

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK
Board of Trustees MINUTES
Tuesday, September 6, 2022 – 8PM
Village Hall Courtroom

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Mayor Fitzgerald opened the Regular Meeting at 8 pm with 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 Buildings Renee Marcus, Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane, Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister, Village Assessor, Michael Derby, and Village Attorney John Ryan.

Before the start of the meeting, Mayor Fitzgerald welcomed the member sof Floral Park Girl Scout Troop 1183 regarding their Silver Award Project. Scouts Brianna Gades, Jessica McNally and Olivia Giani presented an outline of their project; building a Sustainable Closet for the Sisters of Life organization in NYC to help expectant mothers have an ongoing resource to obtain clothing, baby formula and personal care items for the mothers and babies.

Mayor Fitzgerald and the Board congratulated them on their presentation and goals.

At 8:10 pm, immediately following the presentation, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees began.

Mayor Fitzgerald announced that prior to moving the agenda, the residents 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 Regular Board of Trustees' Minutes held on August 16, 2022.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2022-153 to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable as follows:

As of 08/31/2022

General Fund	\$ 1,328,026.21
Pool Fund	\$ 120,655.30
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 67,198.32</u>
	\$ 1,515,879.83

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. Theodore Roosevelt Council Scouting District to use Centennial Gardens to host their annual garden clean-up and food drive event on Saturday, November 19, 2022 (RD 11/20) from 9 am to 1 pm;
- ii. FP Little League to use the fields at Recreation Center for Fall ball beginning 9/1 through 11/13/22 subject to review and approval of K. Meyfohrt, Supt of Recreation;
- iii. FP Titans to use the fields at Recreation Center for games & practices beginning 8/8/22 through 11/13/22 subject to review and approval of K. Meyfohrt, Supt of Recreation;
- iv. FP Titans (Titanettes) to use the basketball courts at Recreation Center to practice their cheers beginning 8/21/22 through 11/15/2022 subject to review and approval of K. Meyfohrt, Supt of Recreation;
- v. FP Youth Council to use the fields at the Recreation Center to play touch football on Friday evenings (and Saturdays & Sundays, if possible) beginning 10/14/2022 through 11/14/2022 subject to review and approval of K. Meyfohrt, Supt of Recreation;
- vi. FP Indians to use the fields at the Recreation Center to play soccer beginning 9/12/2022 through 11/18/2022 subject to the review and approval of K. Meyfohrt, Supt of Recreation

- vii. FP Sports Association to use the hockey rink at the Recreation Center to play hockey beginning 9/2022 through 1/2023 subject to the review and approval of K. Meyfohr, Supt. Of Recreation; and
- viii. FP Junior Woman’s Club to use Memorial Park to hold their annual Craft Fair on Sunday, September 25, 2022 (RD 10/2) from 8 am through 3 pm; and
- ix. Boy Scout Troop 482 to use Carlton Street parking field to hold a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, September 17th (RD 9/18) from 10 am to 3 pm.

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2022-154 to introduce proposed Local Law #3 of 2022 to amend Section 73-2 of the code of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park with Respect to Income Limits for Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions.

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. 2022-155 to determine that proposed Local Law #3 of 2022 to amend Section 73-2 of the Code of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park with Respect to Income Limits for Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions 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 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, and carried, 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 Department:

Date	On	In Between
Saturday, 9/17/22 (RD 9/18)	Emerson Avenue	Jericho Tpke & Lowell Avenue
Sunday, 9/25/22 (RD – none)	Clover Avenue	Atlantic Avenue & Floral Boulevard
Saturday, 9/17/22 (RD 9/25)	Hawthorne Avenue	Lowell and Bryant Avenues
Saturday, 10/1/22 (RD 10/2)	Oak Street	E. Poplar and Birch Streets
Saturday, 9/17/22 (RD 9/18)	Ash Street	Raff and Landau Avenues
Saturday, 9/17/22 (RD 9/18)	Webster Street	Raff Avenue and Dead End

Trustee Stewart offered Resolution No. 2022-156 to authorize the proposal of NV5 to analyze existing traffic, pedestrian conditions, identify operational or safety issues and provide conceptual traffic calming and safety improvements along Carnation Avenue between Tulip Ave and Floral Boulevard for a total amount of \$27,650.00 and authorize Mayor or Village Administrator to sign said proposal.

