

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK
Board of Trustees Minutes
Tuesday, July 19, 2022 – 8PM
Village Hall Courtroom**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89349947000?pwd=6ePgpB3N2Tt5RAxBA9ZnIq5U6SllcV.1>
Meeting ID: 893 4994 7000; Passcode: 523810; Dial-in: 1 646 558 8656 (NY); Meeting ID: 893 4994 7000;
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The Mayor opened the meeting at 8PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane, Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, DPW Deputy Superintendent Joseph O’Grady and Village Attorney John Ryan.

The Mayor opened the Special Use Permit Public Hearing regarding the application of John Moynagh BJD Corp., 6 – 8 Verbena Avenue, Floral Park, NY 11001 (Swing the Teapot Restaurant).

At 8:47PM immediately following the Public Hearing, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees began.

Mayor Fitzgerald announced that prior to moving the agenda, the residents now have the opportunity to make comments or ask questions on items that are on the agenda only. There being none, Mayor Fitzgerald then moved the agenda.

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Board of Trustees’ Meeting held on June 21, 2022.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2022-127 to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable as follows:

As of 6/30/22

General Fund	\$ 866,079.68
Pool Fund	\$ 102,989.15
Capital Fund	\$ <u>1,280.00</u>
Total	\$ 970,343.83

As of 7/13/22

General Fund	\$1,259,398.51
Pool Fund	\$ 110,380.61
Capital Fund	\$ <u>945.00</u>
Total	\$1,370,724.12

Grand Total: \$2,341,067.95

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, 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:

- i. - Floral Park Junior Womans’ Club to use the Recreation Center for their monthly meetings as outlined in their request and subject to review and approval of Supt. of Recreation;
- ii. - Floral Park-Bellerose School to use Centennial Gardens on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 9 am to 10:30 am for a class trip of the participants of the Special Education Program;
- iii. - Floral Park Conservation Society to use Centennial Gardens for their annual Fairie Forest Festival on Saturday, October 29th (RD – TBD) from 1 pm to 4 pm;
- iv. - Girl Scout Troop #1622 to use Firefighters’ Hall on Sunday, September 18, 2022 from 5 pm to 9 pm to hold a Gold Ceremony for 3 girl scouts;

- v. - Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce to hold their annual Street Fair on Saturday, October 15, 2022 and close Covert Avenue from Tulip Avenue to Cisney Avenue from approximately 9 am (2 hours before start of fair) through 7 pm (1 hour after the end of fair);
- vi. - Hance Family Foundation to use Centennial Gardens to hold a Grow With Me event on Thursday, October 6, 2022 (RD 10/21/22) from 8 am to 2:30 pm;
- vii. - Floral Park Fire Department to have their annual ‘Up in Smoke’ Cigar Night fundraiser in the parking lot on the north side of the Reliance Firehouse on Friday, August 5, 2022; and
- viii. – Isabella Castillo, Floral Park Girl Scouts to use the Recreation Center to hold her Gold Award presentation “Learn About Music and Technology with a Girl Scout” on Tuesday and Thursday, August 2 and 4, 2022 from 1PM to 2PM.

On motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo the Board approved the National School Resource Association to use Firefighters’ Hall to host Basic School Resource Officer training from September 12th through September 16th and permit Officers Murphy & Softy to participate in said training.

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2022-128 to authorize the request of St. Elisabeth’s Church to waive the parking meter fees in Magnolia parking lot & parking regulations along Magnolia Avenue & Harvard Street on Wednesday, August 3, 2022 to hold a blood drive from approximately 11 am to 8:30 pm and on Saturday, August 20, 2022 for a small fundraiser from noon to 5:00 pm with same parking variance of enforcement as the blood drive.

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

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board ratified granting permission for the Floral Park Fire Department to hold a training exercise at 56 Fuller Avenue on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm and had authorized Village Administrator to sign a letter of indemnification to property owner.

On motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, the Board approved the below-listed block party application(s) in accordance with Section 32-12d of the Village Code and approval of FP Police Dept:

Date	On	In Between
Saturday, 9/10/22 (RD 9/11)	Violet Street	Zinnia Street & Dead End Street
Saturday, 8/13/22 (RD 8/14)	Irving Avenue	Bryant & Whittier Avenues
Saturday, 9/10/22 (RD 9/11)	Sycamore Avenue	East Hitchcock & Charles Street
Saturday, 10/15/22 (RD 10/16)	Childs Avenue	Floral Blvd & Crocus Avenue

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2022-129 to authorize the settlement of the subrogated claim from State Farm Insurance Company for damages sustained to 2021 Lincoln SUV which was hit by a FP Fire Department Truck at the intersection of Woodbine Court and Tulip Avenue on 5/12/2022 in the amount of \$6,444.93.

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. 2022-130 to accept the letter of resignation from Justin Hughes, Motor Equipment Operator, effective Thursday, 7/28/22 after 8 ½ years of service.

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. 2022-131 to promote Sarah Van Riper to the position of Head Counselor in the All Day Program at the hourly rate of \$10.75 retroactive to 7/17/2022; and to approve permanent status for Edwin Guerrero-Lopez as Auto Mechanic since he successfully completed his six-month probationary period as of 7/3/2022.

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. 2022-132 to authorize the Village to participate in the BOCES Cooperative Bidding Program at a fee of \$450.00 and to authorize the Village Administrator to sign the general resolution for various vehicles, equipment and commodities and/or services listed in the resolution.

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. 2022-133 to authorize refund requests to individuals that are unable to attend/participate in village programs or pool as follows:

- i. - L. Sparrow in the amount of \$310.00 for registration of the All Day Program;
- ii. - M. McGowan in the amount of \$200.00 for senior pool passes for her & her husband;
- iii. - N. Khan in the amount of \$120.00 for the hip hop class and youth tennis;
- iv. - C. Morton in the amount of \$50.00 for guest pool passes; and
- v. - C. Dichev in the pro-rated amount of \$495.00 for two children in the All Day Program.

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

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

Trustee Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2022-134 to authorize the Village to enter into a contract with Roadwork Ahead for road repavement of the remainder of Revere Dr. West from Revere Dr. East to Tulip Ave; and from Marshall Ave up to Cisney Ave; and on Orchid St from Marshall Ave to Beverly Ave piggybacked off of the Village of Farmingdale Contract in the amount of \$76,387.50 and authorize the Mayor or Village Administrator to sign said 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. 2022-135 to determine that the issuance of bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$314,125.00 to finance various capital projects is a Type II action as that term is defined in SEQRA and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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. 2022-136 to authorize bonds for various capital projects in and for the Village, stating the estimated maximum cost is \$314,125.00, appropriating said amount for such purpose, and to authorize the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$314,125.00 to finance said appropriation.

Section 1. The object or purpose for which the bonds are authorized is to acquire: (a) Village-wide computers at the estimated maximum cost of \$70,125, (b) Village-wide cameras at the estimated maximum cost of \$140,000; (c) park/pool phone system at the estimated maximum cost of \$20,000, (d) a recreation field conditioner at the estimated maximum cost of \$31,000, (e) parking meter kiosks at the estimated maximum cost of \$33,000 and (f) a DPW fuel dispenser at the estimated maximum cost of \$20,000, the aggregate maximum cost being \$314,125. The maximum amount of obligations authorized to be issued is \$314,125. The period of probable usefulness is five (5) years.

Section 2. Bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$314,125 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 objects or purposes for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 35 of the Law, is five (5) 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 purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement 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 not 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 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 the execution of agreements for credit enhancements, 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 shall take effect immediately, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in "The Herald Courier," a newspaper having a general circulation in the Village and hereby designated the official newspaper of said Village for such publication.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Longobardi and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Kevin Fitzgerald, Mayor
Lynn Pombonyo, Trustee
Frank Chiara, Trustee
Jennifer Stewart, Trustee
Michael Longobardi, Trustee

NOES:

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2022-137 to authorize the services of Johnson Controls as the Energy Service Company for the purpose of implementing and coordinating energy related projects within the Village.

WHEREAS the Village of Floral Park is interested in installing LED Interior and Exterior Lights, Photovoltaic Solar Panels, HVAC Units Replacements, Roof Replacement, Boiler Room Upgrades, HVAC Controls, Insulation, Weatherization, LED Parking Lot Lights, and the Colonial Style Street Lights, etc. for the reduction of our energy needs; and

WHEREAS the concept of a performance contract to accomplish this goal represents a cost-effective solution, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED to select Johnson Controls, Inc. as the Energy Service Company (ESCO) for the coordination and implementation of this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to develop a specific contract, in the approximate sum of \$3.56 million which delineates all services and equipment applicable to specific locations throughout the Village; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or the Administrator of the Village be authorized to sign such contract on behalf of the Village of Floral Park subject to prior review and approval by the Village Counsel.

