

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 3, 2023 at 8:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL COURTROOM

The Annual Re-organization Meeting was held on April 3, 2023 at 8:00 pm. The meeting was open to the public and available by way of video and teleconference:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89430921887?pwd=OEx2ZUFrcDhTMENSQTJuaGJIUzB4QT09>

Meeting ID: 894 3092 1887 Passcode: 006665; Dial-in: 1 646 931 3860 Meeting ID: 894 3092 1887 Passcode: 006665.

Trustee Stewart opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Stewart called upon Associate Village Justice Perry Criscitelli to administer the Oath of Office to Mayor Kevin M. Fitzgerald and Trustee Frank J. Chiara.

Mayor Fitzgerald called the Honorable Edward W. McCarty, III to administer the Oath of Office to Trustee Lynn Pombonyo.

Mayor Fitzgerald called the Associate Village Justice Perry Criscitelli to administer the Oath of Office to Village Justice Douglas J. Hayden.

Mayor Fitzgerald thanked all the appointed volunteers for making Floral Park such a great place to live. Mayor Fitzgerald asked each of the Trustees to speak:

Board of Trustees Remarks

Mayor Kevin M. Fitzgerald

My fellow Trustees, colleagues, family, friends and most importantly my fellow residents. As we know Floral Park is known for many things (e.g., continuously top five safest city in New York, a beautiful recreation center etc.), but it is its residents that truly make Floral Park as our motto states a “Great Place to Live, Work and Raise a Family”. The residents of Floral Park certainly are the embodiment of the term community and put their time and talents to work on a daily basis to ensure Floral Park is a great place to live, work and raise a family. As we continue to face significant challenges as a Village (and as I have learned over the past 12 years to expect the unexpected), I stand before you resolved to continue to dedicate myself to ensuring that Floral Park continues to be a beacon of suburban life and more importantly a true community in which current and future generations are attracted to live and raise their families. It is humbling to be chosen by such an exceptional group of people and to represent them in the governance of our Village.

I would be remiss if I did not thank a few significant people:

- Trustee Pombonyo and Trustee Chiara, congratulations on your re-election and thank you for your support and guidance. It is an absolute privilege to be able to continue to serve with you and being part of another extraordinary team. It is with a sense of teamwork that we (the five of us) share that I am confident we as a team will continue to keep Floral Park a vibrant and attractive community. I look forward to working with each of you in meeting whatever challenges come our way – and there will certainly be some.
- To all our Former Trustees and Mayors, that have come before us, for having a vision during your terms for ensuring Floral Park would be the wonderful place it is today. And for your tireless efforts and personal sacrifices that you have made. I look forward to continue building upon the foundation that you left in order to ensure future generations enjoy the quality of life that is a hallmark of Floral Park. I would be remiss if I did not thank former Mayors Greene, Tweedy, Corbett and Longobardi for your continued advice and also responding “YES” to my “do you have a minute texts”.
- The members of the Citizens’ Party, thank you for your continued support over the past 12 years. I would like to extend a special thank you to Chairman Joseph O’Grady, former Mayor Kevin Greene and Michael Culotta for all of your efforts this year in ensuring that our campaign was a successful one.
- To Village Administrator Bambrick, Village Clerk Walsh, and all of Department Heads and employees, you are the backbone that makes Floral Park’s government and its myriad services run so smoothly and for your efforts all 365 days of the year, a sincere thank you.
- In the spirit of tonight in which we will be appointing residents to serve on various committees, including a number of new volunteers that eagerly accepted the roles. To you I would like to offer the following quote “[Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.](#)” Thank you all for putting your heart into Floral Park and being so generous with your time.
- To my mother and father for instilling in their children the sense of pride in rolling up your sleeves in order to help others.
- Over the past 12 years as a Trustee/Mayor when people ask me how I find the time to do serve as Trustee, my first answer is always because “Jen lets me”. Although that is certainly true, but in all seriousness, it is because I have phenomenal support from my family. Therefore, lastly, I would

like to thank my lovely wife Jennifer for her unwavering love, support, and understanding day in and day out. And my children Caitlin and James thank you for all the smiles, laughs and fun times, including watching the shows that I have done on 4VS; and as Mayor I already have scheduled 4VS TV shows which I know you will be looking forward to watching and enjoying with your friends at college.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone, who took time out of their day to join us this evening. I look forward to representing you, my fellow residents, for the next two years as Mayor and most importantly I am proud to be a resident of this great Village we all call home.

