

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK
Board of Trustees Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 8PM
Village Hall Courtroom
LIMITED SEATING IS AVAILABLE - FACE MASKS REQUIRED WHEN ENTERING THE BUILDING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 17, 2021 at 8pm. Mayor Longobardi announced that the meeting will be held by video and tele-conference as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87154315895?pwd=akI4OXQzSnRrY1hCSVk0V2tNSEtUT09>

Meeting ID: 871 5431 5895; Passcode: 971981. Dial +1 646 558 8656 US (New York): Meeting ID: 871 5431 5895; Passcode: 971981.

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 Joseph O’Grady, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, and Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus were in attendance.

The Mayor and Board of Trustees met prior to the meeting to certify the results of the March 16, 2021 Village Election. Results are attached and filed in the office of the Village Clerk.

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

Mayor Longobardi asked for a moment of silence to remember his mother, Louise Longobardi and his mother-in-law, Annette Giaccone, both having passed away earlier in the day.

On motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 2, 2021; the Public Information Meeting – Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative held on March 3, 2021; and Work Session held on March 11, 2021.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2021-48 to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable as follows:

General Fund	\$1,231,498.68
Pool Fund	48.82
Capital Fund	\$ 481.57
Total	\$ 1,232,029.07

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. 2021-49 to certify the 2021/22 Final Assessment Roll in accordance with the Real Property Tax Law, Section 1410.

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. 2021-50 to acknowledge the receipt of Village of Floral Park Financial Statements as of May 31, 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. 2021-51 to surplus the 1989 John Deere Payloader Vin #DW544EB522217 and 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. 2021-52 to award the Yard Waste Bid Contract to Westbury Paper Stock and authorize Village Administrator or Mayor to sign said contract.

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. 2021-53 to introduce proposed Local Law #1 of 2021 to authorize the Village Board, if necessary, to override the tax cap imposed by the State of New York, which is presently 2.54% for Floral Park.

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. 2021-54 to determine that proposed Local Law #1 of 2021 authorizing the Village Board, if necessary, to override the tax cap imposed by the State of New York, which is presently 2.54% for Floral Park, is an unlisted action and will not have a significant effect on the environment as that term is defined in SEQRA.

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. 2021-55 to accept the resignation of Kyle DeLalla, Laborer in Public Works Department, effective March 12, 2021 and authorize payment of his earned accruals in accordance with CSEA contract as follows:

Unused sick days 5.55 @ daily rate of \$161.69 =	\$ 897.38
1 Personal day @ daily rate of \$ 161.69 =	<u>\$ 161.69</u>
Total payment	\$1,059.07

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 Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board approved to the requests for use of public facilities as follows:

- Our Lady of Victory School to use the Recreation Center on Thursday,

- May 27, 2021 (RD Tuesday, 6/1) to hold their annual field day subject to CDC and NC Dept of Health guidelines and certificate of insurance;
- Floral Park Little League to use the Recreation Center's fields to host a Michael Davidson Father's Day Weekend Tournament on June 18, 2021 through June 20, 2021 subject to CDC and NC Dept of Health guidelines and certificate of insurance;
 - Our Lady of Victory Church to use Memorial Park on Friday, April 2, 2021 from 12 noon through 3 pm to hold the Stations of the Cross services subject to CDC and NC Dept of Health guidelines and certificate of insurance;
 - Floral Park Little League to use the Recreation Center's fields for their Spring season subject to CDC and NC Dept of Health guidelines and certificate of insurance;
 - Floral Park Little League Caravan Parade on Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 9 am with a car parade route throughout the Village beginning at FPBS subject to CDC and NC Dept of Health guidelines and certificate of insurance;
 - Girl Scouts to use Carlton Street Parking Field on Saturday, March 20th and Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 9 am to 1 pm to have a drive-through Girl Scout cookie sale fundraiser subject to CDC and NC Dept of Health guidelines and certificate of insurance;
 - Boy Scouts to use Firefighters' Hall on Wednesday evenings on April 7th, 21st, 28th, May 5th, 19th, 26th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th subject to CDC and NC Dept of Health guidelines and certificate of insurance and confirmation from the Fire Department of dates availability;
 - Floral Park Little League to use Recreation Center to hold their annual 'Pitch Hit Run' Contest immediately following the caravan parade on April 17, 2021 subject to CDC and NC Dept of Health guidelines and certificate of insurance and confirmation from the Fire Department of dates availability.