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. 2022-138 to authorize salary increases to exempt personnel which reflect an average increase on all exempt salary lines of less than 2.5% effective immediately:

EMPLOYEE NAME	JOB TITLE	SALARY INCREASE TO
Kevin Bove	Building Inspector	\$ 85,710.50
Margaret Fowler	Admin Assistant	\$ 50,924.21
Darlene Lanza	Research Assistant	\$ 73,130.00
Lucille Langone	Office Manager	\$ 88,324.25
Joseph O'Grady	Deputy DPW Supt	\$ 78,796.88
Theresa Paterno	Admin Assistant	\$ 48,223.69
Linda Sartini	Assistant to Lib Director	\$ 72,100.00
Thomas Dillon	Pool Director PT	\$ 23,957.63
Steve Arnone	Deputy Treasurer	\$ 90,000.00
Gerard Bambrick	Village Administrator/Treasurer	\$172,000.00
Michael Derby	Assessor/Deputy Tax Collector	\$ 82,000.00
Patricia Eren	Library Director	\$103,191.26
Kevin Ginnane	Supt. Of Public Works	\$124,916.75
Renee Marcus	Supt. Of Buildings	\$148,625.00
Joan McAllister	Clerk to Village Justice	\$ 74,825.00
Stephen McAllister	Police Commissioner	\$251,000.00
Kurt Meyfohr	Recreation Director	\$110,948.46
Rosaleen Shea	Deputy Village Clerk	\$ 74,825.00
Susan Walsh	Village Clerk	\$126,485.00

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. 2022-139 to authorize the settlement of subrogated claim from Liberty Mutual Ins. Co. for damages sustained to a parked vehicle that was hit by a FP Fire Department vehicle while responding to a call in front of 91 Geranium Avenue on 6/6/22 in the amount of \$1,606.24.

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 Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2022-140 to rescind the prior award to Stasi Industries, Inc. of the bid contract for the reconstruction of Spooner Street, Spooner Street parking field, Hinsdale Avenue and Clayton Avenue (a/k/a 2022 Roadway Improvements) , which bid was awarded pursuant to Village Board Resolution No. 2022-11 adopted June 7, 2022, based upon Stasi Industries’ failure to provide proof of insurance coverage in compliance with the 2022 Roadway Improvements bid requirements.

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

*Chris Stasi of Stasi Industries addressed the Board before adoption of resolution requesting an extension of time in order to obtain the proper insurances for the contract previously awarded to them on June 7, 2022.

Trustee Stewart offered Resolution No. 2022-141 to award Macedo Contracting Services, Inc. the bid contract for the reconstruction of Spooner Street, Spooner Street parking field, Hinsdale Avenue and Clayton Avenue (a/k/a 2022 Roadway Improvements) as the next lowest qualified bidder, as per the recommendation of D&B Engineers, in the amount of \$1,278,000 and authorize the Mayor or Village Administrator to sign said contract.

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 Lynn Pombonyo

Fire Department

Our Fire Department says, 'Let's Save Lives!' On June 24th, our firefighters, rescue company members, volunteers and community members joined together to save the lives of others at our traditional blood drive, where 92 pints of blood were generously donated. Thanks to all!

As the Department's volunteers work to save lives and property, they responded to a total of 124 calls for assistance in May, an average of four calls per day. While some days there are less than four, on many days and overnights, there are many more. These calls are fire, smoke and carbon monoxide related, for rescue and for mutual aid to other municipalities (ten in May).

Two weeks ago, the Department responded to an attic fire and successfully contained it to the attic with no injuries or extensions to the rest of the house or other homes. Many rescue calls have related to falls. Please be careful on the stairs, especially in the dark, and be sure to leave one hand free to use the railings and be safe. Also important in this extreme heat, please hydrate and drink lots of water.

We truly appreciate the work of all our Fire Department members and their availability to be there for us 24/7, including Chief of Department Jep Dodson and Former Chief Joe O'Grady who are in the audience tonight.