Deputy Mayor Lynn Pombonyo

Good evening on this very happy night in Floral Park.

Thank you all for coming and for making it possible for Mayor Fitzgerald, Trustee Chiara, Justice Hayden and me to be with you right here tonight. Your commitment to and support for our Village are what make it work so successfully.

We have a long agenda of appointments tonight, filled with the names of many of you in the audience - Volunteers, who have served on our key Village committees, in some cases, for decades. And you will shortly hear all of these names. We salute you and applaud you tonight for your passion, whole-hearted participation, creative thinking, collective wisdom and invaluable contributions that have lovingly nurtured this special place we call Floral Park. Thank you, one and all.

Congratulations and thank you also to my fellow candidates, Kevin, Frank and Doug, and your families for making this Village team a strong and thriving one as we partner with our colleagues, Jennifer and Mike, and our "always there for Floral Park" Village staff.

And, personally, I'd like to thank my family team, Judge Ed McCarty, with whom I've shared adventures here in Floral Park, Bellerose, and everywhere. Over sixty years ago, Ed proudly graduated from the Floral Park-Bellerose School in the first sixth grade graduating class entering Floral Park Memorial High School. Thank you for swearing me in, Your Honor, and for everything else, Ed.

May God bless you all who are here tonight, and may God bless the Village of Floral Park.

Trustee Frank Chiara

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK my Family, my Friends, the Citizens' Party and all the residents who took time out to support me and my fellow candidates on our re-election. THANK YOU!

It is an honor to be selected as your Village Trustee and a privilege to serve with such a dedicated team - Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Lynn Pombonyo, Justice Douglas Hayden, fellow Trustees Jenifer Stewart and Michael Longobardi, and our entire village staff. We are a strong team that strives to serve our community with the best of our abilities

To all our volunteers, THANK YOU! for sharing your time and energy with us to make our Village one of the best communities to live. Without your efforts this Village would not be as vibrant as it is.

By us all working together with a common goal of always doing the best for our Village, our Village will remain a wonderful community to live and raise a family. My commitment is to continue to do so and look forward to my service as your Trustee. Thank You!!

Trustee Jennifer Stewart

I would like to extend my congratulations to Mayor Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Dr. Lynn Pombonyo, Trustee Frank Chiara, and Village Justice Doug Hayden on their re-elections. It is truly an honor to sever with such wonderful colleagues. Thank you to all of the volunteers tonight whose contributions make Floral Park such a wonderful place to live for all of us.

Trustee Michael Longobardi

Congratulations to Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald, Deputy Mayor Lynn Pombonyo and Trustee Frank Chiara. It is an honor to sit with you on this team and I look forward to working with entire Board this coming year. Congratulations to Justice Doug Hayden on his re-election and thank you to the team of volunteers who give their all to Floral park. Thank you.

Village Justice Douglas Hayden thanked everyone for their support on his re-election celebrating 24 years in office. He recognized the Justice Court team of Justices, Prosecutors and staff for their hard work. Justice Hayden thanked his family for their love and support and recognized his father, Floral Park Mayor Tom Hayden for inspiring him to serve.

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, Trustee Lynn Pombonyo was appointed **Deputy Mayor** for a term of one (1) year.

