of polls for week days and weekends is to be announced and subject to receipt of certificate of insurance.

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. 2020-89 accepting the retirement letter from Steve Beauchesne, Auto Mechanic Supervisor in the Department of Public Works, after nearly 30 years of service effective April 30, 2020.

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. 2020-90 authorizing the payment of earned unused accruals in accordance with the CSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement for Tommy Mack due to his retirement effective May 2, 2020; 60% of the maximum of 200 sick days = 120 days at \$199.34 = \$23,920.80.

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 Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2020-91 adopting the June 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021 fiscal year Tentative Budget as presented at the Budget hearing held on April 15, 2020.

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 Cheng offered Resolution 2020-92 adopting the following as wherein pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 1434, Village taxes for the 2020/21 Inc. Village of Floral Park Tax year may be paid as follows:

First half village tax amount due by June 1, 2020 and paid by July 1, 2020 without penalty; Second half village tax amount due by December 1, 2020 and paid by December 31, 2020 without penalty; and Second half taxes may be paid in advance at any time prior to December 1, 2020.

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. 2020-93 authorizing the payment of earned unused accruals in accordance with the CSEA Supervisor's Collective Bargaining Agreement for Steve Beauchesne due to his retirement effective April 30, 2020 is as follows:

18 unused Vacation Days @ daily rate of \$479.17	\$ 8,625.06
56.23 sick days (65% of 86.5 days) @ daily rate of \$479.17	<u>\$26,943.73</u>
Total payment	\$35,568.79

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. 2020-94 authorizing the appointment of Gerard Loughran, Esq., 68 Dartmouth Street, Garden City, NY 11530 as hearing officer with respect to a personnel matter.

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. 2020-95 authorizing the appointment of Rosaleen Shea, Deputy Village Clerk, as Deputy Registrar of Vital Records, for a term of one year.

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. 2020-96 temporarily designating the Herald Courier as the official Village newspaper due to the Gateway suspending publications for an indefinite period of time. The Mayor thanked Scott Cushing, publisher of The Gateway newspaper and his staff for its 90+ years of service to the Village of Floral Park and hoped that this is only a pause until the COVID-19 crisis is over and businesses re-open.

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

#### **Department of Public Works – Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald**

Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald thanked the Floral Park Department of Public Works (DPW) and Police Department Village staffs for their tremendous effort over the past two weeks. He stated that it is comforting to know that no matter what that these employees are always there to serve at a moment's notice. One example of this is the DPW's immediate response to removing six trees with limbs and debris that were a safety hazard in the recent wind and rain storms. Moving business forward, DPW Superintendent Kevin Ginnane reported that the Basin Drainage Project at the dead end of Walnut Avenue is 90% complete. It was reported that the catch basin drained very well after the downpour this morning. Thank you to Kevin and the DPW staff for responding to the COVID-19 emergency and simultaneously continuing to perform essential projects for the Village.

My prayers and thoughts are with all of the residents of the Village and hope that we get through this crisis very soon. Thank you.

#### **Recreation Center and Pool – Trustee Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo announced that Summer 2020 is only 60 days away. While we are not exactly sure of what this year's recreation and pool programs will look like, we are sure that we want it to be a fun-filled and exciting Summer 2020 for all in Floral Park, especially our children and teens. Our Recreation Superintendent Kurt Meyfohrt, Pool Director Tom Dillon, Administrator Gena King, and hardworking staff continue to spruce up the park, ready the ballfields for our teams, and prepare the pool and building for a great summer. Stay tuned for announcements about openings and guidance from our federal, state and local governments, especially our Village of Floral Park.

#### **Conservation Society – Trustee Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo reported that ongoing improvements at Centennial Gardens are under way. The trench work and electrical wiring necessary for the LED lighting program along the brick path on Raff Avenue and Floral Parkway were completed. The installation of the beautiful light posts will come next, followed by the LED bulbs, all this spring. Thanks to DPW Superintendent Kevin Ginnane and his staff for their ongoing work beautifying the Gardens and our Village.

#### **Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce and Our Businesses – Trustee Pombonyo**

Trustee Pombonyo thanked all of Floral Park for supporting our businesses and food establishments that are working so hard to provide service to the public. Please continue to SHOP AND DINE LOCAL and enjoy their excellent products, valuable services, and delicious menu



selections. It's a great opportunity to try out newly discovered shops and restaurants in Floral Park and Stewart Manor. Check the [fpvillage.org](http://fpvillage.org) and business websites for information about the storefront and online services that you need and love to have.

