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M I N U T E S
OF THE MEETING
OF THE
PUBLIC HEARING
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK
April 12, 2023
8:00 p.m.

P R E S E N T:

- KEVIN M. FITZGERALD, MAYOR
- DR. LYNN POMBONYO, DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE
- FRANK J. CHIARA, TRUSTEE
- JENNIFER STEWART, TRUSTEE
- MICHAEL F. LONGOBARDI, TRUSTEE

ALSO PRESENT:

- JOHN RYAN, ESQ. Village Attorney
- GERARD M. BAMBRICK, Village Administrator
- SUSAN E. WALSH, Village Clerk
- RENEE MARCUS, Superintendent of Buildings
- STEPHEN MCALLISTER, Police Commissioner
- KEVIN GINNANE, Superintendent Public Works

Catherine P. Murphy
Court Reporter

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1 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Now we move into the
2 budget. Once again, I would like to ask the
3 Village Administrator Bambrick to read the
4 Public Notice.

5 MR. BAMBRICK: Legal Notice To The
6 Taxpayers Incorporated Villae of Floral Park.

7 Notice Is Hereby Given that the tentative
8 budget for the Incorporated Village of Floral
9 Park, New York for year 6/1/2023 to 5/31/2024
10 has been completed by the Budget Officer and a
11 copy filed in the Office of the Village Clerk
12 at Village Hall where same will be available
13 for public inspection during office hours
14 Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until
15 April 12, 2023.

16 The Budget Hearing will be held on
17 Wednesday, April 12, 2023 and will begin at
18 8:00 p.m. immediately after the Proposed Local
19 Law #1 of 2023 Public Hearing in Village Hall
20 Courtroom, One Floral Boulevard, Floral Park,
21 New York and be also available by way of
22 video-conference or tele-conference as follows,
23 on the link information as published.

24 The purpose of the Budget Hearing is to
25 hear any and all interested persons in

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1 connection therewith and to consider such
2 budget for final adoption. Only budget
3 business shall be discussed at this meeting.
4 Copies of the Tentative Budget will be
5 available commencing Monday, April 3, 2023
6 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at
7 Village Hall.

8 The maximum compensation proposed from all
9 sources under such budget to the Village
10 Justice is \$10,000, the Mayor \$10,000 and each
11 Trustee \$5,000 per year.

12 By Order of the Board of Trustees, Susan
13 E. Walsh, Village Clerk, dated March 24, 2023
14 and March 31, 2023.

15 This Legal Notice has been published in
16 the official paper and posted according to law.

17 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you,
18 Mr. Bambrick. So, the way that the process
19 will work, for those of you who have not been
20 here before, and I see people here before both
21 in person or online, I will give a brief
22 introduction. Then the Administrator Bambrick
23 will go through some of the numbers,
24 calculations of how the tax cap is calculated
25 and then it will be turned to each of the Board

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1 of Trustees to go over their specific
2 departments. To the people on Zoom, we have a
3 power point that you can follow along with and
4 we'll try to keep it up-to-date as possible
5 with the turning of the pages.

6 With that, I guess I will give my brief
7 overview. As with most of life over the past
8 few years, many costs associated with providing
9 Village services continue to rise. This
10 upcoming year is certainly no exception. To
11 that there's inflation that continues to have a
12 significant impact on our daily lives.

13 One cost in particular that stands out is
14 the rise of health care costs for our employees
15 who provide the services to our Village
16 residents. As to the increases, health cost
17 now have increased both last year and this
18 upcoming year. Last year, the increase was 9
19 percent and it will be about 15 percent or
20 almost \$600,000 this year. This amounts to a
21 approximately 1.9 percent of the total budget.

22 Even with all the aforementioned and other
23 challenges over the past fiscal year, the
24 Village has continued to permit in this budget
25 the necessary capital projects and initiatives

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1 such as various roads and committed to a new
2 fire truck at the Reliance Firehouse, all
3 providing essential services that have been the
4 hallmark to Floral Park for decades.

5 I would like to point out the expense
6 side. The salary lines for many departments
7 may look like they're increasing at a high rate
8 but the major reasons for that is the raises
9 for the rank and file of non-supervisors union
10 of the CSEA and the police reflects two years
11 contractual raises. The contractual raises
12 for the current year which included the budget
13 last year, the collective bargaining agreement
14 each of the two units were not filed on it this
15 year when the budget was adopted, these salary
16 increases were not included in the salary
17 lines last year. Rather the increases were
18 included in the contingent line.

19 Speaking of the contingent line, which is
20 line 1990 on page 18, there's decreases of
21 about \$239,000 primarily due to the fact that
22 we have no open contract with our union and
23 therefore, do not have to budget for back pay
24 when contracts are settled. We have reduced
25 the line by our contract with NYU to be first

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1 due, thus with medical supplies with our
2 ambulance. However, because this is the first
3 full year with NYU Langone as first due in our
4 volunteer ambulance, the plan is to encumber
5 funds from this year's fund so that the next
6 year a full \$30,000 for medical supplies will
7 be budgeted and available for ambulance
8 services, if needed.

9 Due to the installation of the LED lights,
10 2023/24 budget for the fiscal year will see a
11 significant savings which I know Deputy Mayor
12 Pombonyo may talk about.

13 At last year's budget meeting, I reported
14 that the retirement contributions for CSEA and
15 police department were up even with the market
16 being up and we need to keep an eye on this
17 trend. We're happy to report that this year,
18 the Village's contribution will be lower by
19 nine percent from CSEA and flat for the police
20 department.

21 However, our overall budget, there will be
22 an increase of about 7.6 percent due to
23 significant increases this year in the
24 aforementioned medical insurance and medicare
25 reimbursements to retirees.

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1 If I had to narrow the budget to four
2 sentences, the aforementioned will be a very
3 high level reason for the increase.

4 With regards to ARPA funds that the
5 Village received, which was approximately
6 \$800,000 in 2021 and we received approximately
7 another \$800,000 in 2022. We can certainly
8 budget to the various cost revenues in both
9 years. Some of those examples are parking
10 fees, reduced membership at the pool.

11 As we receive the revenues coming back, we
12 budget \$218,000 for the upcoming year. We will
13 place any unused portions into reserves which
14 will be used for upcoming capital projects.
15 Additionally, we did not place the entire
16 amount in the budget as basically a one shot
17 increase that will have to be made in
18 subsequent budgets by more then likely taxes.

19 Before we move to the individual
20 departments and Mr. Bambrick's presentation, I
21 would like to thank Village Administrator Jerry
22 Bambrick, Deputy/Treasurer Steve Arnone, along
23 with their staff for their tireless efforts
24 including putting together this upcoming year's
25 budget.

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1 Additionally, I would like to thank all
2 the department heads and supervisors and our
3 library board for the efforts in their drafting
4 process for the department. This is a lot of
5 work that goes into this for months preceding
6 this meeting. Their due diligence in keeping
7 the budgetary requests in the respective
8 departments within reasons while knowing that
9 the right balance and assuring their services
10 remain and always have been while facing
11 inflationary headwinds is most appreciated.

12 With that, I would like to turn it over to
13 Village Administrator Bambrick once again to go
14 through the slides on the task.

15 MR. BAMBRICK: Thank you, Mayor
16 Fitzgerald. It will be repetitive of what I
17 said in the prior years because the discussion
18 of the tax cap hasn't changed but a lot of
19 details I think bear repeating.

