

February 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on February 2, 2021 at 8pm. Mayor Longobardi announced that the meeting will be held by video and/or tele-conference as follows:

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82105985613?pwd=eENtRXZBRU13dTZ3a295cDZWL2xnUT09>

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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, Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Joe O'Grady, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, and Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus participated remotely.

The meeting opened with a Pledge to the Flag led by Tim Cuite.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 19, 2021.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2021-23 to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable as follows:

General Fund	\$	846,446.06
Pool Fund	\$	
Capital Fund	\$	<u>405,938.84</u>
Grand Total	\$	1,252,384.90

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. 2021-24 to authorize the Village Clerk to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Nassau County Board of Elections for use of their election equipment and issue certificate of insurance.

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. 2021-25 to hire Laura Avvinti as Clerk-Laborer in the Court Office at the contractual rate of \$38,929.00 effective February 16, 2021 subject to medical and drug/alcohol clearances and Nassau County Civil Service approval.

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. 2021-26 to approve the transfer of Danielle Ferreiro currently a Neighborhood Aide to the position of Clerk-Laborer in the Court Office effective February 17, 2021 at the contractual rate of \$38,929.00 subject to Nassau County Civil Service approval.

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. 2021-27 to approve the below individuals to be appointed as Inspectors of Election for the Village Election to be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, compensation of \$125.00 per diem on Election Day:

Bruce Behnke, Tina Cunnane, Sylvia Hubschman, Warren P. Hubschman, Anne Marie McGeever, Jeannette Newman, and Karen Tall;

Danielle Auguste, Florence DeVito, Angelo Ferrara, Grace Ferrara, Adrienne Smith, Gary Wargo, Vernon Ramroop, and 2 Inspectors TBD;

3 Alternate Inspectors: TBD;

and to appoint a Spanish translator, Jonathan Baffi, who will be available to assist Spanish speaking voters at the polls at the rate of \$125.00 per diem.

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. 2021-28 to award Kevin Bove, Building Inspector, five vacation days to his current vacation accrual balance each calendar year due to his commitment and outstanding service to Village residents.

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. 2021-29 to adopt Nassau County’s Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as Floral Park’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for a period of 5 years; authorizing as follows the adoption of the Nassau County Hazard Mitigation Plan:

WHEREAS, all of Nassau County has exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment and the County’s economy; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Nassau County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and create consistent mitigation strategies within Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the jurisdiction name:

- 1) Adopts in its entirety, the Nassau County Hazard Mitigation Plan (the “Plan”) as the jurisdiction’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.

- 2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
- 3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
- 4) Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.
- 5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.
- 6) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
- 7) Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

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. 2021-30 to approve the retirement pay of retired Police Officer Michael Hearne effective January 22, 2021 in accordance with terms and conditions of the PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Employee's Name: Michael Hearne		Retirement Date: 1/22/2021	
Hire Date: 8/8/1989	Years of Service: 31	207c: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	I-1/No
<i>1st Day Absent on W.Comp Sick Leave:</i>			
Vacation Earned			
(28) vacation days reimbursed for 1st year of service:			
Daily rate	649.88	x	28 days \$18,196.64
Termination Pay: 5 days per years of service			
		Years of Service:	31
*255 rate	Daily rate x	538.89 x 7 days x year of service:	35 \$18,861.15
*232 rate	Daily rate:	592.31 21 days x year of service:	105 \$62,192.55
232 rate	Daily rate:	609.02 1 days x year of service:	5 \$3,045.10
232 rate	Daily rate:	632.15 1 days x year of service:	5 \$3,160.75
232 rate	Daily rate:	649.88 1 days x year of service:	5 \$3,249.40 \$90,508.95
Comp Time:			
<i>Hours</i>			
255 rate	Daily rate	538.89 x days	0 0 \$0.00
232 rate	Daily rate	649.88 x days	0.02 0.15 \$13.00 \$13.00
Sick Time: <i>Paid 1/2 of time in sick bank to a maximum of 220 days</i>			
	Days	Hours	Daily Rate
Start (12/31/17):	380.50	3044	Current: 649.88
Accrued:	80.00	640	5/31/2020: 632.15
Used:	25.38	203	5/31/2019: 609.02
Current Accrual:	54.60	437.00	5/31/2018: 592.31
Total Accrual:	435.10	3480.8	217.6 \$131,220.51
		Total Termination Pay	\$ 239,939.10
		6 Equal Lump Payments	\$ 39,989.85
The following paid benefits are realized in employee's final paycheck:			
**Vacation	Daily rate: 649.88	Hours Used: 0	Balance: 28 Days \$18,196.64
Training Days	Daily rate: 649.88 x	0 Days	\$0.00
**Personal Days	0 Days		
5 days per fiscal year/non cumulative			
Daily rate:	649.88	x balance of unused personal days	\$0.00
**Holiday Pay	Thanksgiving <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Martin Luther King <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Flag Day <input type="checkbox"/>
	Thanksgiving (Fri) <input type="checkbox"/>	Presidents Day <input type="checkbox"/>	2nd Half Independence Day <input type="checkbox"/>
	1st Half Christmas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Memorial Day <input type="checkbox"/>	December Labor Day <input type="checkbox"/>
	June New Years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Columbus Day <input type="checkbox"/>
# Holidays earned through date of retirement:			
Daily rate:	649.88	x # of holidays	5 \$3,249.40
1/2 Daily/Hourly rate:	40.62	x holidays worked (hours)	12 \$487.41
Chart Days (Lt. & Def.)			
Daily rate:	649.88	0 x Days	\$0.00
Give-Back Time - 20 hours annually			
Less give-back time (if applies)			
Less: # hours unused	20	x Daily/Hourly Rate	81.24 \$1,624.70
		Total Amount due in final Paycheck	\$ 20,308.75
Supervisor's Signature	<i>Thomas J. Longobardi</i>		Date: 02/05/2021

