

July 14, 2020

Immediately after the public hearing, Mayor Longobardi announced that the regular meeting will begin and that Village Hall is open to the public with limited seating, and is available by video- and tele-conference for the public to listen in. (Zoom Click Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88325752185?pwd=KzI0c0NaMG5yU0RHMTRPbE53SIQxZz09> Meeting ID: 883 2575 2185; Password: 444062) and (Call 1-646-558-8656, Meeting ID: 883 2575 2185; Password: 444062).

Mayor Dominick Longobardi, Trustees Kevin Fitzgerald, Lynn Pombonyo, Archie Cheng, and Frank Chiara, Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan Walsh, Deputy Village Clerk Rosaleen Shea, Village Attorney John Ryan, Kevin Ginnane-Superintendent of Public Works, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, and Renee Marcus-Superintendent of Buildings were present in the Village Hall Courtroom.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 and Work Session on Thursday, July 9, 2020.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2020-140 to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,249,263.40
Swimming Pool	\$ 32,375.69
Community Development	\$ - 0 -
Capital Fund	\$ - 0 -
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1, 281,639.09

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. 2020-141 to authorize the tax certiorari settlement of Landmark Condominium, 99 Tulip Avenue, Section 32 Block 55 and Lot 111 in a lump payment of \$33,000 covering tax years 2014/15 through 2020/21 a total reduction of \$64,500.00 AV.

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. 2020-142 to authorize to surplus 2 vehicles in the Public Works Department:

- #63-2004 Ford F5D Dump – VIN#1FDAW57P74EC65280
- #66-2005 Ford L9M Dump – VIN# 1FDYK90L4SVA53782

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. 2020-143 wherein the property owner of 272 Carnation Avenue was found in violation of Chapter 65-2 “Maintenance of Premises” of the Code of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park and by way of this resolution, the Board authorized work to be performed and cost of same will be charged to the property owner.

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 Cheng offered Resolution No. 2020-144 to authorize the purchase of five (5) Time and Attendance Contact Free Time Clocks, which replaces the current five (5) hand-scanner clocks and that said clocks are compatible with the Village’s payroll and attendance systems for each public building from Signal Systems at the cost of \$2295 per clock totaling \$11,475 plus the cost of badges for each employee.

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. 2020-145 to adopt a resolution that this legal notice was previously published on February 26, 2020 pursuant to Village Law and is now hereby amended by way of Executive Order No. 202.26 so ordered by New York State Governor on May 1, 2020 due to COVID 19 that the General Village Election will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 and that the polls thereof shall be opened at twelve noon and closed at nine o’clock in the evening; and that the location of holding the election is as follows:

Election District #1 Reliance Firehouse  
 Election District #2 Recreation/Pool Building  
 Election District #3 Recreation/Pool Building  
 Election District #4 Atlantic Avenue Fire House

and be it resolved that the following is a true and correct list of all nominations of candidates for the offices to be filled at such election on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020:

<u>Name of Candidate</u>	<u>Public Office</u> Floral Park, NY <u>Term - 2 years</u>	<u>Place of Residence</u>
Kevin M. Fitzgerald	Trustee	65 Charles Street, Floral Park, NY
Archie T. Cheng	Trustee	84 Aspen Street, Floral Park, NY

and be it further resolved that a copy of such notice be posted in at least six conspicuous public places and on village website the named polling locations within the Village at least one day before the Village Election, as filed with the Village Clerk pursuant to the provisions of the Election Law, Sec. 15-104, Sub 3(b) and 4. Said resolution will also be published in Spanish in accordance with Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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. 2020-146 to approve that the individuals listed below be appointed Inspectors of Election for the Village Election being held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, compensation to be \$110.00 per diem on Election Day:

Bruce Behnke, Tina Cunnane, Sylvia Hubschman, Warren P. Hubschman, Anne Marie McGeever, Jeannette Newman, Karen Tall & lastly, one to be named;

Danielle Auguste, Christine Bennett, Florence DeVito, Grace Ferrara, Adrienne Smith, Gary Wargo, Francine Brethel & lastly, one to be named, and

3 Alternate Inspectors: Warren Hubschman, Sr., Alessandro Cappelli, Vernon Ramroop;

and to appoint a Spanish translator, Jonathan Baffi, who will be available to assist Spanish speaking voters on Election Day at the rate of \$110.00 per diem.