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. 2022-157 to award the Library Entrance Ramp Bid Project to Aventura Construction Corp. as per recommendation of NV5 in the bid amount of \$306,000.00 including the Add Alternate (landscaping) and authorize the Mayor or Village Administrator to sign said contract.

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. 2022-158 to ratify the approval to increase the Fall/Spring Programs offered at the Recreation Center which range from \$5.00 to \$15.00 increase per program:

	Current Fall/Spring Fee	Proposed Fall/Spring Fee
Cardio Kickboxing	\$60	\$70
Bootcamp	\$60	\$70
Yoga/Zumba	\$50	\$60
Youth Programs	\$50	\$60
Gardening	\$50	\$60
Youth Tennis	\$50	\$60
Adult Sat. Tennis	\$45	\$60
Tues/Thurs Adult Tennis	\$55	\$65
AM Aerobics	\$90	\$100
PM Aerobics	\$65	\$75
Senior Classes	\$30	\$35

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. 2022-160 to adopt a resolution that pursuant to Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act that the Village Auditor conducted an audit or examination of Floral Park Justice Court's records for fiscal year June 1, 2021 through May 31, 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. 2022-161 to authorize the proposal of Security Pros to upgrade the Village-Wide CCTV security system for the Library, Rec Center & Pool, Department of Public Works, Shelter House, Village Hall including the Police and Fire Departments, Centennial Gardens with or without options not to exceed \$140,000.00 and authorize 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 Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2022-162 to authorize the retention of the 'Grant-Guys' for their services in applying for grant funds on behalf of the Floral Park Fire Department for emergency equipment and related emergency items in the amount of \$1950.00 and authorize the Mayor or Village Administrator to sign said proposal.

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. 2022-163 to authorize Village Clerk Susan Walsh to attend NYCOM's Fall Training School from September 12th through September 16th in Saratoga Springs with registration fee of \$815.00 plus lodging.

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. 2022-164 to authorize the purchase of building department software program, iWorQ Systems, which will enable tracking, permitting, parcel, plan review and license management be digitalized at a cost of \$24,000.00 (which includes training, set up, GIS integration and data conversion) and annual maintenance service contract of \$18,000.00 and authorize Mayor or Village Administrator to sign contract.

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 Lynn Pombonyo

Fire Department

It's been a busy summer for the Fire Department with 123 total calls for assistance, 84 ambulance calls and four mutual aid calls to South Floral Park, Bellerose Terrace, Elmont and New Hyde Park during the month of July. Recently, the Department responded to a smoke detector alert at a home where the owners were away. The Fire Department responded quickly, searched for occupants and pets, communicated with relatives, located the source of the smoke condition in electrical equipment, prevented any fire damage, and aired the house. FPF's quick response made a big difference in the outcome. So did the homeowners' working smoke detectors which save lives. Please make sure yours are working, too.

In September, the entire Department will spend four evenings at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy in Bethpage. There, they will engage in instructive, hands-on practice in conducting interior attacks on planned fires in a house, row of stores, warehouse, and six-story building, structures similar to those in our Village and surrounding communities. Valuable instructive critiques are presented by the Fire Service Academy experts and our Chiefs. Our Department's commitment to ongoing training is impressive and appreciated.

Thanks also go to the Floral Park Kiwanis Club for recently honoring our Fire Department and first responders for their voluntary service and extraordinary contributions at our times of greatest need.

Department of Public Works

DPW has been deeply involved in roadway projects and preparations for the opening of school. This includes the repaving of South Tyson Avenue, along with new line striping there as well as on roadways near our schools. The South Tyson project was done in conjunction with 3TC contractors following the third track work that impacted sections of the roadway.

The Spooner Street and parking lot road reconstruction (with curb, apron and drain reconstruction) is under way. This complex project will take about sixty days. Because of the delayed start due to changes in the road contractor assigned to the job, subsequent projects on Hinsdale and Clayton Avenues will be delayed until the spring, more details to follow.