20 This is the Village's 12th proposed budget
21 after enactment of the New York State tax cap
22 law or for those generally familiar with the
23 2 percent tax cap. But there's still a good
24 amount of confusion about the tax cap due
25 primarily, I think, due to the fact that

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1 several factors goes into calculating the tax
2 cap. First, the tax cap is not 2 percent. It
3 is a formula established by the state based on
4 information and factors set by the state. The
5 biggest of these factors is the allowable
6 growth factor which is assigned this year by
7 the state to all municipalities based on when
8 the municipalities fiscal year starts. A
9 growth factor is set at either 2 percent or the
10 rate of inflation, whichever is lower. That's
11 where the 2 percent tax cap derives the name.

12 In past years, the allowable growth factor
13 has ranged anywhere from a low of 0.12 percent,
14 just over a tenth of a percent, to a high of
15 2 percent. This year, with inflation at 7.7%,
16 the allowable growth factor for municipalities
17 like Floral Park, which has a fiscal year
18 beginning June 1st, is 2 percent.

19 Another factor that impacts the tax cap is
20 the tax base growth factor. The tax base
21 growth factor is also assigned by the state to
22 be a separate municipality and reflects the
23 determination of the New York State Department
24 of Taxation and Finance as to increases in the
25 tax base based on such things as new

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1 construction or measurable improvements to the
2 taxable properties in the Village.

3 For the coming fiscal year, improvements
4 to residents commercial properties generated
5 \$361,542 in new assessed value of the Village.
6 Most of that increase is based on improvements
7 to existing buildings and a few new residential
8 constructions.

9 Based on this positive growth in the
10 Village, the tax base growth factor for Floral
11 Park for the 2023/2024 fiscal year is 0.1
12 percent or one tenth of one percent. Prior
13 years we had more construction, more
14 developments, such as the Harrison, property
15 across the Harrison and growth factors of point
16 39 .16. This year we had solid growth.

17 Yet another factor that impacts the tax
18 cap is available carry over. The available
19 carry over applies if, in the prior fiscal
20 year, the Village's tax levy was below the full
21 tax cap amount for that year. The available
22 carry over applies to Floral Park this year
23 because the tax levy was less than the tax cap.
24 The dollar amount which the tax levy increases
25 was below the tax cap last year is \$5,953 and

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1 that amount is the available carry over that
2 can applied to the tax cap this year. So, the
3 2 percent allowable growth factor, the 0.1
4 percent growth factor and the available carry
5 over \$5,953, the tax cap for Floral Park for
6 coming fiscal year is 2.1 2 percent.

7 This year, the proposed tax levy of
8 2.83 percent in the tentative budget does
9 exceed the tax cap for the reasons the Mayor
10 just stated.

11 To explain, again I will run through
12 quickly the chart on the tax cap formula just
13 to drive it home. Excuse me if it is
14 repetitive.

15 So, the slide on the screen right now is
16 basically a chart reflecting of what I just
17 discussed. I will run through it quickly. So
18 the first line is the prior tax levy. That's
19 the tax levy from '22, '23 fiscal year. Last
20 year, the tax levy amount, that's the amount we
21 had to raise taxes after all revenues were
22 taken into consideration, that amount was
23 \$27,034,000. To that, you apply the tax base
24 growth factor I mentioned which is based on the
25 amount of growth in the tax base over the

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1 course of last year, has been projected by the
2 New York State Department of Tax and Finance,
3 that's one tenth of one percent. So, that
4 increases the amount you can work off to
5 \$27,061,034. To that, you apply the allowable
6 growth factor, that's the factor that's based
7 on the lower of the inflation rate or
8 2 percent. This year is 2 percent. Multiply
9 that amount by 1.02, reflects 2 percent and to
10 that amount, you add the carry over from the
11 last year. As I said, last year we did not
12 pierce the tax cap. You can apply the
13 difference, that's roughly \$6,000 to that.
14 That brings you to a tax levy limit of
15 \$27,608,207. The tax levy amount this year is
16 \$27,800,000. I'm assuming that's a
17 2.83 percent increase. As I said before, the
18 tax cap limit is 2.12 percent. We are
19 exceeding the tax cap this year. The tax cap
20 applies to the tax levy which is the amount
21 that's needed to be raised by taxes after all
22 the revenues are taken into consideration.

23 But another important aspect of the budget
24 is it sets the tax rate. The tax rate set for
25 the coming year is the amount that's multiplied

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1 by your assessed value to determine your actual
2 tax bill. So, don't get me wrong, the tax levy
3 is very important to the tax levy component in
4 setting a tax rate.

5 So, all properties in the Village are
6 subject to the same tax rate for the Village's
7 portion of the taxes. The tax rate is
8 calculated by taking the tax levy, dividing it
9 by the assessed valuation of all taxable
10 properties.

11 Reflected right now is roman numeral I,
12 page 1 of the budget, if you look at the tax
13 levy amount, proposed tax levy amount, that's
14 divided by the assessed valuation of all the
15 taxable properties. That amount is
16 \$189,486,789. If you divide the \$27,800,000 by
17 that amount, you get a proposed tax rate of
18 \$14.671 dollars for each \$100 of assessed
19 value. That reflects a 2.93 percent tax rate
20 increase for the last year's tax rate.

21 Tax percentage rate is slightly higher
22 than the percentage increased in tax levy
23 because although the assessed valuation of all
24 properties increased in the Village, the
25 assessed valuation of all taxable properties

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1 decrease slightly for the coming year.

2 Go to page roman numeral number II. On
3 this page, you can see the total assessed value
4 for the coming year. On page 3, you can see
5 the total assessed value is \$208,576,798 which
6 is a higher taxable valuation.

7 The line below total assessed value is
8 less exemptions. Exemptions are the values
9 that the Village cannot raise taxes on.

10 Some properties are completely exempt from
11 taxation, school owned properties, church owned
12 properties. The valuation of these properties
13 are totally excluded from taxation for that
14 amount did not change last year.

15 Some properties that receive a partial
16 exemption from taxation, based on a number of
17 things determined by New York State law. Some
18 examples are veterans exemptions and volunteer
19 fire department members. The biggest one of
20 these the largest of these is partial exemption
21 for senior citizens and this exemption
22 increases significantly in the past year.

23 The most reason for this is New York State
24 raised the income limits for senior citizens to
25 be eligible for the partial exemption. The

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1 Village opted into this this past October.

2 A nominal situation is if you are a
3 resident of Floral Park and live across the
4 street from Queens, you got a higher exemption
5 on your property taxes. If you lived across
6 from Queens, you get the Nassau County. New
7 York State changed that and Floral Park opted
8 into that so seniors will get a benefit from
9 that and have been applying for the benefit.
10 That has not impact the reducing value or
11 amount of the taxable valuations. That has an
12 effect of. The tax rate went up one tenth of
13 one percent higher than the tax levy amount.
14 In prior years, the tax rate went down relative
15 to the tax levy because of growth rates are
16 much higher on assessed values.

17 Finally, I would like to show you how the
18 tax rate applies to the average home. In your
19 Village items you received in the mail and is
20 on line, we have a copy here that we can go to
21 on the chart, Village items mailed out, the
22 average residential property in the Village is
23 assessed at \$37,694. That amount is taken by
24 dividing all the residential value by the
25 number of residential parcels.