A special thanks goes to The Gateway's Scott Cushing and staff as the newspaper takes a pause for, what we hope will be, only a short time. Joining with us, The Gateway has celebrated important events and milestones, and kept us up-to-date on local news. We hope to be reading The Gateway again soon.

And, as always, thanks to all who are on the front lines, caring for the very ill, saving lives, and helping the rest of us in countless ways. You are all our heroes!

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

On behalf of the Village Board and all of our residents, I again wish to thank each and every member of the Fire Department for their dedication, service and courage in responding to calls during this unprecedented time. To leave your home to assist other residents is not only commitment and dedication, but it also is an act of courage. Our thanks to each and every member and we pray for your safety.

Congratulations to our returning Chiefs, Chief Saville, Dodson and Hamerman as they up the ranks. To our returning and incoming Baby Chief Bennett, thank you for stepping up and doing this for another 5 years. To our incoming Chief of the Department, Pat McAllister, best of luck. Our hopes and prayers for all of you is a safe and quiet year.

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

Since our last meeting, the remaining retaining and sound wall work on Terrace Avenue near the Plainfield Avenue Bridge has been started and should be complete within the next few weeks. Field 7 work is complete, the work at the DPW yard is finished, and North Street and Bergen Street has been repaved. Sound Wall sections have now been installed behind 4 houses on Charles Street. This work will be moving ahead slowly but we hope that by summer's end the work will be completed. Finally, the Tunnel to the Park now only requires painting and should be open soon. All in all, work is proceeding at a fast pace.

### **Special Village Property Tax Payment Plan 2020/21 – Trustee Archie Cheng**

At our March 19, 2020 Village Board Meeting, the Board discussed the financial hardships that many of our residents might suffer due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We tried to think of ways to reduce the level of stress we are all facing. The Board of Trustees cut the proposed 2020/21 budget as much as we could and have proposed a tax rate increase in the amount of 0.66% compared to last year's tax rate.

We also thought of another way to help financially. The Board of Trustees is implementing a special payment plan for Village residents for tax year 2020/21 to allow taxpayers to pay taxes in two installments. As you know, the Village currently collects Village taxes on a one payment annual basis in the month of June. I had calculated that from April 1 to August 10, I personally pay 75% of my real property taxes. The 2nd half School Tax is due between April 1 and May 10, the 2nd half General Town of Hempstead (TOH) Tax is due between July 1 and August 10. The full year Village Tax is due between June 1 and July 1 and is sandwiched in between the School and General Taxes. I calculated that if my Village Taxes were paid in halves, I would wind up paying 50% of my real property taxes during the same period. Please understand that everyone's individual payment percentages will be different.

It is the Board's hope that the payment of the Village taxes in halves will assist those residents and business owners that pay their taxes directly to the Village. The proposed resolution will allow taxpayers in tax year 2020/21 to pay half of the annual Village tax between June 1 and July 1, 2020 and the 2nd half of the annual Village tax between December 1 and December 31, 2020. Of course, any taxpayer that wants to pay their full year Village tax between June 1 and July 1, 2020 may do so. All payments made as described above will not incur interest or penalty. This will not apply to any property owners that pay their property taxes to their mortgagee via an escrow account. Those taxpayers have already paid their Village taxes to their mortgage servicer who in turn will pay their Village taxes.

### **Library – Trustee Chiara**

Trustee Chiara reported that the Village library staff continues to offer many activities/services on-line, virtually to our residents. This week they are offering: virtual chair yoga for adults; virtual family fun cooking classes for all ages and virtual community service options for our teens. Jane, our young adult librarian, has been reaching out to our children by phone just to chat and keep in touch. Patrons continue to request items from the library shelves, so the lobby pickup is still going strong.

This week is National Library Week. Assemblyman Ed Ra gave the Floral Park Library, as well as neighboring libraries, a big shout out for the many innovative services that the libraries are offering to residents during this health crisis. Continue to check the library's website [www.floralparklibrary.org](http://www.floralparklibrary.org) and Facebook page for more library activities. Thank you to our creative library staff for all that you are doing to keep our library active during these unprecedented times. The library staff have adapted to the current times and have really shown their passion for what they offer/do for our residents. Thank you.

