

September 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on September 2, 2020 at 8PM. Mayor Longobardi announced that the regular meeting will begin and that Village Hall is open to the public with limited seating, and also available by video-zoom and tele-conference as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87522247975?pwd=dkZnck5rcTJZRngxM3dlTnU2VVUxZz09;> Meeting ID: 875 2224 7975, Passcode: 483559 and dial by your location +16465588656 Meeting ID: 875 2224 7975, Passcode: 483559.

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

Mayor Longobardi welcomed life scout Matt Santos, Floral Park Scout Troop 55, who is working on his citizenship badge. Trustee Pombonyo also recognized Matt for the award that he received from the Floral Park Lions Club for his essay on community service. Mayor Longobardi invited Matt to lead all in The Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence to remember all affected by COVID-19 and for the victims and 1<sup>st</sup> responders of September 11, 2001.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2020-161 to appoint Joan McAllister currently an Account Clerk in the Court office to the position of Clerk to the Village Justice to Village Justice Douglas J. Hayden at an annual salary of \$70,000.00 effective upon the approval of Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

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

Mayor Longobardi invited Village Justice Douglas Hayden to swear-in Joan McAllister as Clerk to Village Justice. The Mayor and Board of Trustees congratulated Joan and welcomed the McAllister family to the meeting followed by photos.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 18, 2020.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2020-162 to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable as follows:

General Fund	\$1,035,415.77
Pool Fund	<u>65,786.32</u>
TOTAL	\$1,101,202.09

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. 2020-163 to ratify and approve the extension of the Village Justice Court’s amnesty program for open parking tickets issued prior to March 16, 2020 and that went into effect on July 1, 2020 and be extended through September 15, 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. 2020-164 to surplus 6 wireless floor jacks for Auction Manufacturer is Gray Jack Co. Model #'s WPLS-160 , Hobbs Welder Generator Serial # AO2R318615 and Ranger Tire Changer model # R745 serial # 15599-03077 all items for auction.

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. 2020-165 to promote James Nelson currently a Sr. Auto Mechanic to Motor Repair Supervisor at an annual salary of \$90,000.00 effective upon the approval of Nassau County Civil Service Commission and subject to terms and conditions of CSEA's Supervisors' Unit Stipulation and Agreement.

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. 2020-166 to accept the letter of retirement from Police Sergeant Stephen Derenze effective July after nearly 31 years of service with the Village.

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. 2020-167 to award Joan McAllister a merit bonus award in the amount of \$5,000.00 for her outstanding service in the court office in the absence of Clerk to the Village Justice since February 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. 2020-168 to authorize the Village Administrator to sign the Civil Service Employees Benefit Plan Agreement for the Supervisors Unit's dental and optical plan rates through May 31, 2024.

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. 2020-169 to approve Brian Gallery and Wayne Maggio as new members of the Floral Park Fire Department with both candidates having received medical clearances from the Village physician and background checks by the Floral Park Police Department.

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 of Wednesday Mothers Club to use the Shelter House & Arts/Crafts Shelter at the Recreation Center on the dates listed in their request subject to receipt of certificate of insurance, COVID 19 protocols and CDC guidelines.

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of various sports organizations to use the Recreation Center's fields and meeting rooms on the dates listed in their request subject to receipt of certificate of insurance, COVID 19 protocols and CDC guidelines.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request of AHRC to use the Recreation Center on the dates in their request subject to receipt of certificate of insurance, COVID 19 protocols and CDC guidelines.

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

Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald reported that the Department of Public Works is in its final stages of restoration from the recent storm repairing curbs and sidewalks that were damaged. DPW will be line striping crosswalks and stop lines in anticipation of school re-openings. Storm drain projects in various locations throughout the Village are underway. The drainage project at Emerson/Lowell Avenues is almost complete except for the street repave, Depan/West Hitchcock Avenues is almost done and then they will move on to Crocus/Elm Avenues.

Finally, Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald offered a public service announcement to advise residents that the N-24 bus route on Jericho Turnpike has removed some stops in Floral Park as part of its streamlining of bus routes to hasten trips. N-24 bus service is still available to Floral Park, however, please visit [www.nicebus.com](http://www.nicebus.com) to review passenger information for the new bus schedule and bus stops that have recently gone into effect.

**Recreation and Pool Departments – Trustee Pombonyo**

Floral Park has begun its transition from summer to fall, especially at the pool and rec center. This summer's sunny season at the pool was enjoyed by all. The enthusiasm, spirit and cooperation have been awesome, thanks all around, and the final day of swimming for members and residents will be Labor Day.

If you've taken a trip to the park, especially during the evening hours, you will be amazed by the large number of residents and families who come to swim, play tennis and other sports, watch our Little League games, or simply stroll to take it all in. For a pleasant summer evening experience, try our own Village park. We're open until 10pm every night in September.

And, speaking of Little League, it's tournament time! Our baseball and softball teams have had exciting seasons, and our 10U and 12U baseball teams (athletes 8-10 and 10-12 years old) are successfully making their way through the playoffs, competing to win championships. (Breaking

news! Our 10U team just defeated Carle Place to win the District 29 championship. Very exciting, congratulations to all!) Other championship games and our Floral Park intra-league games are scheduled this week and next, with the season ending on September 14th.

Love baseball and softball? Come to cheer on our hometown teams. Tournament schedules will be posted on our Little League website at [floralparklittleleague.com](http://floralparklittleleague.com) . Good luck to all our champions!

