

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK**  
**Board of Trustees MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, May 3, 2022 8 pm**  
**Village Hall Courtroom; In -Person Attendance Is Permitted**

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 8PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor asked all for a moment of silence to remember former resident, Mario Calaci, a US Navy veteran, who was active in the Floral Park Hillcrest Civic Association and who served The Village on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Present were Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald, Trustees Lynn Pombonyo, Frank Chiara, Jennifer Stewart and Michael Longobardi, Village Administrator Gerard Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan Walsh, Deputy Village Clerk Rosaleen Shea, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Joseph O'Grady, Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, and Village Attorney John Ryan.

Swearing-In of Police Sergeant Joseph Lauria

Mayor Fitzgerald announced the swearing-in of temporary Police Sergeant Joseph Lauria to permanent promotion to the rank of Police Sergeant of the Floral Park Police Department.

Trustee Frank Chiara congratulated Sergeant Joseph Lauria and state the following:

“Officer Lauria started his law enforcement career with the Nassau County Sherriff’s Department as a Corrections Officer. There he was able to hone his law enforcement and interpersonal skills dealing with all types of inmates that were in the system. In 2007, Joe was appointed as a Police Officer in our Village. He has spent a large portion of his career as a Field Training Officer mentoring new Officers. He believes it is his obligation to lead by example and to be a role model to the newer staff members.

Joe is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the County Police Chiefs Association, received two Excellent Police Duty Awards, three Live Savings Awards and has been recognized by the Floral Park Fire Department for heroic actions on the Long Island Railroad.

Joe is a lifelong resident of Floral Park, where he with his wife Rhonda are raising their family in the community. He and his family have strong roots to our community.

Joe, congratulations on this well-deserved promotion to Sergeant. With the skills you have already developed you will continue to be a great role model and now as a Sergeant, a great leader. Congratulations and have a safe career!!”

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2022-070 to authorize the promotion of temporary Sergeant Joseph Lauria to the position of permanent Sergeant Joseph Lauria at the contractual rate of \$178,285.00 effective immediately.

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

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

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following minutes: April 19, 2022 Regular Board of Trustees meeting and April 26, 2022 Public Informational Meeting (Road Projects update).

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2022-071 to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable as follows:

General Fund	\$	717,722.71
Pool Fund	\$	21,980.00
Capital Fund	\$	<u>1,775.00</u>
Total	\$	741,477.71

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

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

On motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Longobardi; and carried unanimously, the Board approved/ratified the requests to use public facilities subject to receipt of certificate of insurance and CDC and Department of Health Guidelines as follows:

- Trinity Restaurant to use Spooner Parking Field and place a 10’x 20’tent to hold a St. Baldrick’s fundraiser on Saturday, April 30, 2022 and on Saturday, June 11, 2022 to celebrate their anniversary;
- AHRC to use the Arts & Craft Shelter at the Rec Center on Saturday, May 14, 2022 to hold a Garage Sale fundraiser from 10 am to 3 pm;
- FP Knights Baseball Teams from 9u to 13u to use the Recreation Center’s baseball fields from April 20, 2022 through November 30, 2022 for practices and games subject to coordination with Floral Park Little League schedule;
- Floral Park Conservation Society to use Centennial Gardens for their Garden Party fundraiser event on Friday, June 10, 2022 from 5:00 pm to sunset; and
- AARP to use the Recreation Center/Pool Building (Rose & Tulip Rooms) on the third Monday of the month, from September 2022 – June 2023 from 11 am to 4 pm & use of Daisy Room for their directors’ meetings on the same days from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2022-072 to authorize payment for Joseph Langone for his earned accruals in accordance with the CSEA contract effective April 30, 2022.

