

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK
Board of Trustees MINUTES
October 4, 2022 – 8:00 PM
Village Hall Courtroom

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Meeting ID: 844 9779 3776, Passcode: 138495. Dial-in: 1 646 558 8656; Meeting ID: 844 9779 3776,
Passcode:138495.

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 public hearing and regular meeting, Mayor Fitzgerald announced that the Board was recognizing and honoring employees with the New York Conference of Mayors Service Award Certificates. The following employees were recognized with a tribute each:

Department of Public Works

Mary Ann Cumming – 25 Years
Joe Karam – 25 Years
Jim Pohl – 25 Years
Bill Zask – 35 Years

Police Department

Police Officer Michael Saville – 25 Years

Administrative Office

Evelyn Schultz – 40 Years

Recreation Department

Sheila McKendry - 25 Years
Kurt Meyfohrt – 25 Years

Immediately following the presentation of the employee awards, Mayor Fitzgerald opened the public hearing for Local Law No. 3 of 2022 – “A Local Law Amending Section 73-2 of the Code of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park with Respect to Income Limits for Senior Citizen Tax Exemptions.”

At 8:30 pm, immediately following the public hearing, Mayor Fitzgerald opened the regular meeting. He 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 and Public Hearing Minutes – AAA Taxi Franchise Renewal both held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 and Work Session Minutes held on Thursday, September 29, 2022.

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2022-175 to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable as follows:

General Fund	\$4,006,510.23
Pool Fund	\$ 69,898.55
Capital Fund	\$ -0-
Total	\$4,076,408.78

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:

- Girl Scout Troop 1285 to use Firefighters Hall to hold their bridging ceremony on Friday, October 21, 2022 from 5 pm to 10 pm;
- John Lewis Childs to hold their annual Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31, 2022 at 2:00 pm with a slight change in the parade route: from school yard go north on Flower Avenue to Elizabeth Street to Plainfield Avenue south to King Street and make right on King Street back to the school yard;
- Floral Park PBA to use Firefighters’ Hall on Sunday, December 4, 2022 to hold their annual children’s Christmas party from 10am-4pm;
- Girl Scout Troop 1090 to use the Recreation Center for their monthly meetings on Saturdays from 2 pm to 3pm on 11/5, 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 4/1 and 6/3; and
- Girl Scout Troop 1582 to use the Recreation Center for their monthly meetings on Saturdays from 1 pm to 2:30 pm on 10/15, (11/5 & 12/3 12 to 1:30pm), 1/21, 2/11, 3/11, 4/22, 5/20 & 6/10.

Trustee Longobardi offered Resolution No. 2022-176 to ratify the approval to permit Lt. Thomas McCarthy attend the Department of Criminal Justice Services Public Safety Symposium from 9/26/22 through 9/29/22 in Albany for a cost of \$389.00 plus meals.

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. 2022-177 to hire Andrea Longobardi as a full-time neighborhood aide in the Police Department at the contractual rate of \$40,900.00 (Gr 15 Step 1) subject to medical drug/alcohol clearances and Nassau County Civil Service’s approval. Before adoption of resolution, Mayor Fitzgerald added that the employment application of Andrea Longobardi was reviewed and approved by the Board of Ethics.

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 - Recused
 Mayor Fitzgerald - Aye

On motion by Trustee Chiara, seconded by Trustee Stewart, the Board of Trustees approved the below listed block party applications in accordance with Section 32d subject to the approval of the Police Department:

<u>Date</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>In Between</u>
Saturday, 10/22 (RD 10/29)	Aspen St	Birch Street & Dead-end
Saturday, 10/22	Verbena Ave	Carnation Ave & Rose Ave

Trustee Stewart offered Resolution No. 2022-178 to authorize refund requests to the following individuals:

- A. Papadeas in the amount of \$70.00 for a recreation program that he was unable to attend;
- T. Sica in the amount of \$60.00 due to the yoga class cancellation;
- B. Nickels in the amount of \$60.00 due to the yoga class cancellation; and
- L. Dentale in the amount of \$60.00 due to the yoga class cancellation.

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. 2022-179 to determine that the special use application of Saif U. Ahmed, lessee of 75 Covert Avenue, Floral Park, NY to open a café 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 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. 2022-180 to re-adopt the Half-Mast Flag-flying Policy which was adopted on August 21, 1980.

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. 2022-181 to approve the renewal of franchise agreement of AAA Taxi, Inc. a/k/a Victory Leasing Corp. franchise agreement for a term of three years and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement.

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. 2022-182 to determine the construction of road and drainage improvements of various roads in the Village 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 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. 2022-183 to authorize the construction of various roads in the village, including related drainage work in connection therewith, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$650,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose, and authorize the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$650,000.00 to finance said appropriation.

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. 2022-184 to determine the construction of the police and fire communications tower 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

Trustee Chiara offered Resolution No. 2022-185 to authorize the construction of improvements to the police and fire communications tower, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$155,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose, and authorize the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$155,000.00 to finance said appropriation.