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1 I would like to thank all the department
2 heads and staff and Steve Arnone and Darlene,
3 for putting this together. Thank you very
4 much.

5 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you, Jerry. So
6 real quick on the revenue side, approximately
7 85 percent of the budget is raised by taxes,
8 which is actually the grief tax percent was
9 15 percent. Last year it was 13 percent. The
10 difference is about \$600,000 more will be
11 raised by non-taxes this year and the primary
12 drive for that is line 2400, it is interest
13 earnings, interest rates. As most people know,
14 have gone up significantly the past year. So,
15 we budgeted a change of almost \$400,000 this
16 year, up from \$20,000 last year.

17 We've also taken advantage of something
18 called NY class that has higher rates instead
19 of just CD rates which we opted into, I guess
20 six to eight months ago. That's beneficial to
21 the residents and the budget.

22 Obviously another change in this revenue
23 is this increase in the fuel oil prices that we
24 get from the co-ops that we have with our
25 neighboring villages and school district.

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1 So with that, I'll turn it over to Deputy
2 Mayor Pombonyo who will lead us through the
3 bulk which is -- sorry, the police is first.
4 We will go to Trustee Chiara who will lead us
5 through a wonderful police department.

6 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Thank you. Thank you,
7 Mr. Mayor. Our police department is full
8 service police department with very fine sworn
9 officers with one additional officer added to
10 the ranks this year. The department consists
11 of our Police Commissioner, two Lieutenants, 6
12 Sergeants, 2 Detectives, 24 officers, 6 school
13 neighborhood aides, 5 crossing guards, 1
14 administrative aide. This year, we had three
15 retirements and those positions were filled
16 with new officers, some of which are currently
17 in the police academy.

18 In the year 2022, the department responded
19 to 5,112 calls for service, 44 arrests. The
20 department issued 9,894 parking summonses and
21 1894 moving violations.

22 Throughout the year, our officers are
23 continually being trained to insure current
24 police standard practices. Scenario based
25 training has prepared them for many different

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1 situations that hopefully they never come up
2 to. Our police are doing a great job keeping
3 our community safe while keeping our Village
4 ranked as one of the safest cities to retire
5 in.

6 This year, our police's budget can be seen
7 on pages 19 and 20. The budget reflects an
8 increase of 6.30 percent or \$490,000. Notable
9 increases are on the following lines: On line
10 0100, personal services, a 5.80 percent
11 increase or \$362,000 increase. This increase
12 is due to the two year police contractual
13 increase plus a one year step increase.

14 Line 0103, termination pay has an increase
15 of 8.17 percent or \$63,300. This is due to the
16 number of officers that have retired over the
17 last few years. Three additional officers
18 retired this past year which added to the
19 increase. Termination pay is divided into six
20 annual payments. Next year this time will
21 decrease by the number of retirees reaching
22 their six year anniversary.

23 Line 0200 has an increase of \$9,000 for
24 the purchase of CPR, AD equipment and the
25 purchase of additional portable radios.

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1 On line 0406, an additional \$2,000 was
2 added for an increase of police supplies, ammo,
3 taser batteries and cartridges.

4 Line 0460 shows an increase of \$22,000 for
5 vehicle repairs and installation of electronics
6 in our police vehicles. As I mentioned before,
7 the overall increase of our police budget is
8 6.30 percent.

9 Thank you to our Police Department for
10 doing such a great job and keeping the Village
11 safe while engaging with our community at so
12 many of our local events. Thank you.

13 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Now we turn it over to
14 Deputy Mayor Pombonyo who will talk about a
15 number of slides regarding our public works.

16 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Thank you, Mayor and
17 good evening everyone. I am glad to present
18 the public works budget plan for the 2023/2024
19 fiscal year for the most complex department
20 comprising of 13 separate functions, operations
21 and expenditure plan. Why so complex? Because
22 DPW is the backbone and supporter of all the
23 Village operations and residential and business
24 services.

25 This year, Superintendent Kevin Ginnane,

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1 who is seated over to my left, Deputy
2 Superintendent Joseph O'Grady, seated in the
3 back of the room, thank you for coming Joe, and
4 Supervisor Kevin Pearsall, along with
5 Administrator Jerry Bambrick, produced the
6 budget proposal which reflects numerous
7 variances or changes, both increases and
8 decreases from the current fiscal year. This
9 reflects the close scrutiny of every single
10 budget line and increasing money line while
11 making many cuts which adds value for the DPW
12 services in the fiscal prudent manner. This
13 budget is an ongoing work in progress with
14 highly positive results. Thank you, Kevin, Joe
15 and Kevin and Jerry.

16 I will be starting off with shared
17 services buildings. That's in the 1620 code on
18 page 15. 1620 code covers upkeep, maintenance
19 and improvements of Village buildings. As you
20 can see, that includes DPW, Village Hall
21 complex, the police and three fire departments
22 and the library. So, going through it, I will
23 be going down line by line and there are
24 variances, eight variances, services which
25 changes from year to year.

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1 So, going to 0100, that's a line being
2 increased by \$14,121. As the Mayor said and
3 Mr. Bambrick said, that represents salaries for
4 two years, one which was a contractual raise
5 last year -- excuse me, for the current year
6 and the other is for the year going forward,
7 2023/2024. Fourteen thousand covers that 2.5
8 percent a year. Again, two year contract
9 raises.

10 Overtime is an increase of \$2,000. That
11 department is very helpful in providing
12 coverage in this building for any special
13 events going on and the lift coverage which
14 allows for accessibility between the two
15 floors.

16 0401, gasoline and oil, that's a \$700
17 increase for the vehicle actually based on the,
18 and Mayor mentioned in his remarks too.

19 0406 is supplies. That's a \$5,000
20 decrease. That is because the DPW found
21 inventory we have in stock and brought the line
22 down to reflect that we have items and supplies
23 we can use. That's a great example of the
24 detail work DPW did on this budget, looking for
25 ways to make this \$5,000 cut. Thank you.

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1 0416, electricity and gas, coming down
2 \$8,000. That's based on Johnson's Control
3 Estimates. Johnson's control is doing entry
4 performance contracts for us and electricity in
5 this area.

6 The 0448 code is for the active firehouse
7 on Atlantic Avenue, \$300 increase in their
8 building funding there for HVAC, electric,
9 plumbing, the exhaust system and exterminator.

10 0450 code is for Village Hall. \$2,000
11 increase for maintenance and building repairs
12 in this building. As you can see, the whole
13 building, they're trying to take care of it.

14 0460, on the last line, repairs to auto.
15 That's an increase of \$2,900 for the
16 inspection, repair vehicles, which many are
17 aging and repair costs are increasing. We
18 tried to replace these vehicles promptly. The
19 net of all that is a 1.02 percent increase in
20 our shared services buildings or \$9,021
21 increase for that coding.

22 Moving onto the next page, which is page
23 16, that is the 1640 code, you'll see the four
24 digits all the way down the list for shared
25 services in the central garage. We have

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1 information about our central garage. This
2 1640 code supports our DPW garage and
3 maintenance and repair of approximately 100
4 vehicles in the Village's fleet. DPW vehicles
5 are approximately 30 and police and fire
6 department vehicles, which we have many and
7 very proud of the service both the departments
8 provide for our citizens using the vehicles
9 that are maintained in that garage.