Conservation Society

August came to a happy end as all of our Children's Gardening Classes from this year and years past got together at the Gardens for a Reunion. There they delighted in the colorful flowers and greenery they had planted, played games, and had a picnic. Great appreciation goes to Mrs. Laura Trentacoste who envisioned and developed this unique Gardens program and has taught it to many spring, summer and fall classes of enthusiastic, young gardeners and their families.

We're happy to announce that our Centennial Gardens extended weekend hours of 9am to 7pm (or dusk, whichever comes first) will continue through September. Weekday hours remain at 12-5pm. Welcome Autumn with refreshing walks around the Gardens brick path and gazing at the sunsets through the trees inside the Gardens during our weekend evening hours. This is truly the BEST OF NASSAU!

And, on days when you can't get to the Gardens, you can enjoy it all on the Floral Park Centennial Gardens Facebook page, beautifully created by Ann Moynagh, one of the Conservation Society's artistic volunteers. The photos are bright and colorful, and the Gardens events news is always interesting.

Chambers of Commerce and Our Businesses

Celebrate Fall at the Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce Street Fair on Saturday, October 15th. It's bigger and better than ever with a giant craft fair, face painting, the Lions Club pumpkin patch, a mums sale, inflatables, live bands, big prize raffles and starring store sales, food trucks, the Covert Avenue Choo-Choo Express and other surprises. Bring your whole family!

And make Floral Park and Stewart Manor your favorite places to stroll, SHOP AND DINE LOCAL this fall!

Best Wishes

We send our best wishes for great success and joy to students of all ages who are returning to school, those courageously entering military service, and all joining the work force. Please remember that we are always here for you.

Trustee Frank Chiara

Building Department

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting for this month will be split into two sessions due to the number of cases and the complexity of the projects. Tentatively, the Covert Avenue project and other applications will be on Wednesday, September 21 and the Centennial Hall project along with others will be on Wednesday, September 28. The final agendas will be published on the ARB website next week.

Police Department

With our schools reopening, the Police Department would like to remind our residents that there are school speed zones by all of our schools. The speed limit in the school zones is 20 mph while schools are in session. Please drop off and pick up your children in a safe manner and observe all of our traffic regulations. Keep a watchful eye out for our children and drive safely.

Trustee Jennifer Stewart

Pool

Our 2022 Pool season officially ended today with the annual Senior Luncheon. The rain did not dampen the fun! Yesterday hundreds of members participated in the annual Last Jump at 5pm at the Floral Park Pool. So much fun was had by all. We look forward to seeing all our members back for Summer 2023! A huge thank you to our lifeguards and supervisors for an extraordinarily safe summer and to Pool Director Tom Dillon and Recreation Superintendent Kurt Meyfohr for all they do to ensure a fun and safe summer for all members.

Recreation

Fall athletics are underway. I'd like to thank the representatives from all our leagues for a productive field usage meeting. A note to all, we expect construction to begin on the multi-purpose rink this fall, be on the lookout for notifications from your leagues. Thank you to all our coaches and managers who volunteer their time to mentor our youth through athletics. They are truly a gift to our community.

MTA/3TC

The Village Board along with Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick continue to engage with the MTA/3TC to ensure the promises made for restoration after this project are adhered to and to mitigate the negative impacts of any construction on our community. I encourage all residents with concerns to log into MTA.org, scroll to "Give Feedback" and leave your comments.

Trustee Michael Longobardi

Floral Park Library

At tonight's board meeting the contract for the new ADA compliant ramp and main entrance to the Library was awarded to Aventura Construction Corp. This will be both a beautiful upgrade to the front of the building as well as improved direct access for all. Construction will be starting in the near future.

On August 22nd - 24th, a group of young children participated in the Library Civics for Kids. Children in grades 2-5 learned about the history of Floral Park, what civics are all about and took a tour of Village Hall. They learned about the Police and Fire Departments as well as how the administration of the Village functions. Thank you to Laura Trentacoste and Kathy Guidal for this great program for the kids. Thank you to everyone who works at Village Hall and my fellow board members for being there, making the kids feel welcome and helping to educate them about our Village.