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2021-56 to approve John Paul Charny as a new member of the Floral Park Volunteer Fire Department since he received medical clearance and background check by the Floral Park Police Department.

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. 2021-57 to adopt resolution to add School Speed Limits in accordance with Chapter 96-6 in the area designated below:

<u>On</u>	<u>Intersection</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Speed Limit</u>
Plainfield Ave	Between Tulip Ave and Vandewater Ave	North and South	20mph

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. 2021-58 to permit the Nassau County Board of Elections to use Reliance Firehouse, 3 Holland Avenue, for a polling location for the Primary Elections on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 and General Elections on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at a fee of \$70.00 per day and to authorize the Village Clerk to sign Polling Place Agreement.

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. 2021-59 to adopt the final Floral Park Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan and submit final report to the State of New York no later than April 1, 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

Trustee Cheng offered Resolution No. 2021-60 to approve James Curry, a part-time Laborer to be hired as a full-time Laborer in the Public Works Department at the contractual rate of \$37,372.00 as per the CSEA collective bargaining agreement and subject to Civil Service guidelines.

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. 2021-61 to authorize the payments of the two following tax certiorari settlements:

1. Florence Street Realty (15 Florence Street) settlement payment in the amount of \$6,000.00 as per stipulation covering tax year through 2019/20;
2. Barbara Falanga/43 Atlantic Avenue settlement payment in the amount of \$4,200.00 as per stipulation covering tax year covering tax year through 2019/20.

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. 2021-62 to approve the taxi cab licenses from Triple A Taxi listed below since each driver received clearance from the Floral Park Police Department: Salvatore Dispenza, Joseph Joy, Sarwan Singh, Guillermo Escobar, and Donald Adams.

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

BOARD REPORTS

Our Condolences - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

We send our sympathy and love to the extended Longobardi family for the March 17th passings of both Mrs. Annette Giaccone and Mrs. Louise Longobardi. Annette is the mother of Mrs. Denise Longobardi, our Mayor's wife. Louise is the wife of longtime resident Dominick Longobardi Sr., and the mother of Mayor Dominick Longobardi and former FP FD Chief Michael Longobardi. These two very special grandmothers will be missed.

Thank You - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Thank you all for coming out to vote in Tuesday's election. It is an honor for Mayor-elect Fitzgerald, Trustee Chiara and me to serve you for two more years, along with Trustee Cheng.

Recreation Department - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Spring is coming to the Rec Center, Pool and Centennial Gardens. Basketball has returned to the park. Under new guidelines, ten may play full court and six or three-on-three, half court. Spectators should wear masks. We expect to open volleyball soon. Park-goers should carry their 2021 resident leisure passes or 2020 pool passes.

Floral Park Little League will begin its 2021 season with an auto parade traveling through all four areas of the Village on Saturday, April 17th. Following the parade, an exciting pitch, hit and run contest and homerun derby will take place at the park, all adhering to Little League protocols, following CDC and Board of Health regulations.

Looking farther into the spring, we hope to open the pool on time and are awaiting updated CDC and Board of Health regulations for the 2021 season.

Conservation Society - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Conservation Society volunteers, the Parks Department, Department of Public Works and Con-Kel Landscaping are getting Centennial Gardens ready for an April 1st opening. Over 500 guests visited the Gardens on Thanksgiving weekend 2020 before it closed for the winter, and we look forward to all 500 and more returning for 2021. Our Gardening For Kids winter/spring recreation program class for those ages three through ten begins at the Gardens this Saturday, March 20th. Lots of fun exploring nature for all!

Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce and Our Businesses - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

As you know, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) approved the design for the building which will replace ten of the businesses that sustained severe fire damage on September 27th. The new design is one story high with similar architectural features as other businesses on the Avenue. Our Building Department expects that the next round of construction drawings, including further structural details, inferior fixtures, utilities, code compliance, etc., will be submitted in the coming weeks.

The Building Department and the Department of Public Works have contacted the Nassau County Department of Transportation to determine if there are viable options to the chain-link fencing currently surrounding the fire properties and reconstruction area. To date, there has not been a response. Safety in front of the damaged businesses remains a high priority.