10 So, professional services, going back to
11 the two year increases, \$24,560. That increase
12 also reflects the promotion of the senior
13 mechanic at a higher salary. These are highly
14 skilled staff members who do work on the
15 variety of vehicles I just described.

16 Servicing our fire department vehicles is not
17 an easy task. Our mechanics do a lot of work.

18 Going to overtime, 0102, same code for
19 overtime, increase of \$2,000 because we had in
20 the past used more overtime funding. So we
21 budget this.

22 0200 code is for equipment. That is
23 decreased by \$4,000. Last year we were able to
24 purchase items that were fairly expensive.
25 This year we able to encumber money in the

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1 current budget to start to purchase some of
2 next year. There's a \$4,000 decrease because
3 of that.

4 0401, gasoline and oil. Again, increase
5 of \$320. Fuel for the Dodge truck used by that
6 department.

7 0406 is supplies, increase of \$2,000.
8 Cost of those supplies like auto supplies,
9 welding, hardware, hydraulics is trending up so
10 we did the \$2,000 increase.

11 Going to 0450, repairs to the building.
12 We're adding three thousand to that line again.
13 That reflects actuals for things like the alarm
14 systems, backhoe devices, HVAC, clocks, other
15 mechanical equipment we have staged in other
16 areas of the Village.

17 0455 code, reflects repairs to equipment.
18 That's a \$1,320 increase. General repairs for
19 things like a sprinkler contract, oil company
20 maintenance, et cetera.

21 0460, repairs to truck. That's an
22 increase of \$320 for the inspection, repairs to
23 the vehicle.

24 When all is said and done there, you add
25 all the additional expenses with the staffs

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1 2 percent increase overall, \$8,400 increase for
2 that code.

3 I would like to skip to page 28, the next
4 page of DPW. On page 28, DPW administration.
5 This code 5010 covers many of the operational
6 functions of DPW. Looking at the amounts
7 again, the 0100 code is salary code, there's an
8 \$8,171 in this code for our superintendent of
9 public works, deputy superintendent, full-time
10 clerk, a part-time clerk and part of another
11 employees salary which is credited in that
12 code. These leaders in our DPW, as I mentioned
13 before, do fantastic work. At the end of this,
14 you will see they did fantastic work on the
15 budget too.

16 0410, gasoline and oil, \$300 increase
17 based on our actuals.

18 0406, supplies, additional \$200 costs are
19 increasing for things like forms, photo paper
20 and other computer assisted supplies.

21 0430, professional services, decreasing by
22 \$5,000. We use engineering services for the
23 DPW projects for buildings. We are starting to
24 encumber money for the services now and start
25 to project these for next year and we have

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1 saved \$5,000 by doing it that way.

2 0435 is rental and maintenance radio,
3 decrease of \$5,000 because we are looking at
4 balances we have this year and make more
5 purchases for this fiscal year. Net of all of
6 that is that this code will go down by point
7 38 percent or \$1,392.

8 The next code we will be talking about is
9 street maintenance on page 29. That's 5110
10 code. This code 5110 covers our highway
11 department. There are 37 miles of road in
12 Floral Park and numerous parking lots. In
13 addition to road repairs, there's sanding the
14 street, important responsibilities of this
15 area. Road reconstruction projects have been
16 completed on Marshal from Covert and Orchid and
17 Spooner, including the Spooner parking lot. We
18 will be having projects on Hinsdale Avenue,
19 Jericho to Lowell and Clayton Avenue are
20 upcoming.

21 Now looking down the item here, again
22 0100, personal service, an increase of \$33,376
23 our highway department is an important one.
24 They're highly skilled. There's two
25 supervisors, four drivers, eight laborers, two

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1 part-time, six seasonal helpers.

2 0102 is overtime, which is up \$7,000. We
3 are increasingly using our DPW for special
4 events, emergencies, when storms come up and
5 often for shared services we do with South
6 Floral Park and Bellerose Village which there's
7 revenue coming in when we do that.

8 0401, gasoline and oil up, up again. It's
9 fuel for all our vehicles.

10 0402, road material and repair. That is
11 down \$50,000. The reason for that is because
12 you've probably seen National Grid doing gas
13 lines or gas main improvements in connection
14 throughout the Village. We had it in several
15 areas already, Hillcrest, South side and moving
16 on over to Carnation.

17 What Superintendent Ginnane has done is
18 negotiated with National Grid the amount that
19 they will be paying to repair the road.
20 National Grid, when they dig up the road have
21 to do the repairs. So, what Superintendent
22 Ginnane did was suggest they did not do the
23 patch-up work and give us all the money for the
24 patch-up work and we would just pave the road
25 completely and they look nice and complete when

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1 they are done. I believe this agreement so far
2 has netted us about \$400,000 from National
3 Grid. We completed the Hillcrest area and
4 other areas. But going forward with repaving
5 that way and using the money of National Grid
6 to supplement that, we are able to cut that
7 line by \$50,000. Just very creative and very
8 effective.

9 0406 supplies is a \$2,500 cut. This is
10 due to again inventory we have and what we are
11 able to provide this year that will last to the
12 coming year.

13 Going down to 460, repair, that's a \$7,000
14 increase for the inspection and repair of 11
15 vehicles. Again, many of them are again,
16 repairs and more, considering whether it is
17 time to purchase new or continue doing that.

18 Again, in this very important area of DPW,
19 the highway department, all of these cuts that
20 have been very carefully planned have reduced
21 that budget by .25 percent this year.

22 Going on to the next page, which is page
23 30, is an easy page this year. Page 30 is snow
24 removal or code 5142, zero increase in snow
25 removal line. We've had an unusually snowless

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1 winter.

2 I'm only third of the way there so stay
3 with me.

4 Overtime is included in the contingency
5 budget, an addendum between pages 18 and 19 in
6 the budget. Snow removal. We can't predict
7 snowfall and we can't predict the clean up cost
8 precisely. So, if you look down at the budget
9 down the line you see there, is zero percent
10 variance. We are not making any changes in any
11 of the supplies or the outside contractors we
12 will maybe need to use if it was a very, very
13 snowfall or repairs to the equipment. So
14 that's a zero budget.

15 We will move on. Going on to the next
16 section, which is page 31 and that is code 5182
17 and that is street lighting. The happy results
18 of LED installation across the Village and our
19 Johnson Control Projections for interior
20 lighting and also sports lighting which is also
21 in our budget, are reflected in code 5182.

22 So, as you go down, the supply code is
23 first which is 406, it is down \$1,000 for bulb
24 and lights and light covers because we get
25 better use of everything.

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1 Code 417, which is street lighting, that's
2 down \$40,000. That shows a reduction of the
3 PSE&G lighting for street lighting and parking
4 lots because of the conversion to LED and
5 reduction based on Johnson Controls Projection.

6 Going down to 0435, street light
7 maintenance, that's down \$10,000, less need for
8 outside contractors because we changed to LED.

9 0450, repairs and replacement of lighting
10 equipment, \$20,000 down because of the
11 conversion for the lights and needs for repair.
12 That budget is going down by over 50 percent
13 and down by \$71,000. Another tremendous cost
14 savings which is contributing to the very
15 successful DPW budget that I am presenting to
16 you.