This weekend, the Library will resume normal hours with 9am-5pm on Saturday and 1pm-5pm on Sunday. Friday September 9th from 10am to 12 noon, the Library will host another shredding event in the continuing effort to fight identity theft. The maximum amount you can bring is 5 boxes.

The Friends of the Library Book Club has returned after the summer. They will meet the first Monday of each month. Thursday September 15th, the Library is offering a defensive driving course. This six-hour course is a great way to reduce your insurance rates. Other Library events include Pilates on the Lawn, Yoga, Chess Club, Knitting Group, Baby Club for babies 9-17 months, and Chefs of d'Future. Details for these and many other events are listed on the Library website: www.floralparklibrary.org.

Four Village Studios (4VS)

4VS currently has openings for High School Students, residing in the four-village area, to join the staff as television production crew members. No experience is necessary. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in learning about the technical positions and equipment used to

create our programs. For nearly 25 years, local student staff members have gained invaluable experience in a real-world setting. This experience has assisted in college acceptance and post-graduation employment in the media industry. If interested, please contact the studio by email: 4vs@4vs.org or call 516- 326-1150. A new edition of the Floral Park Mayor's report will debut Monday September 12th at 9:30pm and repeat on Thursday September 15th at the same time. As always, please visit www.4vs.org for the complete list of shows, dates, and times.

Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald

Downtown Revitalization Initiative

The Village is again making an application for the "Downtown Revitalization Initiative" grant for up to \$10mm. By way of background, each year New York State awards \$10mm to a community in each of the 10 state regions, one of which is Long Island. The basis for Floral Park's application is centered on input from our Business District Advancement Committee (which consists of residents and business owners) and input from our outside consultant NV5.

Our three business districts are Jericho Turnpike, Covert Avenue and Tulip Avenue. This year, the Village is seeking community input via several avenues: 1) an e-mail blast going out this week to residents with a 20 question survey; and 2) a special meeting on September 13 at 8 pm regarding the application, seeking information from the audience. I would like to thank Building Superintendent Renee Marcus and Deputy Mayor Lynn Pomonyo for their hard work this past week, and as always, thanks to Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick. With the deadline soon approaching, we feel that Floral Park's application will be a strong one inclusive of some concrete initiatives that can have significant value in increasing the viability of our business districts. We look forward to hearing from our residents and businesses in the next week to finalize the submission.

Belmont Racetrack

I am happy to report good news. NYRA passed a resolution to designate the Triangle located at the Crocus Avenue – Floral Park Bellerose School (FPBS) boundary area as an open space (not to be absorbed as parking). This will enhance the Belmont/Floral Park border by creating a buffer for the school near the playground and for the residents nearby. I would like thank the Franchise Oversight Board (FOB), Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages, former FPBS Superintendent Dr. Kathleen Sottile, and Village Administrator Bambrick for helping to accomplish this. I would especially like to thank the residents on Crocus and Larch Avenues for having your voices heard throughout the process to better help the Board achieve and maintain quality of life in the West End.

Communications

Trustee Stewart mentioned the e-mail blasts being a key tool that the Mayor & Board of Trustees regularly use to keep residents, businesses and the public updated on current news in the Village. I am happy to report that over 3,000 residents have successfully subscribed for online notifications. Residents can read the most up-to-date bi-weekly Board Reports and other topical Village-wide news including the Building Department (BZA/ARB) agendas by visiting the Village website and/or by signing-up for personal notifications by going

to the Village website: fpvillage.org, click on Quick Links: Important Notifications. The direct link is: <https://fpvillage.org/notifications/>

Thank you to Felix Procaccia of 'Just the Facts Media' and to Brandon Duffy, Blank Slate Media (on Zoom) for attending. It is appreciated.

At 8:48 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, Commissioner McAllister, and Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane.

The Board discussed police and building department personnel and 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 11:45 pm.

Susan Walsh, Village Clerk