Daily Rate \$214.88 as of 4/30/22	
11 Vacation Days	\$ 2,363.68
60% of Sick days –days	\$20,806.83
Total	\$23,170.51

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

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| Trustee Pombonyo   | - Aye |
| Trustee Chiara     | - Aye |
| Trustee Stewart    | - Aye |
| Trustee Longobardi | - Aye |
| Mayor Fitzgerald   | - Aye |

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the below-listed block party application(s) in accordance with Section 32-12d of the Village Code and approval by the Floral Park Police Department:

On Willow Street	Between Raff & Landau Avenues	June 11, 2022 (RD) 6/18/2022
On Daisy Avenue	Between Mayfair & Calla Avenues	June 18, 2022 (RD) 6/25/2022)

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2022-073 to authorize the following transfers for:

**Public Works Department:**

<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>FROM ACCOUNT</u></b>	<b><u>TO ACCOUNT</u></b>
\$40,000.00	5110.0402 Road Material	8160.0460 Rep to Truck Sanitation
\$ 3,000.00	5182.0406 Street Lights Supplies	8160.0460 Rep to Truck Sanitation
\$ 100.00	5142.0436 Snow Removal Contractor	8160.0460 Rep to Truck Sanitation
\$10,000.00	8540.0430 Storm Sewer Prof Serv	5110.0460 Highway Rep to Truck
\$ 6,000.00	5650.0406 Off St Parking Supplies	5110.0406 Highway Supplies
\$ 2,000.00	8540.0460 Storm Sewer Rep Truck	8540.0455 Storm Sewer Rep to Equipment
\$ 9,000.00	5010.0435 DPW Radios	1640.0450 Garage Rep to Building
\$ 1,000.00	1620.0460 Building Rep to Auto	1640.0455 Garage Rep to Building
\$ 4,000.00	1620.0455 Building Rep Equip	1620.0449 Building/Library
\$ 3,718.90	1620.0448 Building/Active	1620.0450 Building/Village Hall

\$ 9,000.00	5182.0417 Street Lights Lighting	8560.0435 Trees Contract Services
\$11,000.00	5182.0450 Street Lights Equip	8560.0435 Trees Contract Services
\$20,000.00	5110.0402 Road Material	8560.0435 Trees Contract Services
\$ 2,000.00	7110.0455 Parks Rep to Equip	7110.0460 Parks Rep to Truck
\$ 3,500.00	1640.0480 Garage Mechanic Training	1640.0455 Garage Rep to Equipment
\$14,000.00	1620.0406 Building Supplies	8560.0460 Trees Rep to Truck

**and Four Village Studio:**

\$ 5,000.00	8990.0200 (Equipment)	\$4,300.00 to 8990.0455 (Repairs) and \$ 700.00 to 8990.1900 (Insurance)
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The Resolution was seconded by Trustee Stewart and adopted on roll call as follows:

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

Trustee Stewart offered Resolution No. 2022-074 to ratify the authorization to permit restaurant and/or food use businesses to lease public parking spaces and/or limited sidewalk spaces for outdoor dining upon such terms and conditions established by the Building Department.

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

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

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2022-075 to adopt a resolution wherein pursuant to Section 1434 of the New York Real Property Tax Law, the real property tax of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park tax shall be collected in two installments, the first such installment being due June 1<sup>st</sup>, with penalties accruing on and after July 1<sup>st</sup>, and the second installment being due October 1<sup>st</sup>, with penalties accruing on and after November 1<sup>st</sup> effective June 1, 2022.

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

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

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2022-076 to ratify authorization for the Village Administrator to sign J.P. Morgan – Paymentus Electronic Billing and Payment Service Agreement which permits property tax payments to be paid electronically via credit card or ACH/e-check transactions.

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

Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Trustee Stewart	- Aye
Trustee Longobardi	- Aye
Mayor Fitzgerald	- Recused

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2022-077 to authorize the Floral Park Volunteer Fire Department to use a designated portion of the Mayflower Parking Field as a training center for its membership.

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

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

Trustee Stewart offered Resolution No. 2022-078 to introduce proposed Local Law #2 of 2022 which adds Section 99-21.2 to the Code of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park relating to transient rentals.

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

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

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2022-079 to determine that proposed Local Law #2 of 2022 which adds Section 99-21.2 to the Village Code relating to transient rentals will not have a significant effect on the environment and is a Type II action as that term is defined in SEQRA.

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

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

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2022-080 to determine that Special Use Permit application for property 184-186 Jericho Turnpike known as Villa d'Este Restaurant to have outdoor dining will not have a significant effect on the environment and is a Type II action as that term is defined in SEQRA.

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

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

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2022-081 to hire Beal Reese and Matthew Vota as Laborers in the Public Works Department each at the annual contractual rate of \$38,306.00 subject to medical/drug/alcohol screenings and Nassau County Civil Service Commission's approval.