As we look forward to spring, please SHOP AND DINE LOCAL in the beautiful weather. Board approval for outdoor dining at our Floral Park restaurants was effective this past Monday evening, so enjoy!

Fire Department – Trustee Archie Cheng

Unfortunately, another fire badly damaged a home yesterday evening. Our Department, assisted by New Hyde Park, Stewart Manor, South Floral Park & Elmont were at the scene and again we bore witness to their bravery and commitment. This home was in very close proximity to neighboring houses and those neighboring homes did not suffer damage. The preliminary cause appears to be careless smoking. I urge all of our residents to practice fire safety, check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, be extremely careful when using open flames or cooking, purchase a fire extinguisher and have an evacuation plan in place in the event of fire.

Our Fire Department is actively recruiting new members. Training for new and long-time members has been curtailed due to the pandemic. Each of our five companies are anxiously looking forward to the reopening of Fire School this summer. This is a great time to join and become one of our greatest volunteers. Also, please remember that the Department is still in their fundraising season. Please contribute if you possibly can. Calls for the month of February: Rescue-82; Rest of Department-18

LIRR Third Track – Trustee Archie Cheng

If you have not heard already, 3TC, the third track contractors, have been shut down temporarily by the MTA due to two major incidents in Mineola regarding safety. The first incident was the demolition of an old structure while workers were still inside. The trapped individuals had to escape through a window. Luckily there were no injuries. The second involved the electrocution of a worker when a crane hit high voltage lines. That worker is in the hospital in serious but stable condition. Due to this shutdown, my updates tonight are subject to change. 3TC is planning to transport a new substation through Floral Park via Tulip and Covert Avenues to New Hyde Park next week. Bird netting is still scheduled to be installed underneath the newly modified Plainfield Avenue Bridge and intermittent lane closures will be necessary to facilitate this work. As of this date, the elevators have not been turned over to the MTA.

The long awaited sound and retaining wall construction behind the homes of Charles Street has also been delayed. The current plan, subject to date changes are as follows: During a complete track outage on the weekends of April 24 and June 10, there will be drilling and the installation of support posts. This work is planned to be done all day and all night. Approximately one month after that is completed, the installation of the actual sound/retaining wall will begin with a hopeful completion date of mid-August. Finally, the temporary poles on the Village side of the main line Right Of Way will be removed during the first half of April.

Floral Park Library – Trustee Frank Chiara

The Crew committee, in conjunction with the Library and the Rec Center is offering a children's workshop, a series on social and emotional learning. It will be an interactive workshop tailored for children ages 6-8 years old. The focus will be on establishing self-management, relationship building and conflict resolution skills. The presenter is Theresa Stalewitz, a NYS School Psychologist. It will be held at the Rec Center in the pool building on Mondays from 4pm - 4:45 pm starting on March 29 thru May 24, 2021. Registration is required and due to the current COVID restrictions, a limited amount of participants will be able to attend each session. Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced. Registration and information on this program can be found at FloralParkLibrary.org. The Library is now busy planning outdoor lawn programs beginning in May. Please check the Library's calendar of events for further information.

Floral Park Police Department – Trustee Frank Chiara

Tonight, we adopted a resolution to increase the area of the School Speed Zone on Plainfield Ave. It will now run from Vandewater Ave. to Tulip Ave. This resolution was adopted to increase safety on Plainfield Ave., with the hope of avoiding any future accidents on this busy thoroughfare. The safety of our students attending Floral Park Memorial High School, Our Lady of Victory School and all of our residents is always a major concern of our Police Department and our Village Board. This resolution is one measure to address our concern. The posted speed will be 20 MPH during the school hours of 7am to 6pm. Thank you to Commissioner McAllister for moving this action along.

The New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative for our Village Police Department has been finalized and now, after the Board accepted it tonight, will be sent to Albany by April 1st. I would like to thank our Police Department, the Committee who assisted with the entire process and all the residents who have partaken. Your comments, questions and participation made it a valuable endeavor. This completed document illustrates how fortunate we are here in our Village to have our own well trained, community service Police Department. Our Police are committed to keep our community safe and are continually being recognized for doing so. We are one of the safest places to live in the country. Thank You to our Police Department, you have the Village's support and the Village recognizes the tremendous value of your service to our community.