17 The next area is off street parking which
18 is another word for our parking meters. It is
19 code 5650 on page 32. This code covers parking
20 meter expenditures. Plans are on the way for
21 new meter installation for parking space kiosks
22 installation starting in the Spooner lot which
23 we just repaved and finishing, the Creedmor
24 Spur and Carlton lots. That's exciting news
25 for everyone.

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1 Going down this line, the 0100 again,
2 salaries, this is a \$2,817 increase.

3 0102 is overtime. That's \$500 when it is
4 necessary. Sometimes work needs to be done
5 with hours.

6 0200, equipment, that's a negative \$4,000.
7 Reducing it \$4,000 anticipating digital parking
8 meters.

9 Gasoline and oil, 0401, \$160 fuel for the
10 one vehicle we have for the parking meter
11 person throughout the Village.

12 0416, electricity, again negative \$3,000.
13 PSE&G will be doing a lot less in our meter
14 parking field. That's based on the Johnson
15 Control Projections.

16 0455 is repairs to equipment. That's up
17 \$100. That's for repairs for meters now and
18 some of the items that go with them.

19 0500, Creedmor rental fees. A long time
20 ago, we entered into a leasing agreement with
21 the Creedmor Spur, the Long Island Railroad.
22 They charged a set leasing fee that we pay
23 every year and we will be paying again next
24 year. That's a \$40,850 bill to them. We
25 haven't paid it for the past four years because

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1 the Board, at the time, negotiated four years
2 ago with the LIRR as the third track project
3 started that we will get a four year break from
4 the leasing fees which is in the memorandum,
5 the understanding of what we had with them
6 would be a savings of four years at \$160,000.
7 That has ended in September, 2023. So, we paid
8 \$20,000 for we are back up to that \$40,850
9 expenditure. That's fixed until it gets
10 renegotiated. That item alone adds to the
11 budget line obviously. It is a 35% increase.
12 The increase in dollars \$38,407. So you can
13 see the increase was for the item was actually
14 bigger than the increase for the whole budget
15 line in this code, 5650.

16 Moving on to 6410, which is on page 33,
17 economic assistance and opportunity. It is a
18 very unique set of codes. I will explain our
19 increases and variances to you. First one,
20 0400 are holiday decorations. Last year, we
21 increased that. We are reducing it by two
22 thousand this year. That's the decorations we
23 put up throughout the major streets and some of
24 the trees. The reason we are reducing it with
25 this year's funding, we are ready to purchase a

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1 complete set of decorations for Covert Avenue,
2 which need them. You will see brand new
3 snowflakes up and down Covert Avenue on our
4 side for the coming holiday season. You will
5 see matching decorations on the Stewart Manor
6 side because we believe it is a partnership
7 event so we will have the same beautiful
8 decorations and that's a good thing. Could be
9 reduced \$2,000.

10 0405 again involves the third track and
11 community project. There's \$150,000 in that
12 code every year. That is an offset of revenue
13 we get from the railroad. We are benefiting
14 from point one five million from the third
15 track project. That's broken down \$150,000
16 each year and the revenue for that you will see
17 on page five in your revenue part of the
18 budget. It is an exact \$150,00. We will be
19 taking \$223,000 of that community benefit fund
20 to offset some of the costs on multi-purpose
21 rate which is near completion and we are
22 excited about that. With all this variance in
23 this code leaves us with a minus decrease of
24 1.18 percent minus \$2,000 on this part of the
25 budget.

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1 Going forward I will ask you to turn to
2 page 35, which is the parks. This is not park
3 activities. Code 7110 is the expenditures to
4 beautify and maintain our many parks. So
5 that's important.

6 Going down to the parks budget, you will
7 see personal services line. Again, salaries
8 are \$44,809 for supervisor, groundkeepers,
9 laborers, two summer laborers. Large increase
10 to two year raises and added an extra laborer
11 there. So that's additional staff there.

12 Overtime in 102 is a \$1,600 decrease
13 because of with an additional laborer, we can
14 get more done during the day and not much
15 overtime.

16 0200, code equipment, that's a \$3,000
17 decrease. We have purchased expensive
18 equipment in the past two years allowing us to
19 reduce next year's budget because we purchased
20 that equipment.

21 Going down to 0406, supplies, decrease of
22 \$2,000 for a number of items where costs have
23 not increased drastically and we are able to
24 use some of the supplies we already have, which
25 is a good thing.

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1 0440, planting and spraying, that's a
2 decrease of \$4,000 for flowers and shrubs.
3 That's all of the parks. We have 31
4 groundskeeping locations throughout the
5 Village. We will be doing all the planting.
6 This is decreased because last year, we did a
7 special project, such as Magnolia Park and the
8 others. So, we are able to decrease it this
9 year because we were able to do that. So,
10 that's \$4,000.

11 0450, repairs to the building. That's
12 plus \$200.

13 0455 is repairs to equipment. That's a
14 decrease of \$1,000. That includes a sprinkler
15 systems at the park. We have to get the water,
16 mowers, sprinklers and other repairs to the
17 vehicle.

18 The 460 repairs to trucks and auto, that's
19 an increase of \$200 for the vehicles we have.
20 That is a 11.09 percent increase or increase of
21 \$33,609. Largely in this part it is salary and
22 adding people to the staff which are needed and
23 other expenses came off as decreases as you
24 would see.

25 Page 42 is our sanitation or garbage and

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1 refuse department and recycling now. Code
2 8160, personal services. 0100. As you can see
3 there, we have a decrease in salaries of
4 \$78,200. The reason for that is we have
5 salaries for a supervisor, 13 staff members who
6 operate and drive the trucks and our two
7 recyclers. This decrease is due to the large
8 number of retirements and then offset by the
9 raises reflecting two years. We had a larger
10 amount of retirements and therefore, the
11 decrease there, which is good.

12 Overtime 0102, increasing by \$1600. There
13 are sanitation crews who handle a lot of
14 emergencies and storms, special events and I'm
15 sure you notice that the street fairs and tree
16 lighting now have sanitation vehicles parked on
17 the, at the ends of the street blocking traffic
18 from getting to the events. That's a safety
19 item, a very important one and beyond what
20 sanitation normally does. We are happy to have
21 them there helping us be safe.

22 401, gasoline and oil, an increase of
23 \$3,100 for nine vehicles, many of which are
24 garbage and recycling trucks.

25 046, supplies, increase of \$1,600 for a

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1 lot of safety items, vests, gloves, rain gear.
2 Cost is trending up, but the sanitation crew is
3 out all the time in bad weather and some very
4 hazardous conditions. That is why. For
5 recycling and yard waste, we thank you for your
6 cooperation on the new recycling program. It
7 is helping to sort recycling and keeping that
8 cost down, even though there's a \$13,000
9 increase there. The yard waste, we don't get
10 much money back. We end up paying them to take
11 it for us.

12 460, repairs to truck, an increase of
13 \$13,000. We have many trucks that need
14 repairs. Sanitation, which is a big operation,
15 is again decreased in 2.06 percent expenditure
16 or \$45,100 increase. We thank the sanitation
17 for all they do.

18 The next part of the budget I will be
19 working on is street cleaning. That's page 43.
20 There's four variations on that. The first one
21 for street cleaning, again salaries, 0100,
22 there's an increase on that. That's for our 28
23 sweepers, part of the same contract as other
24 employees.