Department of Public Works

DPW remains very busy with many different Village enhancements under way throughout the summer months. Fifty trees have been planted with water bags to help in this hot, dry weather. The drainage basins are being

cleaned for better water flow, especially during storms. And our DPW crews are out refreshing roadway lines, crosswalks and ADA parking lines so they are clearly visible to pedestrians and drivers.

With respect to the roadway projects, reconstruction is well under way on Marshall Avenue between Covert and Orchid. New curbing, driveway aprons and drainage are completed. Repaving that section will likely begin in early August, weather permitting. Revere Drive West repaving will also take place shortly.

Tonight, the Board rescinded its contract with Stasi Industries for the Spooner, Spooner parking lot, Hinsdale and Clayton projects for the reason cited in the resolution. It is expected that the Spooner project will commence with Macedo Contracting Services in early August, with Hinsdale and Clayton following.

Chambers of Commerce and Our Businesses

The Floral Park Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the appointments of Interim President Marie Grant of Signature Premier Properties and Vice President Shane Parouse, Wealth Management Advisor. Past President Evan Peet and his family have returned to Australia. They are thanked for their service to the Village and the Floral Park Chamber. We wish the Peet family well, and look forward to working with the Floral Park Chamber, its new officers and the Board, and our businesses.

Over on Covert Avenue, that Chamber of Commerce (with President Rene Jorglewich of Body Works Day Spa and Yoga Studio; Vice President Cathy Grasman of Jo-Mar Grooming and

Boarding; Social Media Coordinator Magdalena Chen of Carvel; and Treasurer Anne Musso of Sewanhaka Travel, all of whom are here tonight) is planning its Saturday, October 15th Street Fair, just approved tonight. Featured will be our amazing Floral Park and Stewart Manor businesses, family friendly live music, food trucks, mums, and a Floral Park Lions Club pumpkin patch. Lots more exciting details to follow.

It's summertime in Floral Park and Stewart Manor. SHOP AND DINE LOCAL, and enjoy the sunshine and moonlight right here in town!

Conservation Society (FPCS)

All of us here have long boasted that our Centennial Gardens is the best. Well, now Nassau County is saying it too. We have just been voted THE BEST PUBLIC GARDEN OF NASSAU COUNTY by the public and Blank Slate Media, a consortium of online and print local newspapers including theisland360.com and the New Hyde Park Herald Courier. It feels good to be the best, and we'll continue to thank many for that, for now, Conservation Society President Dennis McEnery, the FPCS Board of Directors, hundreds of volunteers from Floral Park and elsewhere, Superintendent Kurt Meyfohr and his excellent Village parks staff, Superintendent Kevin Ginnane and his expert DPW staff, especially Larry DeCiantis, Con-Kel Landscaping, and so many, many more.

Visit the Gardens 12-5pm daily and enjoy being surrounded by the best, and take it all in on the Floral Park Centennial Gardens Facebook page, designed by our very talented FPCS Board member and volunteer, Ann Moynagh.

A huge congratulations and thanks to all! More excitement to follow.

Trustee Frank Chiara

Building Department

As a reminder from the Building Dept., all residents with pools or spas, annual registrations were due on June 30th. The annual pool renewal applications as well as a safety inspection performed by a Village Inspector is mandatory. If you have not yet submitted for a renewal, please check your email or visit the Building Dept. webpage for the forms and contact them with any questions or for any needed assistance. Also, as mentioned in the past, all air conditioning and heat pump units require a permit. These units do have zoning requirements regarding the placement of these units outdoors. A permit must be filed prior to the installation of the equipment. Again, please call the Building Dept. for assistance or information regarding the allowable placement areas for these units.

An update on the Centennial Hall project: the BZA recently rendered their decision on the application for variances. Their decision, which made some changes to the developer's original request is posted on our village website. The project's next step will be to go before the ARB for site plan and building review, which is on the ARB agenda for Wednesday, July 27th @ 8pm at the Recreation Center. All are welcome to attend.

Police Department

The Police Dept. would like to remind our residents that homeowners have the ability to notify the Police Dept. when they will be on vacation and their homes will be unoccupied for a period of time. Once a notification is made, our Police Officers will then occasionally pass by and check on the location. The homeowner will receive notification that the location was checked and all is well, giving the homeowner peace of mind while

on vacation. For information on this service and others, please check the Village website under quick links for "Vacation Watch".