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

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

Trustee Stewart offered Resolution No. 2022-082 to approve Nicole Milea and Nicholas Reif as members of the Floral Park Fire Department having received arson clearances from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, background checks from the Floral Park Police Department, and having received medical clearances from Dr. Cogan.

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

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

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2022-083 to ratify the approval of Ice Cream License to Mr. Softee (A. Lubin-Richardson & R. Richardson) having received fingerprint clearances and background checks from the Floral Park Police Department.

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

Trustee Pombonyo	- Aye
Trustee Chiara	- Aye
Trustee Stewart	- Aye

Trustee Longobardi - Aye  
Mayor Fitzgerald - Aye

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2022-084 to authorize Roadwork Ahead to perform the road reconstruction services on Marshall Ave between Covert Ave and Orchid Street according to the Village of Farmingdale Road Project Contract for an estimated cost of \$280,790.00 and to authorize the Mayor or Village Administrator to sign contract.

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

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

Trustee Chiara offered resolution No. 2022-085 to accept the retirement letter of Sgt. John Wilson effective April 30, 2022 after nearly 31 years 7 months of service with the Floral Park Police Department.

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

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

Trustee Stewart offered Resolution No. 2022-086 to adopt a resolution requesting legislation for “AN ACT TO AMEND THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW IN RELATION TO AUTHORIZING THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENTIAL PARKING SYSTEM ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS WITHIN THE VILLAGE.”

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that legislation hereinafter described be enacted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees, as the local legislative body of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park, a local government, hereby requests the amendment and enactment by the Legislature of the State of New York of a bill introduced in the 2022-2023 Regular Sessions of the Legislature designated as Senate No. S8953 and Assembly No. A10085 and be entitled “An act to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law in relation to authorizing the Incorporated Village of Floral Park in the County of Nassau to establish a residential parking system within the Village on the streets designated in the bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this request be filed in each House of the Legislature pursuant to the statutes and rules provided therefore.

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

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

#### **Memorial Day Remembrance - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman has invited all County residents and businesses to join in two Memorial Day moments of silence to honor those in the military who have died in service to our country. The County Executive has asked that municipalities, police and fire departments sound their horns and sirens for fifty seconds at noon and 6pm. That will signal a noon and a 6pm moment of silence in remembrance of those in our armed forces who have given their lives in service to our country.

#### **Fire Department - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Chief of Department James (Jep) Dodson was recognized and thanked for his service.

A very special event took place on Friday, April 15th, the Good Friday Annual Keith Fairben Memorial Blood Drive, hosted by the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the Floral Park Fire Department. Floral Park native, Keith Fairben, the son of Diane and former Floral Park Fire Chief Kenneth Fairben, was a paramedic with New York Presbyterian Hospital and a First Lieutenant in our Reliance Company Firehouse on Holland Avenue. Keith Fairben passed away with hundreds of other 9/11 First Responders at the World Trade Center. He is honored every year at this Good Friday Memorial Blood Drive, with 274 pints of blood donated in 2022. Thanks to Knight Joe Pelletiere, former Fire Chief Joe O'Grady, and numerous dedicated volunteers for spearheading this important event and service to others in need. Most of all, thanks to those who donated blood, the gift of life.

On April 27th, our Fire Department responded to a house fire on Depan Avenue. With some mutual aid support, the fire was extinguished quickly, limiting damage to one corner of the house. Thanks to our Chief staff and all the volunteer firefighters from Floral Park and our mutual aid partners for protecting lives and property.

And, to do that, our Fire Department volunteers participate in constant training. To further enhance that training, tonight, this Board approved a training area inside a large piece of Village property at the end of Mayflower Place. There, our firefighters will train on hose line and rope deployment and other important skills. Fire will not be utilized in this training area, and loud equipment, speakers and sirens will not be used after the early evening hours.

### **Department of Public Works - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

The LED installation on the Floral Parkway side of Centennial Gardens has been completed. The new lights beautifully brighten the brick path and surrounding greenery, casting a picturesque glow encircling our Gardens.

Trees throughout our Village are in beautiful bloom at this time of year, and the Mayor will proudly tell you about them in his report.

### **Chambers of Commerce and Our Businesses - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

The Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce has a new service feature for businesses, organizations and the public. It's called Jobs Board - Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce Classifieds, and users have many choices. You can post job openings, services that you provide, and services you are seeking. Check out the website to see the postings at [covertavenuechamber.org](http://covertavenuechamber.org), scroll down the page to the Jobs Board, check out the ads, and add your own to it.