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. 2022-186 to authorize the purchase of 100 Motorola radios in the amount of \$39,995.00 for the fire department under NYS Contract 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. 2022-187 to award the Multi-Purpose Hockey Rink Bid contract to Pioneer Landscaping and Asphalt Paving in the base bid amount of \$649,000 plus Add Alternate #1 for concrete walkway \$13,000 and Add Alternate #4 for surface color coating \$25,000 for a total award in the amount of \$687,000 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. 2022-188 to establish the standard work day for elected official, Trustee Michael Longobardi, and report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by Trustee Longobardi to the clerk of this body:

**STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

TITLE	NAME	Registration Number	Standard Work Day Hrs/Day	Term Begins/ Ends	Participates in Employers time-keeping system (Y/N)	Days/ Month (based on Record of Activities)
Trustee	Michael Longobardi		6	4/2022 – 4/2024	N	4.58 days per month

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 - Recused
- Mayor Fitzgerald - Aye

Trustee Lynn Pombonyo

Fire Department

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has declared that October 9th to 15th will be National Fire Prevention Week. Do your part to keep your families, friends and co-workers safe, by checking out fpw.org for valuable fire safety information, community education activities, videos, games, apps and tip sheets.

Most important, come to our Floral Park Fire Department's Open House on Sunday, October 16th from 10am to 12:30pm at the Carlton parking lot opposite the Police Department. There, your family will learn about fire prevention and FPPD recruitment opportunities plus enjoy live demonstrations, interactive children's activities, free barbecue and refreshments.

This year's theme is FIRE WON'T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE AT fpw.org. And, while you're there, please thank our volunteer firefighters and rescue EMTs for their service to all of us.

That's our FPPD Open House, Sunday, October 16th, 10am, across from the FPPD, and make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your own home. Be safe!

Department of Public Works

It's fall in Floral Park, so we hope you will enjoy all its beauty. As the leaves begin to fall, we ask residents and businesses to gather the leaves, put them in clear plastic bags, and place the bags at the curb on the designated yard waste day (the Sanitation Department's collection day, opposite the recycling day). Professional landscapers are required to remove the leaves from the properties completely.

Our road program continues. Spooner Street and the Spooner parking lot are being prepared for the asphalt paving, and it is expected that both will be completed in the next few weeks.

Conservation Society

Centennial Gardens continues to remain open for extended weekend hours, 9am to 6pm (or dusk, whichever comes first), Saturdays and Sundays.

Save the date for our magnificent, third annual Fairie Forest Festival on Saturday, October 29th, 1-4pm. Children and adults will be fascinated by this unique Gardens adventure. For the exciting details and photos from our two prior festivals, see Ann Moynagh's spectacular Floral Park Centennial Gardens Facebook page.

Chambers of Commerce and Our Businesses

Both our Floral Park and Covert Avenue Chambers will be seeing two major building development projects moving forward following a series of comprehensive Architectural Review Board (ARB) meetings. See Trustee Chiara's report on the status of the Centennial Hall and Covert Avenue properties.

The Covert Avenue Chamber Street Fair is coming soon. On Saturday, October 15th, the Avenue will be transformed into a fun-filled place for families, featuring our amazing Floral Park and Stewart Manor businesses, family friendly live music, food trucks, mums, a Floral Park Lions Club pumpkin patch, and lots more surprises. Don't miss the fun SHOPPING AND DINING LOCAL ON COVERT, 11am to 5pm on the 15th.

CREW - The Coalition of Resources for Education and Wellness

Floral Park CREW is dedicated to the education and wellness of our residents, especially our youth. On Monday evening, October 17th, the Sewanhaka Central Council of PTAs and Pupil Personnel Services Department will partner with CREW to present RAISING RESILIENT AND RESPONSIBLE TEENS, a conversation to assist and support parents and guardians. Facilitating the conversation will be a panel of SCHSD and other professionals including a psychiatrist, school psychologist, counselor and social worker, high school student and LICADD volunteer. This important program will take place at 8pm in the Sewanhaka High School Board Room. All are welcome.

Homecoming Weekend!

Come out and support our high schools' Homecoming celebrations, this Saturday, October 8th! Floral Park Memorial's parade will kick off at 11am, moving from FPM to Plainfield Avenue, Carnation, Tulip in town, and back to Locust. Sewanhaka High School's parade will kick off at noon and proceed throughout the neighborhoods surrounding the school. Exciting varsity football games will follow. FPM plays Lynbrook, and SHS will take on Calhoun. Please get out and cheer for our FPM and SHS students and teams!

Trustee Frank Chiara

Building Department

I am happy to report that the proposed buildings at 41-61 Covert Ave and 1 Carnation Ave (Centennial Hall) have been conditionally approved by the Architectural Review Board (ARB). The architects for these projects will now have to complete their construction drawings and submit them to the Building Dept. for building code review and also submit them to the County for site plan approval. Once approvals are received, the construction on both of these projects may begin.