On Friday evening 7/15/2022, my fellow board members and I attended a US Flag retirement service at our local American Legion Post, 334. Post Commander Bob Murray and fellow Legion members perform a respectful ceremony retiring many flags that have become worn. Taps was played with words of respect being spoken about the symbolism of our country's Flag. It was a very patriotic and heartfelt ceremony. I would like to thank Commander Bob Murray and all the members of the American Legion for having this annual ceremony and to THANK them all for their service to our country. It was an honor to be there to witness this ceremony.

I would also like to recognize and THANK our Beautification Committee, spearheaded by Donna Sanchez, for planting so many beautiful flowers throughout our community. At this time of the season, the flowers have all been blooming and really beautify the Village. Purchasing, planning and putting teams together to plant these flowers is no easy task, but Donna and her team of volunteers do a fantastic job!! Once again THANK YOU to all of our volunteers!! I'd be remiss if I didn't also THANK our DPW workers for their work, especially Larry DeCiantis and his team for all their landscaping efforts throughout the Village. Our Village's warm and beautiful appearance is largely in part due to all their work. And I must add, our residents, do a great job maintaining their properties!!! Summer in our Village of is a great time to enjoy the beauty of our community.

The kick-off 'Concert under the Stars' by Andy Cooney couldn't have gone any better. The weather was perfect, the entertainment was fantastic and everyone that attended had a great time. This was the first of the season's concerts and the return of concerts series. We couldn't have asked for a better start. I'm looking forward to the upcoming concerts. Check the Village website for information on future concerts. A special THANKS goes out to Alexa Ventimiglia for arranging these concerts. And of course, THANKS to all our DPW workers for providing their services before, during and after the concert.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

Trustee Jennifer Stewart

Due to the efforts of Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick and staff at Village Hall, we now have the E-Village Items. Sign up on our website to receive this informative newsletter outlining happenings in our beautiful Village. Recent E-Items included a link for the LIRR Scorecard, road reconstruction information and a calendar of events, as well as other important information. Visit www.fpvillage.org to find out how you can subscribe to E-Items.

I'd like to thank the Floral Park Fire Department for their response to a residential fire on Hinsdale Avenue. This was the first time in a long while that I have had the opportunity to watch our volunteer fire department hard at work, responding to a call when one of our neighbors was in need. Thankfully, no one was hurt, and I wish our residents a quick return to normal.

Recreation Center

Even if you do not participate in group sports, I urge you to head to our Recreation Center Monday through Thursday nights to cheer on your friends and neighbors as they compete in volleyball and/or basketball. You might be motivated to join a team next summer! Although tennis is a quieter sport, there is certainly US Open level of play happening on our courts! Summer baseball is about to start along with District 29 tournament play. This season, Floral Park has secured district championship banners in the 11u baseball division and 12u softball divisions, and runner ups in the 10u softball and the Senior baseball divisions.

Additionally, we have a job opportunity for a Weekend Night Supervisor at the Recreation Center; details are available on the Village website.

I participated in a field trip of sorts last week with Recreation Superintendent Kurt Meyfohrt, Building Superintendent Renee Marcus as well as members of our Recreation Committee to have a look at another municipality's Multi-Purpose Rink to better inform our decision making moving forward with our renovation. Many thanks to members of the Screaming Eagles hockey program for their input and support for this renovation. If your child plays roller hockey, please be on the lookout for emails and updates regarding the upcoming season. Information will be coming to you soon.

Floral Park Pool

Our pool season is well underway, we are currently in the third week of our all-day recreation program for children and the response has been tremendous. Our youngsters are having a wonderful time in a well-supervised, fun environment. Friday 7/15 was the Senior Citizen Brunch for our senior members which was very well received. Unfortunately, our Pirates Swim Team's first meet was meant to be last night and was cancelled due to weather. Tomorrow is National Hot Dog Day, and we are celebrating with \$2 hot dogs all day at the pool. Other dates to mark your calendars for are Residents' Day Sunday 7/24, Top Your Own Sundae 7/29 (while supplies last), and Grandparent's Day Sunday 8/14. A full listing of all events can be found on the village's website.

LIRR/3TC

As you may know, the Village has an MOU with the LIRR/3TC regarding road repairs once they are finished with construction. We have begun discussions with 3TC on this topic.