### **Building Department – Trustee Chiara**

The Building Department continues to issue permits with the expiration now one (1) year after the actual start date of construction. A reminder, non-essential construction is currently not allowed, with few exceptions for repairs, health and safety concerns. If residents have any questions regarding this or any other matters for the Building Department, contact them at their website [FPBuildings@FPVillage.org](mailto:FPBuildings@FPVillage.org). They are ready to assist. Thank you to our building staff for keeping building concerns moving along and for all that you are doing for our residents during these difficult times. Thank you.

I would also like to express my extreme THANKS and APPRECIATION to all our Village employees and to our Volunteer Services for performing at peak levels during these extremely difficult times. The Village is very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff and so many gracious volunteers. THANK YOU! Stay Safe and Be Well!

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

Before the opening of the meeting the Mayor announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing mandate, seating would be limited in the Village Hall Courtroom and that a video-conference (Click <https://zoom.us/j/95612840247?pwd=VDJaZlVZRUo2Q2VUbHliYXNNTD3UvZz09> Link: Meeting ID: 956 1284 0247 Password: 596480) and tele-conference (Call 1-646-558-8656; Meeting ID: 956 1284 0247; Password: 596480).were set up for the public to listen in and to allow for a public comment period during the board meeting. The Floral Park Fire Department Chief and Assistant Chiefs will be sworn-in at this meeting also and are participating from Firemen's Hall. The Mayor also stated for the record that various Trustees, Department Heads, employees and volunteers were participating remotely, all in accordance with CDC guidelines.

The Mayor announced that the Village of Floral Park has been open and operating uninterrupted to serve the residents of Floral Park and the public throughout the COVID-19 emergency. The Mayor thanked all of the Village Hall staff led by Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick and thanked Village Clerk Susan Walsh for their dedication and many hours worked in response to COVID-19. It has been a very trying week and managing issues that are arising on an hourly basis is a challenge that all of the staff are meeting. Whether it is a tent at Rite-Aid, or a resident emergency, they coordinate with all of the Department Heads to ensure that services are provided and crises are solved on a daily basis.

The Mayor said that he would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Departments and employees of Floral Park for continuing to work hard during these times to complete essential planned work like the Walnut Avenue Basin Drainage project, as mentioned earlier by the Deputy Mayor. The Mayor thanked Trustee Cheng for presenting the new payment plan to help residents pay for their 2020/21 property taxes due to the financial crisis many are facing due to COVID-19. The Village continues plans on the Road Project, and for opening the Pool and Recreation Center hopefully for the summer season. The Mayor stated that there are many issues invisible to residents and the public that are handled with love and care by the dedicated staff in the Village,

and the executive elected officials with whom I serve and I want take this opportunity to thank them

In closing, the Mayor especially thanked the 1<sup>st</sup> Responders in the Fire Department, EMT, Police Department and the Public Works Department for their brave and selfless service to the residents and the public during this pandemic. He thanked the residents for supporting the local businesses and for their patience and good citizenship. The Mayor asked that everyone please stay safe and follow the CDC guidelines of social distancing and using masks to protect themselves and those around them. He stated that he prayed and hoped that this will all end in the near future. However, life will be different for everyone. Let us look forward to celebrating happy occasions and being together again very soon. Please be well and stay safe. Thank you.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, the Mayor closed the business meeting and opened the meeting at 9:00 pm to the public for comments and questions. He invited the public to be heard and invited them to “unmute, raise their zoom hands, type in questions” as per video-conference and tele-conference methods. At 8:55 pm there being no inquiries and everyone having been heard, the Mayor recessed the Board Meeting in accordance with CDC guidelines.

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At 9:10 pm Trustee Kevin Fitzgerald motioned to go into Executive Session and seconded by Trustee Lynn Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board went into Executive Session by way of tele-conference. Present were Mayor Dominick A. Longobardi, Trustees Kevin Fitzgerald, Lynn Pombonyo, Archie Cheng and Frank Chiara, Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan Walsh, Village Attorney John Ryan, Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, and Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane.

The Village Board discussed police, fire, building and public works department personnel and contractual matters. At 10:15 pm Trustee Archie Cheng motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Frank Chiara and carried unanimously. No action was taken.

The meeting ended at 10:15 pm.

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Susan E. Walsh  
Village Clerk