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. 2021-31 to re-adopt the Bond Resolution (2020-236) which was previously adopted on December 15, 2020 authorizing the acquisition and installation of Police Department CAD system in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK, ADOPTED DECEMBER 15, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT CAD SYSTEM, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$120,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Floral Park, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to acquire and install Police Department CAD system, including hardware, software and other related expenses. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$120,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$120,000 bonds of the Village to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$120,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 25 of the Law, is ten (10) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, to publish or cause to be published, in full, in the "*The Herald Courier*" a newspaper having a general circulation within said Village and hereby designated the official newspaper of the Village for such publication, and posted in at least six (6) public places and in each polling place in the Village.

Section 8. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, after said bond resolution shall take effect, to cause said bond resolution to be published, in summary, in the newspaper referred to in Section 7 hereof, and hereby designated the official newspaper for said publication, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.

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

The resolution was declared adopted.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2021-32 to re-adopt the Bond Resolution (No. 2020-232) which was previously adopted on December 15, 2020 authorizing the construction of improvements to the Recreation Department HVAC System not to exceed \$100,000.

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK, NEW YORK, ADOPTED DECEMBER 15, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT HVAC SYSTEM, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$100,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Floral Park, in the County of Nassau, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to construct improvements to the Recreation Department HVAC system. The estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$100,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$100,000 bonds of the Village to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. Bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$100,000 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance said appropriation.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 13 of the Law, is ten (10) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to executing agreements for credit enhancement, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

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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

The resolution was declared adopted.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2021-33 to acknowledge the filing of the 2021/22 Tentative Assessment Roll with the Village Clerk on Monday, February 1, 2021 in accordance with the provisions of Section 305 of the Real Property Tax Law.

**2021/2022
Tentative Assessment Roll**

	Tax Roll 2020 Total Assessment		207,781,351				Changes
	2020 Special Franchise	7.18	(2,700,386)		Sp. Franchises		(130,793)
	2021 Special Franchise	6.74	2,569,593		Small Claims		0
	2020 Changes in Assessment		378,570		Certiorari		-90,440
					Assessment		469,010
	2021 Total Assessment Value		208,029,128				378,570
LESS EXEMPTIONS							
CODE	Exemption	#	Exemption Total	Prior Year			Change
13100	County Owned Property	7	1,120,600				
13650	Village Owned Property	38	3,705,810				
13800	School Owned Property	6	5,571,850				
11410	US Post Office	1	415,800				
18130	Industrial Development Co/PILOT	0	0				
21600	Parsonages	3	127,200				
25110	Church Owned Property	19	2,878,975				
25307	Non-Profit Public Corps	5	220,600				
26100	Veterans Organization	1	33,350				
27200	Railroad Property	4	1,455,700				
41103	Veterans Eligible Funds	99	306,100	332,125			-26,025
41123	Veterans Basic Non Combat	219	281,626	288,126			-6,500
41133	Veterans Combat	127	278,640	280,840			-2,200
41143	Veterans Disabled	39	175,485	178,935			-3,450
41163	Veterans Cold War	26	26,190	25,220			970
41173	Veterans Cold War Disability	3	9,414	9,414			0
41400	Clergy Owned Homes	6	9,000	9,000			0
41687	Volunteer Fire Dept	81	22,446	20,898			1,548
41807	Senior Citizens	91	1,267,161	1,413,337			-146,176
41907	Handicapped Improvement	5	18,310	18,310			0
47760	Tel Street Equip/Utility Property	1	942,300	942,300			0
							0
					Total Changes		-181,833
	Total Exemptions		18,866,557				0
	Taxable Value 2020		189,162,571				
	Taxable Value 2019		188,732,961				
			429,610				

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. 2021-34 to approve the list of 100 members of the Floral Park Fire Department 2020 Service Award Program who achieved 50 points or more at a cost of \$70,000.00 and authorize the Mayor and Board of Trustees to sign the Sponsor Approval Form upon the thirty-day posting and send to Penflex.