Building Department – Trustee Frank Chiara

The Floral Blvd reconstruction project will commence on April 1st. Completing the concrete work, drainage installations and the repaving of the entire Blvd. will be the final phase of this project. There will be periodic closures and/or detours during this phase. Residents who live on Floral Blvd will be notified of any and all changes to Blvd access. All Village residents will also be notified of any changes to traffic patterns on the Village website.

I would like to THANK all the residents who supported us, Kevin for Mayor, Lynn and myself for Trustee, by coming out to vote in Tuesday's Village election. Your support is greatly appreciated and we are eager to continue our service to this wonderful community. Thank you to the Citizens Party for all your efforts and support with the election. Congratulations to Kevin and Lynn, I am looking forward to our continued partnership on the Village Board to keep the Village of Floral Park a great place to live and raise a family.

Thank You – Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald

Thank you to all of the residents for voting for Trustees Lynn Pombonyo, Frank Chiara and myself in Tuesday's election. It is an honor to be elected Mayor and I look forward to continue working with you and the Board to the serve the Village.

Department of Public Works - Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald

Just a quick thing to report. At the last meeting, I reported that DPW is planting trees this Spring. If you would like a tree, please contact DPW at 516-326-6320 to be added to the list. Thank you.

Mayor Dominick Longobardi

This is my last meeting as presiding Mayor. Thank you to the citizens of Floral Park who voted in Tuesday's election. Congratulations to Mayor – Elect Kevin, and Trustees Lynn and Frank on their election. The Village is in good hands. It has been an honor and a privilege to fulfill a personal dream of mine of being the Mayor of Floral Park. Floral Park is truly the greatest place to live. I have had the good fortune to work with the greatest team of Trustees anyone could ever work with. We faced many unforeseen challenges and we always stuck together. Floral Park is made up of so many phenomenal groups of volunteers who make Floral Park the special place that it is. They spend time away from their families with no remuneration to be firefighters, members of civic associations, and participate in the youth groups and countless other organizations and committees, all for Floral Park.

Thank you to all of the employees who work at the Village of Floral Park in all of its departments, and especially to the department heads for all of your contributions and dedication to the Village. You should be beyond proud of your service in all that you do. Floral Park has the best Police Department, Administration,

Justice Court, Recreation Center, Library, Building Department and Department of Public Works anywhere. Thank you to the Floral Park Fire Department and to all of its Fire Chiefs and the Rescue Squad for caring for our residents, and especially for my family members recently. Thank you again to the best team of Trustees anywhere. Finally, thank you to my family – I have the greatest family - my two children, Krista and Nick and my wonderful wife, Denise who supported me and sacrificed for me so that I could live my dream. Thank you to all of my extended family - too many to mention, except my brother Mike, and my Dad, Dominick who both are here; and to my Mom, Louise, I love you and I hope I made you proud. Floral Park is truly the greatest place to live. Thank you.

Tributes To Mayor Dominick A. Longobardi

Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald (Mayor - Elect)

Deputy Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald addressed Mayor Dominick Longobardi. As this is your last Board meeting as Mayor I would like to take a few minutes to look back on your term. It is often said that it is not the destination but the journey; I think that there is no better way to describe your term as Mayor. During this memorable journey not only have we been through a lot together, which I will remember as a learning experience on a whole host of topics – some Village-related, some personal. I will fondly remember the numerous laughs we shared. However, I do believe that most importantly during the past four years you were able to keep all the things we cherish about Floral Park the same, all while adapting to the changing world around us. You were able to adeptly and successfully tackle significant unforeseen challenges that have faced this Village. Floral Park is certainly a better place because of your services.

In closing, I would like to say thank for allowing me to be a part of this truly unbelievable ride, thank you and your family for your time, efforts and personal sacrifices that you made on behalf of Floral Park and its residents, and lastly, thank you for your friendship. It is a priceless commodity that I will always treasure. Thank you Mr. Mayor.

Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Dominick, tonight we are here to honor you, salute you, recognize you, thank you, express our love and best wishes to you, and so much more. You have been a passionate advocate, strong force, skilled leader, and cherished friend in Floral Park for your entire life. With about 16,000 residents and many more business owners here, I bet almost all of us can tell a story, many very humorous I'm sure, about how Mayor Longobardi or Dom has been there for us and touched our lives in truly significant ways.