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

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the requests of the Floral Park Little League and Floral Park Knights to use the Recreation Center including the handball court as an extended bullpen from July to September for baseball practice and travel baseball games, with games to be held in accordance with the Governor's office, Nassau County Department of Health's and CDC guidelines.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2020-147 to authorize to ratify and affirm that from time-to-time the Village Administrator may enter into limited license agreements on behalf of the Village to allow local businesses to utilize public spaces for outdoor business.

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

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

On motion by Trustee Cheng, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the requests of AARP and the Floral Park Women's Club to use the meeting rooms in the Recreation Center from September, 2020 through June, 2021 as outlined in their requests providing that use is in accordance with the Governor's office, Nassau County Dept. of Health and CDC guidelines and receipt of certificate of insurances.

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved to change Village Board of Trustees board meeting dates from Tuesday, September 15, 2020 to Wednesday, September 16, 2020 and from Tuesday, November 3, 2020 to Wednesday, November 4, 2020 due to Village Election and General Election date changes, respectively.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2020-148 to approve the status of Domenick Cangemi from Laborer to MEO Trainee at the contractual rate of \$40,846 since he received his CDL license, subject to drug/alcohol screening and NC Civil Service Commission's approval.

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

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

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

**TREES** - I would like to thank the Tree Department for their efforts over the past few months in getting the tree trimming list down to a very manageable number of open requests (approximately two weeks). Their efforts certainly paid dividends this past week with the storm that passed through on Friday. Due to the ongoing trimmings that have occurred there was minimal damage (a few downed limbs).

I would also like to remind residents if they have a request for a tree to be trimmed or have a questions on a particular tree to please call DPW. A supervisor will come and inspect the tree for damage and will take the necessary actions to ensure it remains safe.

Additionally, I would invite all residents to view a recently produced show on 4VS where we can further educate ourselves on the importance of trees and how we maintain them. It can be found at [www.4VS.org](http://www.4VS.org) under WATCH NOW>COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT>FLORAL PARK VILLAGE TREES.

**ROADWORK** - The drainage projects (W Hitchcock/Depan, Lowell/Emerson, and Elm/Crocus) will begin on August 3, 2020. With regards to the reconstruction of Floral Blvd the request for bids recently went out. As this project gets closer to commencing, we plan on meeting directly with the residents in the affected area prior to any work beginning to review the project and what they can expect as the project progresses.

**Floral Park Police Department – Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald**

I would like to thank the men and women of the Floral Park Police Department for the job they do in not only keeping us safe but being at the ready whenever a call for service is made. May God continue to bless and protect them. Thank you.

**Recreation and Pool Departments – Trustee Pombonyo**

Since Friday, July 3rd, there has been ongoing sunshine, swimming and fun at our Village pool. Over six hundred members joined us for an exciting "Welcome Back" opening day as those of all ages greeted friends they haven't seen in awhile. The water was perfect and a fun-filled time was had by all.

Our membership and daily attendance numbers continue to rise and, as promised, we are continuing to add programs to our offerings. This week, our always popular Water Aerobics classes began and will take place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9am. No need to register for Water Aerobics, all pool members may just show up for invigorating movement, dance, fitness and fun. For parents of babies and toddlers, stop at "My Tot and Me" beginning this Sunday, July 19th at 9am to share some special time in the pool together.

Other Pool/Recreation exercise and sports classes are starting up with registration for these on Wednesday, July 15th, 7pm-9pm. Offerings include Jazz/Hip Hop for ages 7-12, Adult Yoga, Summer Bootcamp, Senior Exercise, Zumba, Aerobics and Tennis Lessons for your enjoyment.

And, for our children, check out our Pool All-Day Camp Program, now through August 13th, Tennis Program and Lessons, Morning Sports Programs ("Where Kids Can Be Kids," at no charge), Primary Recreation/Arts & Crafts Program (also at no charge), and other special features. Visit our [fpvillage.org](http://fpvillage.org) homepage or call 516-326-6334 for all the exciting details.

Thanks to Recreation Superintendent Kurt Meyfohrt, Pool Director Tom Dillon, our many talented and dedicated park and pool staff members, all working with Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick and our tech support team of Darlene Lanza and Gena King, our recreation and pool offerings are increasing day by day. Coming soon at the pool will be the popular Residents'

Sessions and opportunities to bring your special guests. New memberships are still available and all residents are welcome to join the pool to participate in all that Summer in Floral Park has in store!