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. 2021-35 to extend the amnesty program for parking summons for the Floral Park Justice Court to February 28, 2021 previously ended January 31, 2021.

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 ratified and approved the request of the Girl Scouts to use the parking lot at the Recreation Center on Saturday, January 30, 2021 from 8 am to 11 am for a cookie pick-up and receipt of Certificate of Insurance and in accordance with CDC and DOH guidelines.

Trustee Cheng: I so move

Trustee Chiara: I so move

Mayor Longobardi: Any discussion? All in favor, “Aye”, against “Nay”, CARRIED.

Trustee Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2021-36 to promote Domenick Cangemi to the position of Auto Mechanic Aide at the contractual annual rate of \$48,272.00 subject to approval of the 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

Department of Public Works – Deputy Mayor Fitzgerald

In regards to DPW, it has been a very busy couple of days due to the snow storm. I’d like to quickly walk through a timeline of the storm over the last 48 hours. At 9PM Sunday night, DPW crews pre-treated the roads. Around 2AM Monday morning when snow levels reached 4 inches, the DPW crews started plowing. At 4AM, the full operation of plowing through the night began. At 7AM we started picking up garbage and recycling as scheduled. Plowing continued all the way through 4AM this morning so the full operation was going for a minimum of 24 hours; inclusive of the pre-treating, we are looking at somewhere in the neighborhood of 36 hours. This morning, once again, as scheduled we picked up garbage and recycling. At 8AM, the team started to do clean-ups of the intersections. It was a tremendous job. The Mayor, myself, Superintendent Ginnane, were out last night looking at all of the work. At 9PM last night, there was still a lot of work to get done. This morning you could see the difference that was made. I would just like to point out that it is not just the roads that the Village is responsible for. It is also all of the properties, the sidewalks around the properties, the pocket parks, the Library and obviously the Firehouses, which are very important spots.

I think this storm as I was out driving around last night, that one of the biggest differences I noticed was there were hardly, if any, cars on the street. That made a really big difference for the teams that are plowing; and that will make a bigger difference if there is another storm behind this storm. They were able to open up the roads to allow the residents to transverse the roads but more importantly the emergency vehicles.

There is still plenty of work to be done. They called it night a little while ago. They will be out there tomorrow morning. I really want to give a sincere thank you to the entire department for working the last 36 hours for getting the Village to where it is now. And especially a big thank you to DPW Superintendent Kevin Ginnane for orchestrating the entire operation – great job. Thank you.

Recreation Department - Trustee Pombonyo

With February comes the start of our Winter Session II Youth, Adult and Senior Recreation Programs. Get fit and have fun with indoor, outdoor and virtual classes - aerobics, yoga, zumba and tennis, to name a few. Register on February 10th and 11th at the Rec Center. See the flyer that comes in your mail or on the Village of Floral Park, Recreation Department website. For information and assistance, call 326-6336.

Conservation Society - Trustee Pombonyo

Save the dates for the global Great Backyard Bird Count right here in our very own Centennial Gardens on Friday, February 12th, noon to 4pm; Saturday, February 13th, noon to 1pm; and Sunday, February 14th, 1 to 2pm. Come to the main gate on Floral Parkway and join your neighbors and friends to see and hear local ornithology expert and enthusiast Don Haug tell the fascinating stories of the many species of birds who call Centennial Gardens home or stop there during their travels. If you're a child or teen, bring your camera and enter your favorite bird photo in our Great Backyard Bird Count contest. To learn more about this very special event, check the beautiful Floral Park Centennial Gardens Facebook page, the Conservation Society website at fpgarden.org and the global website at birdcount.org for fabulous facts and photos.

Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce and Our Businesses - Trustee Pombonyo

Regarding the September 27th fire follow-up, please refer to the Village of Floral Park website Village News for a January 27th Building Department summary of recent fire restoration activity. As of now, the asbestos abatement has been completed. Monday's snowstorm may delay debris clean-up until the contractors once again have safe access to the buildings. As the interior debris is fully removed, the property owners' architects will continue to work with Renee Marcus, our Building Department Superintendent, to develop plans for the future use of the property, the details of which remain uncertain until the viability of the remaining parts of the structure is fully assessed.