Personally, I go back thirty years exactly, to 1991, with Dominick and Denise and a spaghetti dinner that I think was held in Centennial Hall. Time brings many amazing surprises through the years of coming to Floral Park, first to visit, for wonderful events and adventures to later working with Trustee Longobardi as he fiercely supported our students, schools and education, and many joyful moments with Nick and Krista at the Floral Park-Bellerose School and Floral Park Memorial, then Scranton. And now, many of us have been blessed to be there as Dominick's and Denise's family grew up.

One never knows where she will end up. Dominick, sitting beside you at this dais for the past six and a half years is something I never could have imagined in a million years, but would not trade for anything.

To the Village Board and this entire Village, you are a great leader and cherished friend. You and former Mayor Kevin Greene have promised to return to the back of this room on the first and third Tuesday of every month to sell popcorn, possibly throwing it at us if you think we deserve it. We'll welcome you with lots of smiles.

We wish you, Denise, Nick, Krista and your Dad, also known as "The Original," this. May your beautiful extended family be blessed with all you have given us. We will lovingly remember Annette and Louise. You will all hold a special place in our Village, our lives and our hearts always, God bless.

Trustee Archie Cheng

Between the Floral Park-Bellerose School Board, the Sewanhaka Central High School Board and our Village Board, I have had the honor and pleasure of representing the residents of our great village for approximately 24 years. I have worked with School Board presidents who worked hard and accomplished great things. But, I have also worked with school board members who wanted to be president merely for the title. I am happy to say that our present Mayor is one that worked hard and accomplished great things.

Our Village has been blessed to have Dominick Longobardi for our Mayor the past 4 years and as a Trustee since 2009. Dom exemplifies what it takes to be a leader. He is civic minded, has business acumen, is engaged in many different organizations, has demonstrated his ability to understand the pulse of the village, to reflect on issues and select the right and best course of action, and then to roll up his sleeves and put in the hard work required to achieve his vision and truly represent our village's residents. But more importantly, he has the

ability to work together with our 'Type A' personalities, to accept compromise and work towards consensus and implement ideas. He may not necessarily agree with a board decision, but has always been willing to accept that decision because it is based on our collective experience and the differing viewpoints we all bring to the table.

Dom, it has been a pleasure and an honor to have worked with you these past 5 plus years and my best wishes to you and your family.

Trustee Frank Chiara

Thank you Dom for all that you have done and I am sure will continue to do for our Village. Over your many years of service, you have contributed so much to our Village and by doing so along with all of your leadership skills, the Village is a great place to live and raise a family. As you often mentioned, while growing up in the Village, it was always your dream to be of service and become the Village's Mayor. We are so very fortunate that your dream came true.

Your passion and commitment to the Village is always so apparent whenever you speak of the Village, even though we often try to cut you short. There is no better spokesperson or cheerleader that our Village could have. Your knowledge of the history of our Village along with your life experiences is so invaluable to our community. I know you will continue your service to our community and be here for us by unselfishly sharing your wisdom and expertise.

Every team has a leader, guiding the team through its ups and downs. You are a proven leader, always permitting your team to offer opinions, listening to them before putting a plan in place. Your leadership style is a very successful method to accomplish any goal and what you have accomplished here within the Village is a testament to that.

I have been very fortunate to be mentored by you. Your welcoming way always made me feel that I was an integral part of a great team. You guided me and allowed me to grow into this Trustee position. Known affectionately as the "Baby Trustee", I may not be willing to give up this title. But as your "Baby Trustee" I will never be able to THANK YOU enough for sharing and nurturing me and showing me the best way to serve our community.

You have provided this Village Board and our Village with a strong foundation and with this foundation we will continue to move in a positive direction, to keep this Village a great place to live and raise a family.

My family and I myself cannot thank you, and your entire family, enough for all the service you have provided to make this a wonderful Village community. Thank you for your friendship!! God Bless You and Your Family!!

Susan Walsh, Village Clerk

Mayor Longobardi, may I add that on behalf of the Building, Court, Fire, Library, Police, Public Works, and Recreation/Pool Departments, we wish you, Denise and your entire family all the best and that you will be sorely missed.

Gerard Bambrick, Village Administrator

Thank you Dominick, it has been a pleasure working with you. You did a great job!

John Ryan, Village Attorney

Thank you Mr. Mayor. It has been an honor and a privilege. Great job – I wish you the best.