I would like to thank the Architectural Review Board and all of our residents who participated in the process for sharing their ideas and concerns. I would also like to thank the owners of these properties for listening to the ARB and our residents. Both owners addressed the majority of our concerns by resubmitting plans that addressed our concerns. We are all looking forward to both of these projects getting underway.

Trustee Jennifer Stewart

Recreation Center

I was so happy to attend the annual Liz' Day, last Saturday, September 24th to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research. It is so amazing to see what women with a mission can accomplish. Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers for another great event.

Congratulations to all the Little League award winners, we have District 29 champions in both baseball and softball leagues. Little League is another example of a cadre of volunteers coming together to make something happen in our community.

Fall baseball and Screaming Eagles hockey keep the Rec Center full and busy several days of the week. As mentioned earlier, the Village awarded the contract for the reconstruction of the Multi-Purpose Hockey Rink Bid to Pioneer Landscaping and Asphalt Paving and we look forward to another much need upgrade to the Rec Center facilities. More to come.

LIRR

The Village continues to maintain open lines of communication with 3TC and the MTA regarding the completion of the third track project, particularly the gate at Tunnel Street. The Village Board, along with Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick are in communication with our state elected officials, Assemblywoman Solages, Senator Kaplan and Governor Hochul's Long Island representative in hopes of stopping the vehicular gate at Tunnel Street.

Trustee Michael Longobardi

Floral Park Library

The Library has launched its new homepage for the website. Visit the website to see the new layout and all the Library has to offer.

This Thursday the Library book club will meet and discuss: *The Night Watchman*. The Library continues to hold English Language Learner Classes now through December 17th. Contact Literacy Nassau at 516-867-3580. October is National Pizza Month. The Library is celebrating this Saturday from 2:00-3:30pm with Zef's firetruck Pizza serving his delicious pizza. We are also happy to have an Engine from our Floral Park Fire Department there as well. Counselor Paul Meyfohr will hold step-by-step workshops for high school students navigating the college process and all that is involved. Reminder, October 26th is Trivia Night; tickets are available and must be purchased ahead of time. Details for these and many other events are listed on the Library website: www.floralparklibrary.org.

Four Village Studio (4VS)

A few months ago, I mentioned about the computer upgrade to the studio. That has begun but has been altered slightly due to some compatibility issues. However, it is moving forward thankfully as well as an upgrade to a more secure infrastructure protection.

The end of October marks the 10th anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. While right now all our thoughts and prayers are focused on our fellow residents, family and friends in Florida and the Carolinas as they recover from Ian, the studio has completed a 30-minute show titled "Sandy: 10 Years After!". It is 30 minutes of photos and videos that captured the initial days after the storm highlighting all the hard work by our various village departments as well as our residents to restore our great village. It will debut Monday October 24th at 9pm.

Please visit www.4vs.org for the complete list of shows, dates, and times.

Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald

Following up on Trustee Stewart's report on the Third Track, Governor Hochul recently announced the completion of the Long Island Rail Road's historic Third Track project of the new 9.8-mile track that runs from Floral Park to Hicksville. Please be advised that the Village realizes that there are final phases that remain to be completed on the Main Line and a number of issues that affect the residents of Floral Park that still need to be resolved. I assure you that the Village will continue to address all of the issues proactively and as they arise. Thank you to Trustee Stewart and especially, Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick who is handling all railroad issues on a day-to-day basis.

Today, the NYS Gaming Association announced the creation of the Gaming Facility Location Board that will be part of the decision-making process for the granting of the downstate casino license which will probably be awarded sometime late in 2023 at the earliest. Part of the approval process will be the majority vote of the to be created Community Advisory Board which will include elected officials from the community in which a potential bid is located. For more information including details on the format of a CAC you can visit: www.nycasinos.ny.gov. The Village will be monitoring this process very closely.

NYRA is near completion of installing a mini-berm and buffer fence at the UBS Arena Emerald Parking Lot that will help protect the homes in Floral Park located in that area. Thank you to NYRA for their efforts on this important issue.

Thank you to Felix Procacci, 'Just the Facts Media' for being here tonight and to Brandon Duffy, Blank Slate Media for attending on Zoom. It is appreciated.

To get updated coverage on Village news, please sign up for the bi-weekly Village E-mail blasts and online E-news that are published on the Fridays following the Village Board meetings. Read up on the latest news in the Village's Board Reports and on other topical issues. To sign up for personal notifications individuals can visit the Village website: fpvillage.org, click on Quick Links: Important Notifications. The direct link is: <https://fpvillage.org/notifications/>. Thank you.

The Mayor opened the meeting for public session at 8:48 pm. 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, Commissioner Stephen McAllister, and Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane.

The Board discussed police 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 12:01 am.

Susan Walsh
Village Clerk