The Floral Park Chamber is getting ready for their street fair on Sunday, June 12th, 1pm on Tulip Avenue. All of our businesses, organizations, and not-for-profits are invited to participate in this happy return of another popular event. Go to the [floralparkchamber.org](http://floralparkchamber.org) website or email [info@floralparkchamber.org](mailto:info@floralparkchamber.org) to reserve your business' or organization's space. Do it soon, June 12th is only five weeks away, and mark your calendars.

### **Conservation Society - Trustee Lynn Pombonyo**

Many hands have joined together to prepare Centennial Gardens for a beautiful summer and two special, upcoming events. The first will be the return of the Hance Foundation Family Fun Day (after two years) along with their famous 5K, one mile and pee wee races on Saturday, May 14th. Races begin at 9am.

The second event will be the return of the Conservation Society's Garden Party (also after two years) on Friday evening, June 10th, 5-8pm. Kick off the Belmont Stakes weekend at our very own Gardens.

Thanks go to hundreds of hardworking volunteers, Village of Floral Park staff and others including the Conservation Society, the monthly weed-out groups, the Hance Family Foundation, Chaminade High School, scout troops, residents, businesses, and the Parks Department, the Department of Public Works, and Con-Kel Landscaping for making the Gardens come alive. Check out the fabulous Floral Park Centennial Gardens facebook page for Gardens news, photos, event details, and enjoy!

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

Update on Centennial Hall: I would like to provide an update on the Centennial Hall project and its next steps.

The original plan was for the developers, the Friedman Group, to keep the existing foundation and the exterior wall structures in place while removing interior partitions to build a new infrastructure containing 18 apartments of 18,000 square feet. The developer has been soliciting pricing from contractors ever since the permit approval back in October of 2019. Due to the onset of COVID, the pricing of materials and labor have become increasingly expensive and availability scarce. Once final pricing was established the developer's investment and banking team determined that the cost was too high for this type of work. The engineers determined that the structural capacity of the existing walls and foundation were questionable and there were too many unknowns due to the age of the building and because the building has been unoccupied and exposed to unconditioned temperatures over the years.

The developer's team is now coming back to the Village with a new proposed plan. This plan now calls for the removal of the entire existing structure and to build a new structure that will ensure the building meets the proper codes and eliminates dealing with any unforeseen conditions from the original building. This new plan is now for 27 new apartments at approximately 27,000 square feet.

Because of these changes to the plans, the developer will now have to present on May 11th to the Zoning Board of Appeals. This entails a request for a variance from the required minimum parking spaces, the minimum size of apartments and the maximum building height. If the zoning variances are approved, the developer will then have to present to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) for the aesthetics of the building and site plan approval. Once the plans have been approved by the ARB, the developer's team will put together full construction documents that will be filed with the Building Department for a final code review. While ensuring that all requirements are met, our Building Department has been and will continue to work with the developer to move this project along. We are all looking forward to the movement and completion of this project.

### **Police Department – Trustee Frank Chiara**

Trustee Chiara, the Mayor and Board congratulated Police Officer Joseph Lauria on his promotion to the rank of Sergeant. Trustee Chiara stated that “the promotion was well-deserved as Joe is a highly decorated officer and a role model to his fellow officers. Joe will lead by example and will be a great Sergeant. Congratulations and have a safe career!”

The Floral Park Police Department would like to alert our residents to an upcoming event, the Hance Family Fun Day 5k Run. There will be street closures on the morning of Saturday, May 14, 2022 for the safety of the participants. The route with start-up times will be posted on the Police Department's website.

### **Floral Park Recreation Center & Pool – Trustee Jennifer Stewart**

This past Saturday I was so happy to attend St. Baldrick's Day at Trinity Restaurant. Once again Mr. Bob GaNun, Master of Ceremonies did a wonderful job facilitating the event, honoring Aiden Binkley and raising money for researching childhood cancer. Thank you to Trinity Restaurant for once again hosting this event, our own FPDF for a rousing parade of trucks to get things started, the Binkley Family, Town of Hempstead Legislator Tom Muscarella and Receiver of Taxes Jeanine Driscoll for their show of support, the Local 3 Sword of Light Pipes and Drums Band for their beautiful performance, the Our Lady of Victory Drama Club members who sang the National Anthem, the volunteer shavers and all who participated. It was another great event.