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

Looking for a peaceful place to walk, relax and appreciate the outdoors? Visit Centennial Gardens on Floral Parkway, noon to 5pm daily. For helpful information, spectacular photos, and volunteer opportunities, go to [fpgarden.org](http://fpgarden.org) and the Floral Park Centennial Gardens facebook page and Instagram.

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

As our businesses reopen, there are lots of surprises and specials in store when you SHOP, DINE AND TAKE OUT LOCAL in Floral Park and Stewart Manor. Cheers to all our awesome business owners, staffs and customers!

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

I want to thank the Fire Department for their participation in our Little League's and local school's graduation caravan parade.

Fire Calls for the month of May: Rescue – 75; Rest of the Fire Department – 19.

As I mentioned last month, the Fire Department holds their only fundraising campaign in the Spring. This year they were unable to do a door to door solicitation due to the pandemic. If you are financially able, please consider making a donation to our all- volunteer Fire Department. We all have seen their devotion and dedication throughout this most difficult time. Thank you.

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

Work is continuing at the MTA substation at Plainfield Avenue.

As you probably know, the Linden tunnel is now open from 7AM to 10PM.

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

The Building Department has reopened to the public. Currently, they are limiting access to one (1) client at a time for transactions at the counter. They are back to full staff in the office and are working on closing out permits. They continue to automate the Building Department now by accepting electronic architectural drawings for code review, making this important process less costly, more efficient and by reducing paper and storage. Please contact the Building Department at 516-326-6319 or by email at [FPBuildings@fpvillage.org](mailto:FPBuildings@fpvillage.org) with any construction concerns to avoid delays and please do so before your projects are underway. Thank you.

#### **Library – Trustee Chiara**

The Floral Park Library opened on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> for browsing. Nearly 70 people visited the Library throughout the day to enjoy a freshly painted library building. The pandemic gave the DPW staff an opportunity to paint and freshen up the building and carpentry work is being done in the Young Adults section. Thanks to DPW Superintendent Kevin Ginnane and the DPW staff, especially Jim Pohl who was instrumental with the painting and the detailing he performed to make it all look so good. Thanks Jim!

The Library staff continues to take reservations for the use of the public computers. All reservations must be made in advance. Continue to check the website [www.floralparklibrary.org](http://www.floralparklibrary.org) for scheduled openings, guidelines to enter the Library and for updates on all of their offered programs.

#### **CREW – Trustee Chiara**

On Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>, the Coalition of Resources, Education and Wellness (CREW) had its first jam session at the Rec. Center. Marco Conelli and Company performed live music and provided a really nice musical session for a summer evening. All of our young adults are invited to come to the Rec Center on Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7pm to 8:30pm to share their musical talents and song-writing abilities. Marco will share his experiences with all who attend. Check the website [fpvillage.org](http://fpvillage.org) for details.

**Mayor's Report – Mayor Longobardi**

Mayor Longobardi reported that the Village has reopened the Village Hall building to the public. The Village offices never closed operations during the pandemic so it continued to provide full services, only it was done remotely and by mail to protect the public due to the pandemic. Village Hall is streamlining and automating its services with a reduced staff and I am happy to report a smooth and efficient operation is in place. It is a new and better way of doing business improving wait times. Reopening Village Hall and all of its buildings required a lot of planning and effort. Residents are encouraged to request services via the website, email or over the phone to continue to protect them during the pandemic. If you have to visit the Village Hall, please be advised that masks are required and that there is a maximum of five (5) persons allowed in the Village Hall lobby, so please call in advance. Thank you to all of the staff and to the residents for their cooperation during this time.

The Village has received a number of inquiries and permit requests for block parties, a great and fun summer season tradition in Floral Park. Unfortunately, the Board has been advised by the State and Nassau County not to approve block parties (deemed outdoor gatherings) at this time due to the Governor's Executive Order limiting attendance for outdoor gatherings. The Village will continue to closely monitor the status of block parties with the State and Nassau County as the summer progresses. The health, safety and security of its citizenry is the Board's top priority, so please be understanding at this time. Thank you for your patience.

At 9:48 pm Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board closed the business meeting and opened to the public.

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At 10:00 pm, Trustee Fitzgerald motioned to go into Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and carried unanimously, the Board went into Executive Session in Firefighters Hall. Present were Mayor Dominick 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, Superintendent of Public Works, Kevin Ginnane, Superintendent of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt and Pool Director Tom Dillon.

The Village Board discussed police, litigation, pool concerns, and public works personnel matters. 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 11:10 pm.

Susan Walsh, Village Clerk