The following Village Board appointments were made by Mayor Fitzgerald:

Public Works Department	Jennifer Stewart
Fire Department	Frank Chiara
Police Department	Dr Lynn Pombonyo
Building Department	Michael Longobardi
Recreation Department	Michael Longobardi
Pool Department	Michael Longobardi
Library	Frank Chiara

Budget Committee	Entire Board
Audit Committee	Entire Board
Tree Committee	Entire Board

Mayor Kevin M. Fitzgerald liaison to:

Finance
 NYRA/Belmont
 Village Prosecutor
 Community Police Advisory Board

Trustee Lynn Pombonyo liaison to:

Hillcrest Civic Association
 Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce
 FP Chamber of Commerce
 Conservation Advisory Council
 Community Police Advisory Board
 Coalition of Resources for Education & Wellness Committee

Trustee Frank J. Chiara liaison to:

West End Civic Association
 Beautification Committee
 New Resident Committee
 Coalition of Resources for Education & Wellness Committee

Trustee Jennifer Stewart liaison to:

North End Civic Association
 Council of Cultural Affairs
 Four Village Studio
 MTA/LIRR

Trustee Michael F. Longobardi liaison to:

South Side Civic Association
 Emergency Management & Civil Preparedness Task Force
 FAA/NYNJ Port Authority
 Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made for a term of two (2) years:

Gerard M. Bambrick, Village Administrator, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Budget Officer
 Susan E. Walsh, Village Clerk, Registrar of Vital Statistics and Records Access Officer

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made for a term of one (1) year:

Steve Arnone, Deputy Village Treasurer
 Michael Derby, Assessor & Deputy Tax Collector
 Tom Dillon, Pool Director
 Kevin Ginnane, Superintendent of Public Works
 Renee Marcus, Superintendent of Buildings
 Joan McAllister, Clerk to the Village Justice
 Joseph O'Grady, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works
 Rosaleen Shea, Deputy Village Clerk and Deputy Registrar

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stewart, and carried unanimously, the following appointment was made for the **Justice Court** for a term of one (1) year:

Perry Criscitelli, Esq., Associate Village Justice

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the following appointment was made for the **Justice Court** for a term of one (1) year:

Arthur T. Walsh, Esq., Prosecuting Attorney

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made for the **Justice Court** each for a term of one (1) year:

Keith J. Conway, Esq., Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Marc Mullen, Esq., Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Mayor Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2023-69 appointing **John E. Ryan, Esq. as Village Attorney and Zoning Counsel** for a term of one (1) year.

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

Mayor Fitzgerald offered Resolution No. 2023-70 appointing the firm of **Skinnon & Faber, C.P.A. as Village Auditor** for a term of one (1) year.

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 Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi and carried unanimously, the following appointment was made for a term of one (1) year:

‘The Herald Courier’, Official Village Newspaper

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made each for a term of one (1) year:

Dr. Fredric Cogan, Police Surgeon and Infectious Disease Control Officer
Dr. Vibhu Narang (of Stat MD), Police Surgeon
Walter E. Gosden, Village Historian
Kevin J. Greene, Director of Civil Preparedness
Andrew Weiss, Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Officer

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the following appointments to the **Board of Architectural & Preliminary Site Review (ARB)** were made each for a term of two (2) years:

Timothy Tweedy, Chairman	Roger Kuehnlenz
Edward Chatterton	John Lockwood
Anthony Kruzynski	

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stewart, and carried unanimously, the following appointment was made for the members of the **Board of Ethics**:

Alfred Meyn	3 years
Mark Reisig	3 years
Trustee Frank J. Chiara	2 years

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the following appointment was made for the members of the **Grievance Board** each for a term of one (1) year:

Kevin J. Flood	Terence Coppinger
Marguerite Durkin-Lockwood	Bernadette Verdu

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the following appointment was made to the **Long Island Railroad Expansion Project** for a term on one (1) year:

Archie T. Cheng, Esq., Village Representative

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara and carried unanimously, the following appointment to the **Library Board** was made for a term of five (5) years:

Douglas Monaghan

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stewart and carried unanimously, the following appointment to the **Board of Zoning Appeals (ZBA)** was made for a term of five (5) years:

Christopher Downes, Chairman

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **Recreation Committee** each for a term of two (2) years:

David Crowley	Thomas Kubler
Mary Ann Cuite	Stephen McCaffrey
Frank DeAngelis	Lisa Holz
Kristin Flood	Edward McCann

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **Pool Committee** each for a term of one (1) year:

David Crowley	Kellie Kuntz
MaryAnn Cuite	Richard Pfeiffer
William Emmel	Lisa Holz
Janet Greene	John Yackel
Thomas Kubler	

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **New Resident Committee** each for a term of one (1) year:

Laura Connolly	Anne Musso
Darlene Lanza	Anne Marie McGeever
Janine Mullen	Bernadette Verdu

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stewart, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **Beautification Committee** each for a term of one (1) year:

Donna Sanchez	Ann Fitzgerald
Emily Kruzynski	Bernadette Summa

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **Four Village Studio Cable Committee** each for a period of one (1) year:

Steve Lowe
Walter Gosden

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **Conservation Advisory Council** each for a term of one (1) year:

Gerard M. Bambrick	Joseph Serra
Dennis McEnery	Stephen Vargas

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee** each for a term of one (1) year:

Linda Dersch
Lana Vogel
Andrew Weiss

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stewart, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **Emergency Management & Civil Preparedness Task Force** each for a term of one (1) year:

Kevin J. Greene, Director	Thomas Dillon
Gerard M. Bambrick	Kevin Ginnane

James R. Green
Kevin Kiss
Renee Marcus
Stephen McAllister
Kurt Meyfohr

Joseph O'Grady
Matthew Sexton
Dana Weissman
Charles Zuba

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **Cultural Affairs Committee** for a term of one (1) year:

Gerard M. Bambrick
Alexa Ventimiglia

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo, and carried, (M. Longobardi recused), the following appointments were made to the **Coalition of Resources for Education and Wellness Committee (CREW)** each for a term of one (1) year:

William Doherty
Thomas Holz
Denise Longobardi

Joseph O'Grady
Maureen Russell

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **Fair Housing Committee** each for a term of one (1) year:

Gerry Bambrick
Ann V. Corbett
Petrina DiGangi
Marc Mullen

John Ryan
Renee Marcus
Susan Walsh

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stewart, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **Community Police Advisory Board** each for a term of one (1) year:

Gerard M. Bambrick
Mary Ann Cuite
Fr. Tom Fusco
Thomas Kubler
Louis LeBlanc

Stephen McAllister
Heather McClintock, Esq.
Marc Mullen, Esq.
Richard Provost
Arthur Walsh, Esq.

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the **Tree Committee** each for a term of one (1) year:

Charles Annunziato, MD
Kevin Flood
Kevin Ginnane

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, The following appointment was made to fill the vacancy of the **Ombudsman for Senior Citizens** for the unexpired term through 2025.

Former Mayor Ann V. Corbett

Deputy Mayor Lynn Pombonyo offered Resolution No. 2023-71 that:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Fiscal Officer and/or Deputy Treasurer be and they hereby are authorized to invest idle monies of the Inc. Village of Floral Park in Money Market Deposits, and Certificates of Deposit in the designated depositories of the Inc. Village of Floral Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they be and they hereby are authorized to purchase obligations of the U.S. Government, via: Treasury Bills, Bonds and Notes from designated depositories of the Village, banks or trust companies authorized to do business in New York State, or registered primary report dealers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the banks and trust companies authorized for the deposit of monies are:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

TD Bank, N. A.

&

NYCLASS

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that they will provide the Board of Trustees with monthly written reports concerning principal amounts of investments and interest earned thereon;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Fiscal Officer and/or Deputy Treasurer will monitor collateral pledged on bank account balance.

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

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

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stewart, and carried unanimously, the Board approved Public Official Bonds for each employee in the Village in the amount of \$100,000.

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Longobardi, and carried unanimously, the Board approved that the regular Board of Trustees' meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, except on the day of Village Elections, which will be held on the day after; except during the months of July and August, which will be held on the third Tuesday; except on General Elections, which will be held on the day after and upon resolution, a regularly scheduled Board meetings' time and/or date may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances and will be published in the official village newspaper.

The Mayor invited all appointees present to sign the Oath Book and join the Board for refreshments in Firefighters Hall.

The meeting ended at 8:35 pm.

Susan Walsh
Village Clerk