25 The 102 line for overtime is \$300. Again,

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1 very often we use our street sweepers for
2 special events and our street sweepers need to
3 be there before and after. So, we are happy to
4 have them doing the extra overtime.

5 406 supplies is a minus \$530 item. Those
6 are minor supplies like tools and brooms.
7 Again, DPW check inventory and were able to
8 make that deduction in the area.

9 0460 is repairs to trucks, \$10,000
10 increase. That's repairs to the street
11 sweepers and this aligns with our actual, if
12 you ever watched our street sweepers, they're
13 very, very complicated pieces of equipment. To
14 repair them costs a lot of money. So, we're
15 increasing that by \$2,000. This budget for the
16 department is 7.43 percent, \$12,044 to keep the
17 streets clean.

18 Going on to the next part which is page
19 45. This is code 8540, storm sewers. Protect
20 the drains and sewer system by insuring they
21 remain clear and free of debris. The first
22 line there is zero.

23 Second line, 0401, gasoline and oil
24 another \$120 increase. This is for one vehicle
25 called a clam bucket truck which what scoops

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1 out the drain and basins to keep them clean.

2 0406, supplies. That's also a decrease
3 \$1,800 for storm basin rates and other supplies
4 needed and related upkeep. We were able to
5 reduce that.

6 Professional services, 0430. That's a
7 decrease again of \$5,000. We have used
8 engineering services for any of our storm water
9 management and engineering drainage projects
10 reduced because there are engineer services
11 already being set up for the coming year.
12 We're able to bring the cost for the next year
13 budget down by \$5,000. Total on this is a
14 decrease of over 18 percent or \$6,680.

15 Going on to page 46 of the budget line, we
16 are very proud of, and that's our shady trees,
17 8650, page 46. Our Village continues to be
18 recognized as a Tree City U.S.A. by the Arbor
19 Foundation. We have expert tree department
20 staff who alongside our residents and
21 businesses care for our treasured trees, both
22 large and small, older and younger trees. If
23 you would like to have a tree planted at your
24 curb, please call DPW. They will be happy to
25 oblige.

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1 Going down the code 0100, personal
2 service, \$7,157 increase in our salaries. If
3 you ever watched a tree being pruned here, you
4 understand why they're so valuable. They're
5 experts at what they do, highly trained,
6 continually being bring trained for both safety
7 aspect, as well as trimming trees, an
8 invaluable source of service for this Village.
9 Thank them when you see them.

10 0200 is equipment. We cut the budget line
11 again by \$3,000.

12 0401, gas and oil again. We have five
13 vehicles, a \$900 increase.

14 0406, supplies, that's \$620 increase for
15 removing things like bees and wasps nets out of
16 train. They need chainsaws, ropes and other
17 things, but that is an important service line.
18 We want to be able to get rid of them.

19 0430, that's for consultant arborist,
20 increase the line by \$2,000. Arborists who had
21 been giving us expert advice on the health of
22 trees throughout the years. As we have done
23 the road construction work, which very often
24 sadly requires removal of trees, we have
25 increased his time with us and the amount we're

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1 spending, \$2,000, to work with us on the tree
2 removal program and the goal being to save as
3 many trees as we can to reconstruct a road.

4 0435 is equipment and contractual
5 services, \$5,000 increase. That's for tree
6 removal and trunk removals, which must be
7 handled by another agency to do that. It is
8 such a big job. The costs are coming in higher
9 to a tune of \$3,800 a tree. That's why it is
10 increased.

11 0440 planting and spraying, \$5,000
12 decrease because we have planted many trees and
13 the decrease is because we bumped up what we
14 planted and turned it into a lower funding
15 level for that line. Training and seminars is
16 not going up, but safety is of the utmost
17 importance to us. That budget line has gone up
18 by the budget entirely for the -- by 2.15
19 percent.

20 I do want to close because that's the last
21 of 13 parts of the budget. I say, as you have
22 heard about all the many variances and changes
23 in the DPW budget for 2023/2024, the grand
24 totals are, it's a budget for all 13 areas of
25 the DPW, a budget of \$6,360,314. With all of

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1 those sub-departments or areas that I just
2 talked about, that is a total of \$91,096 on a
3 budget of \$6,300,000 or a 1.45 percent
4 increase.

5 DPW's total budget increase is 1.45
6 percent and the way they came to that, I know
7 by talking to Superintendent Ginnane and that
8 Superintendent O'Grady, as I said in the
9 beginning, they went through line by line and
10 looked at every possible way to get the value
11 and services we want out of DPW at the best
12 cost we can. I thank them for the work.

13 Thank you to DPW for the extraordinary
14 work you do on crews, our leadership, working
15 alongside under Superintendent Ginnane and I
16 thank you all for listening to that
17 presentation.

18 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you. Now we will
19 turn it to Trustee Stewart to go over
20 recreation.

21 TRUSTEE STEWART: Hi. Thank you for
22 coming. While I do not deny the police
23 department and DPW are certainly the backbone
24 of the community, the recreation center is what
25 we will talk about now.

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1 So in our first line, 7410, that's our
2 personal services line and this line funds our
3 full-time, part-time and seasonal staff. There
4 is a decrease on this line because we wanted to
5 balance it out with the youth services where
6 you will see a little bit of an increase.

7 If you go down to 0415, our special
8 activities, that sees a little more than a
9 30 percent increase as we are returning to
10 pre-Covid activity status especially with the
11 tennis program, award ceremonies and things of
12 that nature. We really are very happy to do
13 those things for the residents. We will
14 continue to have adult programs this summer.

15 It is important to remember that the
16 recreation center is a full service, year round
17 facility. We have people that come up to play
18 pick-up games on our basketball courts,
19 softball fields. We also have leagues that
20 require certain requirements. We have games
21 that require officiating. We have volleyball
22 in the summer for adults, summer programs, arts
23 and crafts, sports program for the children in
24 the morning, four days a week in the summer.
25 So, it really is a full service, year round

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1 facility. We certainly cannot forget Tiny
2 Town.

3 0435, contractual expenses is back flow,
4 thing, s we have to do, HVAC, elevator
5 services, fire codes things we have to take
6 care of like the boilers and sewers. As my
7 colleagues have pointed out, unfortunately this
8 is an overall increase. For culture and
9 recreational playground, we have an increase of
10 nearly four percent.

11 As we look at the following page, page 37,
12 the personnel services. Here we see a rather
13 large increase.

14 I want to explain something about the
15 historical approach we take about paying
16 seasonal employees at the park and pool. We
17 hire lots of local children. We have kept
18 their salaries very low with the intention of
19 hiring more local children. It is a great
20 first job. I grew up here and most of my
21 friends had their first jobs here at the park
22 and rec center. We were able to employ a vast
23 number of college and high school age students.

24 However, as recent trends are showing that
25 we're struggling to get employees. Other

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1 municipalities, the Town of Hempstead, are
2 paying more. We have to be competitive to keep
3 the kids working here for us and the community.
4 So, we are working very hard to bring those
5 salaries in line with other municipalities.
6 That's seeing a significant increase, bringing
7 that line to a 43 percent increase.