And, today, as we all get back to normal after the big snowstorm and thank our Village DPW staff for spending over thirty-six hours clearing snow from our streets, visit our local businesses. You won't have to drive very far to SHOP, DINE AND TAKE OUT LOCAL. Enjoy winter in the Village of Floral Park, it's beautiful!

Fire Department – Trustee Cheng

Thank you to DPW for the snow removal at all of the Village Firehouse. The Fire Department calls for the month of January were Rescue-92; rest of Department-24.

As a reminder, if there is a fire hydrant in front of your house, please clear snow in a three (3) foot radius of the hydrant and create a path from the street to the hydrant. Every second counts in responding to a fire. The officer and the chauffeur may not know the location of the nearest hydrant and even if they do, members have to waste valuable time to dig out the hydrant. If the nearest hydrant on your block has not been dug out, please “adopt” that hydrant and do the job your neighbor couldn't or wouldn't. This act might save you or your neighbors.

Third Track & LIRR – Trustee Cheng

Bird netting will be installed underneath the newly modified Plainfield Avenue Bridge this month. Intermittent lane closures will be necessary to facilitate this work.

Crews are continuing the process of testing the new Floral Park Station elevators to ensure complete functionality and that safety requirements are met. The elevators are expected to be open for public use this winter.

Retaining wall construction is underway along the Hempstead Branch, from Tunnel Street heading east into the sump along the north side of the tracks. This retaining wall is being installed to support new railroad switches on the Hempstead Branch and will allow trains to move from track to track more easily. Throughout the month of February, crews will continue to set steel posts, pour concrete, and set wall panels along the right-of-way. Retaining wall construction is beginning along the right-of-way, on the south side of the tracks, from Carnation Avenue to Childs Avenue. As a result, Atlantic Avenue, between Carnation Avenue and Childs Avenue, will be limited to local traffic only for the duration of this activity. Permanent wooden utility poles have been installed along the railroad right-of-way throughout the Village of Floral Park. Crews will safely relocate cables from temporary poles to permanent poles. Once utility lines have been relocated, temporary utility poles will begin to be removed throughout the Village. Intermittent lane closures may be necessary in order to facilitate this work and heavy construction equipment including cranes, bucket trucks, and more will be utilized.

Police Department – Trustee Chiara

Our Police Department continues to increase traffic enforcement efforts to keep our streets safe and to help with a reduction of vehicle accident. Recently the Department conducted a Truck Safety Inspection where 75 summonses were issued. Hopefully this will send a strong message that unsafe trucks will not be tolerated in our Village.

Last year Governor Cuomo directed all Police Departments in New York State to conduct an inclusive process as part of the “New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative.” We here in the Village of Floral Park formed a committee, a cross sections of individuals who are representative of our community. The committee, with the assistance of guidelines issued by the State, has met a number of times. During these meetings the members discussed the Floral Park Police Department’s current policies and practices relative to how they meet the needs of our community. A draft document is being created that will eventually be ratified and adopted by our local government, then submitted to the State.

Most importantly, BEFORE, being ratified and submitted to the State, this draft document will be distributed to our residents for review and input. Our residents will have the opportunity to make comments, recommendations, and ask questions concerning the Village’s Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. Residents who wish to participate will be able to do so by sending in their comments, suggestions or questions to the committee via an established email address. There will also be a meeting scheduled for an open forum to discuss the presented document.

I would like to encourage all residents to take some time to read this draft document and participate in the process. It is a good opportunity to learn about how our Police Department is currently performing their duties and how they interact with our community. All recommendations, questions and comments are welcome.

Library – Trustee Chiara

The library is encouraging all its patrons to continually check their Library homepage for updates on their offered programs. New and exciting program are scheduled throughout the month. The Library will be closed on Presidents Day, February 15, 2021.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Longobardi

Mayor Longobardi thanked the Floral Park Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department and Village staff for their outstanding efforts during the storm. This coordinated response kept the residents safe and sound, the roads open, and the ability to provide emergency response up to par. Accomplishing this is no easy feat and takes a lot of effort and tireless dedication by all officers and employees involved. It is still snowing as I speak, and again thank you to everyone for an amazing job. Thank you and stay safe.

At 8:24 pm on motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board closed the business meeting and opened to the public.

At 8:35 pm Trustee Fitzgerald motioned to go into Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and carried unanimously, the Board went into Executive Session remotely. 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, and Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister.

The Village Board discussed police, fire department 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 10:00 pm.

Susan Walsh
Village Clerk