Mayor Dominick A. Longobardi

Thank you to all of the employees who work at the Village of Floral Park in all of its departments, and especially to the department heads for all of your contributions and dedication to the Village. You should be beyond proud of your service in all that you do. Floral Park has the best Police Department, and Floral Park is designated as one of the safest places to live. Special thanks to Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister for his leadership and to your entire Police Department who serve and protect us every day. Thank you to the Floral Park Fire Department and to all of its Fire Chiefs and the Rescue Squad for caring for our residents, and especially for my family members recently. One of my proudest moments as Mayor was the first time I swore in the new Fire Chief, my brother Michael. The training and professionalism of our all-volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Rescue is incredible and I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you to Pat Eren and the entire Library staff for the wonderful services that you provide to the residents of the Village. The Floral Park Library is a gathering place and is part of the heart of our community. Thank you to Renee Marcus, Superintendent of Buildings who recently joined our team a little over a year and a half ago. Renee and the Building Department have accomplished so much in modernizing and improving services to the

residents and businesses of Floral Park, guiding and assisting them in caring for their properties, homes and businesses to provide a safe and beautiful neighborhood. A very special thank you to Kevin Ginnane, Superintendent of the Public Works Department and to all of his staff for the excellent services that they provide to the residents of Floral Park. “Not only does Kevin keep the lights on, Kevin personifies what it is to be a true public servant. Kevin is the one who visits the residents and helps take care of solving all of the issues day in and day out. Thank you.” Thank you to Mike Derby, the Village Assessor for a great job, and to my staff that I work closely with every day for always being there for the residents no matter what they need. Thank you to Village Clerk Susan Walsh for your dedication and for always going the extra mile to make sure the residents are cared for and that the Board has all that it needs every day. And to Gerry Bambrick, our Village Administrator. “Gerry, this Village would not run without you. Gerry puts in countless hours day in and day out to ensure that everything is running smoothly. You are tireless in your dedication and no detail is missed, and I thank you”. Special thanks to John Ryan, Village Attorney, whom I have known and worked with for over thirty years. I cannot thank you enough for offering legal advice always in the best interests of the Board of Trustees and for the Village of Floral Park first and foremost.

Thank you again to the best team of Trustees anywhere. To Dr. Lynn, thank you for being one of the finest public servants that I have ever had the pleasure to work with and for all of the work that you do in Floral Park, including providing the best Recreation and Pool services. Thank you to Recreation Commissioner Kurt Meyfohrt, Pool Director Tom Dillon and the staff for all that you do. To Trustee Archie Cheng, for your unbelievable contributions to the Board working with the Fire Department, Rescue and the MTA and LIRR Third Track officials and contractors every day. To Frank Chiara, thank you for all that you have done working with the Building Department, the Library and most recently the Police Department continuing the tradition of making Floral Park the best it can be. Finally, to Mayor-Elect Kevin Fitzgerald, congratulations! “You and I have worked closely together on so many important issues. We created so many wonderful things and had to handle so many surprises on a daily basis. We addressed the Third Track, Superstorms, and the Covid-19 Pandemic. You spearheaded the Belmont Redevelopment Project Committee, a tremendous undertaking and I am so grateful to you for that. Together, we were able to move Floral Park forward with new roads and businesses, new trees, landscaping, and building developments all while maintaining the family atmosphere and unique charm and character of this beautiful Village we call home. You have been an amazing Deputy Mayor and I know that Floral Park is in good hands under your leadership as its new Mayor.”

There is no greater place to live than Floral Park anywhere. It is a family more than a Village. And finally, thank you to my family – I have the greatest family - my two children, Krista and Nick and my wonderful wife, Denise who supported me and sacrificed for me so that I could live my dream. Thank you to all of my extended family - too many to mention, except my brother Mike, and my Dad, who both are here tonight; and to my Mom, Louise, I love you and I hope I made you proud. Floral Park is truly the greatest place to live. Thank you.

Mayor Longobardi thanked Debra Risetto for all of her contributions to the many meetings over the past several years.

Trustee Pomponyo presented flowers to Mrs. Denise Longobardi on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

At 8:50 pm on motion by Trustee Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Cheng, and carried unanimously, the Board closed the business meeting and opened to the public.

Susan Walsh
Village Clerk