8 Now on to the pool, which is at page 54.
9 So, the idea behind the pool is that there's a
10 self generating in its own way. We see a
11 significant increase in member fees and
12 subscriptions, which we were happy about. We
13 are inching closer to our pre-Covid revenues.
14 We are very happy people are coming to the pool
15 and bringing their guests which last year
16 brought in \$38,330 in pool guest fees, which is
17 really great to see.

18 One other line I wanted to point out is
19 swimming lessons at 2664. Families pay \$20 for
20 private swimming lessons for I believe 30
21 minutes. The Village keeps \$5 and the
22 lifeguards get \$15 an hour and are providing
23 those lessons on their off hours.

24 One thing I wanted to point out to the
25 residents is that the Village also offers

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1 private swim lessons to children under the 18
2 individual who have what is called individual
3 education plan or receive special education
4 services during the school years. Those
5 lessons are free for the children and we have
6 lifeguards that are familiar with children that
7 have specific learning needs and it really is a
8 win/win for the lifeguards and our residents.
9 You can call the pool and set that up with the
10 people that work in the office.

11 So moving on to page 55, we have our
12 salaries for director, full-time assistant
13 director, part-time assistant director and 66
14 seasonal employees, lifeguards, office people
15 and the like. We have a couple of staff that
16 work at the pool year round and we incorporate
17 the lifeguards raises into that increase.

18 Moving down, 0207, uniform. Again,
19 unfortunately the price of everything has gone
20 up. We did look back in the closets to see if
21 we had shirts and bathing suits that were in
22 there, but unfortunately we don't have enough
23 so we have to purchase new ones.

24 Moving down to our 0435, which is an
25 increase of 19 percent. We have a new

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1 maintenance contract on the pool and perform
2 minor maintenance work throughout the summer
3 season with Ultimate Pool. We do expect to
4 save some money over the summer season because
5 of the contract so we don't have to call
6 someone in on an emergency basis. We did enter
7 into it last time and it was very successful.

8 0440, planting and spraying. If you ever
9 visited the pool in the summer, the grounds are
10 absolutely stunning. We're glad the pool is an
11 inviting place for the residents to be.

12 Line 0485, special activities. The pool
13 has a plethora of special activities over the
14 summer. We have teen themes, family night. We
15 have an all day program. The all day programs
16 provides lunch and the children go to the park
17 and play and swim in the pool. So that does
18 see a pretty hefty increase. However, we see
19 some of that on the revenue line once the
20 families pays for those things.

21 Page 56, the building bond has been
22 cleared, so we are only paying for the pool
23 bond. That's nice to take something off, so to
24 speak.

25 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you, Trustee

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1 Stewart. Trustee Longobardi for the Four
2 Village Studio.

3 TRUSTEE LONGOBARDI: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.
4 Good evening everybody. Thank you for being
5 here. Four Village Studio is a 24/7 channel
6 funded by the cable franchise. They provide a
7 variety of informational, educational programs
8 of interest. And the bulletin board is a
9 message board 24/7, announcing events and
10 interesting information around our Village.

11 Thank you to the studio manager and
12 director, Jim Greene and his all volunteer
13 staff who run the Village 24/7. It is a great
14 opportunity for the students or the volunteers
15 to look in there to see what is the studio, how
16 it operates, how it works and get some
17 experience in that to consider careers down the
18 line.

19 There's a couple of lines changed in this
20 year's budget. The equipment line has gone
21 down \$1,000, over 3 percent, just because the
22 equipment again has not been replaced last
23 year.

24 0480 line, training, that's down \$500 or
25 8.33 percent and the insurance which covers

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1 liability, general insurance, that's increased
2 \$1,500 so we put that together in that affect
3 that is a zero change in the budget. So, no
4 change from the prior years. That's the
5 studio.

6 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you. Now to go
7 back to Deputy Mayor Pombonyo for an overview
8 of the Fire Department budget line.

9 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Thank you, Mayor. I'm
10 happy to do the Fire Department presentation.
11 Before I do, I would like to introduce, we have
12 three former chiefs of the department in our
13 meeting tonight. I would like to introduce
14 former chief of the department Kevin Greene,
15 former chief of the department Joe O'Grady and
16 former chief of the department, Mike
17 Longobardi. Thank you all for your service in
18 our fire department. All three are very active
19 in the Fire Department. They have long careers
20 there and done wonderful things to protect us
21 and our property, so thank you.

22 The budget is code 3410 on page 21 and 22.
23 I'll start out with variances. There are 8 of
24 them. 0207, uniform. That's an increase of
25 \$1,000. We are getting additional firefighters

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1 and rescue people as we recruit and several
2 were sworn in the other night. This will be
3 for the dress uniform. They have many
4 occasions where they wear their class A
5 uniforms for occasions here and other Fire
6 Departments and just other celebrations and
7 other important events. That's a \$1,000
8 increase.

9 The 0208 line, which is very important,
10 that's increasing ten percent, which is \$3,000.
11 This is a year for new members. It's the
12 rotational plan where we rotate 8 to 10 per
13 year. It is very important obviously that they
14 have to have up-to-date gear that is in
15 excellent condition when they walk in to a
16 building full of smoke or fire. So, we want to
17 make sure they're provided. And we are adding
18 gloves to all the purchases, which is obviously
19 important.

20 For line 0404, that's stationery and
21 printing, \$500 increase for the paperwork and
22 other things. They have a lot of reporting to
23 do after they answer a call, which there are
24 many. The \$500 increase also provides for
25 expenses relating to recruiting, which they are

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1 doing, which is a major priority for them now.

2 Code 0407, the Mayor mentioned in his
3 presentation, looks like a \$10,000 decrease in
4 expenses. That will be covered by encompasses
5 that we will make this year for medical
6 supplies for next year. They will have the
7 full amount as the Mayor talked about.

8 0411 is supplies, that's \$7,000 increase,
9 for things like carbon dioxide detectors, face
10 pieces, air bags, rescue packs. All very
11 important supplies that are used or going to be
12 used on Mayflower Place where they're actually
13 constructing a new training facility. It is
14 not an elaborate building, but a simple one
15 where they can practice the use of the hose,
16 which is very important and other strategies
17 and techniques for going into things that are
18 on fire.

19 Code 0415, fire prevention. That is also
20 all important codes. That will, those include
21 fire prevention supplies. On occasion they
22 have children, adults requesting information
23 about the Fire Department. We have a program
24 now called Civics for Kids where we bring
25 children in through the Village Hall, the Fire

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1 Department and the Police Department and they
2 get materials, all three places that teach
3 about fire prevention. We will be doing a lot
4 more recruitment in many ways in the coming
5 year, so the \$1,000 increase in the line is
6 very important.

7 Down to the 460 line, repairs to trucks
8 and auto, that's a \$20,000 increase. That's
9 for repairs to our fleet. The fire department
10 trucks are very complex. While they can be
11 repaired here in our garage, many times they
12 have to go out for some of the technology and
13 other more advanced features that these trucks
14 have.

15 Down to 0478, that is money that's
16 distributed to each of the five companies which
17 I will describe in a minute. That's an
18 additional \$2,000. Donations door-by-door
19 since Covid have not been successful as has
20 been in the past. That's the reason for the
21 increase.

22 Our firefighters training is the bottom
23 line, there's a zero increase there. They
24 train almost daily. There's something going on
25 in one of the fire companies. It is

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1 outstanding, gotten very technical because
2 firefighting and rescue work has gotten very
3 technical. We are fortunate to have experts
4 within the Fire Department who do some of the
5 training as well as others who come in.