Now, we're focusing on fall and Recreation Session I programs. For youth, there's Kids Zumba, Tiny Tots Gymnastics, Creative Yoga, Gardening and, new this year, Youth Tennis. For adults and seniors, there's Aerobics, Cardio Kickboxing & Toning, Interval Fitness Training, Yoga, Zumba, Knitting, Agility & Strengthening, Exercise, Gentle Movement and Tennis lessons. Registration will take place on September 16th and 17th at the rec center.

Watch for our Fall Recreation flyer and all the details on the Village website and email, and postings on our Village and Pool Facebook pages.

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

The Centennial Gardens' brick path and surrounding area are also bustling with activity every evening. Bicyclists and joggers enjoy rides and runs around the perimeter of the Gardens. Walkers on the path and others benefit from their outdoor fitness activities in the outer area as well. You can get a spectacular view of sunset from all spots, especially on the Floral Parkway side. Make your evening extra special with a trip to the outside of our beautiful Gardens.

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

It's back-to-school time, perfect for SHOPPING, DINING & TAKING OUT LOCAL! Visit our local businesses. It's convenient, enjoyable and productive.

### **Back-To-School – Trustee Pombonyo**

We wish our students of all ages a happy back-to-school season. Although 2020-21 will be a new experience, we wish everyone success and enjoyable times with friends. And, for all our motorists, please drive carefully. School is open. Keep our children safe.

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

The annual Knights of Columbus and Keith Fairben Blood Drive was held on Friday, August 28, 2020 at Our Lady of Victory. 182 appointments to donate blood were made and all scheduled openings were filled. There were some walk-ins and those individuals were not turned away. 182 pints of blood were collected. I have been informed that 182 pints of blood can be used to save approximately 550 lives. Thanks to all of the residents who donated to the Fire Department for organizing and assisting in this worthwhile and lifesaving endeavor.

Again, I wish to thank our volunteers from the Fire Department for the job they did to ensure the safety of our residents during and after Tropical Storm Isaias. As you will see from the Fire Department call numbers for the month of August, the entire department was extremely busy. Calls for the month: Rescue -82; Rest of Department – 33.

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

Work is continuing at the MTA substation on Plainfield Avenue. Retaining and sound wall work will commence on the north side Right of Way on or about September 21<sup>st</sup>. We have finished reviewing the landscaping plan for the intersection of Terrace and Plainfield Avenues and work there will commence shortly. Also, New Hyde Park Road has reopened for vehicular traffic.

### **CREW – Trustee Chiara**

The CREW committee is continuing its Jam sessions through the Fall Season. All young adults who play an instrument and have an interest in music are welcome to share this fun opportunity to hone their skills. Marco Conelli and friends will be jamming, sharing their expertise and experiences of playing in a band and songwriting. The sessions are every other Wednesday evening by the shelter house in the rec. center. Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm will be the next session.

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

The Building Department had its first in person Architectural Review Board meeting last Wednesday evening since the pandemic hit. All went extremely well due to the efforts of our

building staff, Renee and Lucille. They put a lot of energy into organizing and preparing for this meeting. Renee was able to electronically display the submitted plans of the applicants along with zooming the meeting to members that were not on site. It was a very well run, safe meeting with all the applicants leaving satisfied. Thanks.

**Library – Trustee Chiara**

The Library will be resuming its normal business hours next week, after Labor Day. Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays 10am to 9 pm, Wednesdays & Fridays 10am to 6pm, Saturdays 9am to 5pm and Sundays 1 to 5 pm. Masks must still be worn and please no congregating. Many library programs are still being offered virtually. On Friday, a Tinkerbelle type fairy will read a book to our little ones for a virtual story time on the library’s You Tube channel and Facebook page. Please check [www.floralparklibrary.org](http://www.floralparklibrary.org) for details on this event and for future events. The summer reading program has ended and all participants were entered into the Teen Summer Club raffle. Congratulations to Gabby Keeley, the winner of a goodies basket from the Tulip Sweet Shop.

**Mayor’s Report – Mayor Longobardi**

Mayor Longobardi commented that it is now September and that the Fall season is upon us. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many fall events are cancelled. The Village invites the residents to the annual September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance ceremony scheduled on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am at Village Hall.

Thank you to Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, the Floral Park Police Department and the Public Works Department for making the August 28<sup>th</sup> “Back the Blue” rally at Memorial Park safe and peaceful for all of those who participated.

Floral Park schools are opening and the buses will be running. Please drive safely and obey all STOP signs and speed limits. The Floral Park Police will be enforcing all traffic laws to protect the safety of all, especially the children. Please drive carefully.

The Village Election is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 from noon to 9PM. All polling locations have all COVID safety protocols in place to ensure a safe voting experience. There are two Trustee candidates on the ballot.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Andrew Weiss, Village Noise Abatement Officer who represents the Village along with Trustee Archie Cheng at the Town of Hempstead’s Town-Village Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC). Mayor Longobardi welcomed Elliot Weld from ‘Blank Slate Media’ (New Hyde Park Herald Courier). He also thanked Felix Procaccia from ‘Just the Facts Media’ for videotaping the Village meeting(s). Mayor Longobardi wished all of the residents well and reminded all to stay safe during the pandemic and continue to wear masks and socially distance responsibly. Please enjoy the rest of the summer. Thank you.

At 8:32 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 8:45 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, Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald (remotely), Trustees 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 potential litigation, and police 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 10:50 pm.

Susan Walsh, Village Clerk