Weekend work will be happening on the Hempstead Line this weekend, 7/23 - 7/24 as well as 8/13 - 8/14. This work will be around the clock, and we are working with and meeting with representatives from the project to get as much information and detail as we can to pass along to residents. Administrator Bambrick, Commissioner McAllister, DPW Superintendent Ginnane and I met with a representative from 3TC on Tunnel Street Monday to discuss ongoing concerns as well as the work happening there this weekend. We were told that the exact specifications for the work are finalized 24-36 hours before work begins. When we receive that information, we will share with residents. Tomorrow, we have another meeting with the 3TC representatives and other village leaders as they near significant completion of this massive project.

Trustee Michael Longobardi**Floral Park Library**

While summer may be here and it is a time to relax and enjoy the great weather, the Library is still hard at work with the summer programs. Highlighting some current summer kids' programs include learn about music and technology, teen jumbo speed stacking, Chef of Future, tween time Nintendo tournament, Baby start for kids 9-17 months, family preschool hour and much more. As always please check the website for details and dates and times.

This past Saturday there was a presentation on the Library's front lawn of various Native American Dances by the Thunderbird Native American Dancers. It was very interesting to learn about the origins of these dances as well as what they mean and symbolize. Thank you to the Thunderbird Dancers for being here to entertain and educate.

Summer concerts are back as well with 4 Ways from Sunday performing Thursday, July 28th at the Library 7 pm. Tuesday July 26th, Assemblywoman Solages Mobile office will be at the Library from 12:00-2:00pm. These and many other events are listed on the library website: www.floralparklibrary.org.

Just an update, the bidding process is now open for the new ADA compliant entrance on the front of the Library building. The bidding process will close August 10th. Construction is targeted to start by the beginning of October.

Four Village Studio (4VS)

Four Village Studio (4VS) is happy to say that production is up this summer and they are getting close to pre-pandemic levels. We will be announcing these programs when completed and an airdate is set. As always, please visit www.4vs.org for dates and times as well as the complete list of shows.

Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald

Good evening. As you can tell by the lengthy board reports tonight, there is a lot going on in Floral Park. It is exciting to be improving the hockey rink and as was mentioned before, notices will go out early in the season. I encourage any resident interested to join the Hockey League. They have great leadership and over the years many of the participants learned to roller skate and ice skate as part of the Screaming Eagles Hockey League.

Along with Deputy Mayor Pombonyo and Trustee Chiara, I had the good fortune to recently congratulate and recognize Pastor Evan Peet of the Floral Park Bridge Community Church as he and his wife, Moira, returned home to continue their mission in Australia. Pastor Peet was the President of the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce, and he did an outstanding job organizing and hosting the Floral Park Christmas Fair bringing the community together. Pastor Peet and his enthusiasm, service and care for the Floral Park community will be missed.

There is an update on the Belmont Racetrack. The pony track that was previously a dirt track, is being replaced with a synthetic track, which will help control the noise and the temperature of the track for the horses. It will help avoid freezing temperature conditions and provide better conditions overall. Also, there is new fencing being installed on the Plainfield Avenue border.

On June 30, Governor Hochul signed legislation to provide the necessary New York State authorization for the Village of Floral Park to be able to designate a residential parking permit district for certain streets to address on-street parking by UBS Arena patrons. In January, we heard from residents regarding their suggestions and concerns on this important issue. This new legislation gives Floral Park the ability to address

and protect residents’ parking needs, especially in the West End (and beyond) as it relates to potential traffic and parking overflow issues related to the LIRR access to Belmont. Right now, the Village will take a “wait and see” approach to evaluate the impact and be assured we will take the necessary steps to ensure our residents’ parking needs and quality of life are protected. I would like to thank Senator Kaplan and Assemblywoman Solages for their assistance and Administrator Bambrick for the daily back and forth follow-up to help get this done. It is much appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who attended this evening.

At 9:20 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, Fire Chief Jep Dodson, Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane and Supt. Of Recreation Kurt Meyfohrt.

The Board discussed police personnel, park/pool personnel & potential litigation matters. Trustee Stewart motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Longobardi and carried unanimously. No action was taken.

The meeting ended at 12:40 am.

Susan Walsh
Village Clerk