6 I attended in the wintertime a National
7 Grid training which was very complex and
8 related to situations that our fire department
9 might face when there's a gas leak or accident
10 involving a truck that might be carrying fuel
11 that is flammable. That was very informative.
12 Most of the fire department was there for that.

13 In addition, they go out to the fire
14 service academy. They do it for four Thursday
15 nights in September actually putting out real
16 fires in different types of buildings. All of
17 that adds up to a 5 percent, 5 and a half
18 percent increase or \$24,500 increase, which is
19 an excellent investment in one of the most
20 crucial volunteer organizations we have in the
21 Village.

22 At the Tuesday night, May 18th Village
23 Board meeting, Mayor Fitzgerald will be
24 swearing in our new fire department leadership,
25 including Chief of Department Brian Hammerman,

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1 First Assistant Chief Sal Rego, Second
2 Assistant Chief Gil Luger, Third Assistant
3 Chief O'Connor and Fourth Assistant Chief
4 William Roy, who are familiar and well loved
5 people of Floral Park.

6 Our fire department has over 150 active
7 members who are all very active. All volunteer
8 departments provides valuable service 24/7, 365
9 days a year. They rely on sufficient funding
10 from our Village and support from all of us.
11 We thank them.

12 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you, Deputy
13 Mayor. I will now turn it over to Trustee
14 Chiara to give an overview of the building
15 department.

16 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Our very active building
17 department oversees the building projects that
18 take place in our Village. The building
19 department consists of a superintendent, one
20 office manager, one full time code enforcer,
21 two part time clerks and one intern.

22 This year, the department gave out 563
23 permits, they maintained 251 contracted
24 licenses, performing 180 title searches, 33
25 zoning cases and 80 ARB cases, addressed 10,008

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1 phone inquiries and assisted with 2635 counter
2 transactions.

3 The building department is continuing in
4 reviewing and updating its processes to provide
5 using methods in both contract and to inform
6 building projects. During the year, the
7 building department manager coordinated two
8 major construction projects, multi purpose rink
9 and the library handicap access ramp, which is
10 coming out exceptionally well. Most of the
11 building department is working with the owners
12 and developers of Centennial Hall and the
13 Covert Avenue fire property to move these
14 projects along.

15 On page 24, overall increase to the budget
16 is 12.71 percent or \$51,000. Noticeable
17 changes can be seen on the following line.

18 0100, personal services. After paying all the
19 salaries, there's a decrease of 1.86 percent,
20 due to a staff member retiring with the
21 addition of a part-time employee. This
22 decreased \$6,300.

23 0200, increase of \$10,000 for software
24 upgrades and software licensing fees.

25 0404, shows an increase of \$12,500 for

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1 general stationery, scanning and archiving
2 files.

3 0430, increase of \$35,000 for capital
4 projects engineering services for part-time
5 code enforcers. The overall change is, like I
6 said, is 12.71 percent or \$51,000.

7 I would like to thank our building
8 department for all their services and hard work
9 they provide for our residents throughout the
10 year. Thank you.

11 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you. Lastly, but
12 certainly not least, our ever improving
13 library. We'll send that over to Trustee
14 Longobardi.

15 TRUSTEE LONGOBARDI: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.
16 The last department which I like to call our
17 full service educational center offers access
18 to our many activities, education and events
19 and interests for our kids and adults and our
20 seniors as well as some great social
21 activities.

22 The library has been recognized the last
23 two years as the best in Nassau library. If
24 you go to the website, you can vote for year
25 three. This is due in large part to the

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1 tireless work and efforts of our Library
2 Director, Patricia Eren, her staff and the
3 members of the Board of Trustees, as well as
4 the efforts of the Friends of the Library, a
5 not-for-profit organization that supports the
6 library in the events. I would like to thank
7 Pat Eren and all the members of the board who
8 are here tonight for all your hard work and
9 efforts that's greatly appreciated. Our
10 library now is the model for other libraries on
11 what to do. Thank you for all your hard work
12 and efforts. Thank you for all you do.

13 In April, we are also starting 100
14 Anniversary of the library. Another great
15 event and a lot to follow on that.

16 With respect to the budget, that starts on
17 page 57. 2705, there's an increase of \$2,500,
18 a over little over 33 percent in gifts and
19 donations. That's thank to increase and
20 donations and hard work of the Friends of the
21 Library.

22 The inter funds transfer that transfers
23 balances for the budget, that's a 7.91 percent
24 increase.

25 For the expenses, personnel 0100, has an

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1 increase of 8.1 percent or approximately
2 \$60,000, which is salaries, full and part-time
3 staff, rate increases and what not for
4 salaries.

5 0200, equipment line is about \$1,000 or
6 16.7 percent. That's computers at the library.

7 Line 0203 has a 25 percent decrease or
8 \$2,500. That's music CDs, audiobooks.

9 The line 0205, on-line resources, has an
10 increase of 12 percent or \$3,000 as we go more
11 and more into the electronic world.

12 0406, circulation charges, these are the
13 charges, exchanges between the libraries and
14 the library network. That's a 5 percent
15 increase or \$2,000.

16 Line 0432, programs line, these are the
17 program speakers for the various programs and
18 things I mentioned at the beginning. That's a
19 \$5,000 increase or approximately 7.6 percent.

20 0435, this is all the equipment
21 maintenance on the copiers, the telephones, the
22 computer networks. 20 percent increase.
23 That's due to rising contract costs.

24 Line 0471, postage is up about \$1,500 or
25 75 percent. That's an increase in daily

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1 operation and activity.

2 Line 9010, retirement funds up 3 percent
3 or \$3,500. That's retirement fund increases.

4 9030, up \$4,628, which is increased cost
5 of social security based on the increase
6 indicated on salaries.

7 Last line 9060, hospital and medical
8 insurance up 28.57 percent or 38,000. That's
9 all costs of the benefit increases and relating
10 personal increases.

11 That's it for the library changes.

12 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you, Trustee
13 Longobardi. Once again, this is a great
14 overview of the Village services that the
15 Village provides along with how we pay for
16 these.

17 With that, we will open it up for public
18 comment. Why don't we start on Zoom first. If
19 they have a question, Darlene will let you in
20 and state your name and address. Anyone here
21 in Village Hall have a question or comments?
22 Anyone on the Board have additional comments?

23 If I can ask for a motion to reserve
24 decision and close the public hearing.

25 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: So moved.

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1 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Second.

2 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Mr. Bambrick, can you
3 poll the Board.

4 MR. BAMBRICK: Trustee Stewart?

5 TRUSTEE STEWART: Aye.

6 MR. BAMBRICK: Trustee Pombonyo?

7 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Aye.

8 MR. BAMBRICK: Trustee Chiara?

9 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Aye.

10 MR. BAMBRICK: Trustee Longobardi?

11 TRUSTEE LONGOBARDI: Aye.

12 MR. BAMBRICK: Mayor Fitzgerald?

13 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Aye. Thank you and
14 once again, thanks to all our employees and
15 department heads all here tonight and thank you
16 for the time putting this together.

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18 Certified to be a true and
19 accurate transcript of the proceedings.

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21 CATHERINE P. MURPHY

22 Court Reporter

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