Saturday April 23rd saw the familiar call of "Play Ball" at our Recreation Center. After an enthusiastic parade, the first softball pitch was thrown out by News 12 Weekend Meteorologist Meredith Garofalo and the first baseball pitch was thrown out by our very own Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald. Thanks to Little League for a fun filled day. The Village Board wishes everyone a wonderful season.

There are many activities at our lovely recreation center including tennis and a variety of exercise classes. Park staff is working hard to prepare for the summer and all the wonderful programs we offer.

The pool saw its first facelift of the new season two weeks ago with full caulking replaced around the main pool. We are already reaping the benefits of the maintenance contract. The pool office is open and taking membership registration. Don't miss out on what is sure to be a wonderful summer at our pool. Opening day is June 3rd!

Summer employment is still available at our pool and park. Please visit [fpvillage.org](http://fpvillage.org) for applications.

### **Floral Park Library – Trustee Michael Longobardi**

The Teen Study exam cram program is a study program where teens in grades 6 - 12 can find a quiet space from 3:30pm – 5pm on certain days of the month to study and review for their exams. Days and times are posted on the website.

The Library Urban Explorers group recently visited the Brooklyn Botanical Garden. This group visits various sites of interest and history in New York. It is very interesting and open to anyone eager to tour historic sites and places of interest in New York.

Thank you to Janet Romano and the Friends of the Library for another successful lawn sale this past month.

On Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm, *West Side Story* will be shown on the new 86" movie screen. Popcorn is included. The library is hosting a defensive driving class on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 4pm. These and many other events are listed on the library's website: [www.floralparklibrary.org](http://www.floralparklibrary.org).

### **Four Village Studio (4VS) – Trustee Michael Longobardi**

Shows running this month include *Healthcare Aware*, *The Author Corner*, *Antique Road Test*, *Uncorked* and others. Please visit [www.4vs.org](http://www.4vs.org) for dates and times as well as the complete list of shows.

### **Mayor's Report – Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald**

Following up on the Deputy Mayor's report, the Village celebrated Arbor Day recently and planted a new tree on Floral Boulevard. As a Tree City USA for more than 25 years, the Village has a Tree Committee and spends more than \$2 per capita on its trees as part of the Arbor Day Foundation rules. The Village plants 240 – 250 trees per year and cares greatly for its trees throughout our Village. Unfortunately, PSEG recently damaged trees on Plainfield Avenue to an unacceptable level. The Village pursued this issue with PSEG and negotiated a resolution. PSEG will be planting 30 new trees on Plainfield Avenue and will fully pay for the removal of the damaged trees and the new trees. While we were unhappy to lose these trees, we believed it was best for the future health and beauty of the streetscape. Thanks to DPW Superintendent Ginnane and Administrator Bambrick for their work on this.

The Village is very serious in its care and maintenance of its tree inventory and if it is determined that individuals have damaged Village trees, the Village takes action and has those responsible make restitution to repair and replace the tree at their cost.

On Sunday, I attended the Floral Park Fire Department's Explorers meeting with Trustees Frank Chiara and Mike Longobardi. Thank you to ex-Chief Florio and Firefighter Goerke for the terrific work they do with the young fire volunteers. The membership is growing and it is great to see the next generation of firefighters in Floral Park being trained. Thank you.

Before I make a motion to close this part of the meeting, I would like to thank Brandon Duffy who I see on Zoom from Blank Slate Media and Felix Procaccia who is here from Just the Facts Media. Thank you.

### **INSERT BOARD REPORTS**

At 8:35 pm on motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board closed the business meeting and opened to the public.

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At 8:50 pm Trustee Pombonyo motioned to go into Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Chiara and carried unanimously, the Board went into Executive Session.

Present were Mayor Kevin M. Fitzgerald, Trustees Lynn Pombonyo, Frank Chiara, Jennifer Stewart and Mike Longobardi, Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick, Village Clerk Susan Walsh, Village Attorney John Ryan, Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister and Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Joe O'Grady.

The Board discussed litigation matters, police and public works personnel items. Trustee Stewart motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Longobardi and carried unanimously. No action was taken.

The meeting ended at 10:24 pm.

Susan Walsh  
Village Clerk