

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 1, 2024 at 8:00 PM
VILLAGE HALL COURTROOM

The Annual Re-organization Meeting was held on April 1, 2024 at 8:00 pm. The meeting was open to the public and available by way of video and teleconference:

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Mayor Fitzgerald opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence to honor slain NYPD Detective Jonathan Diller who was killed in the line of duty.

Mayor Fitzgerald welcomed and thanked all the appointed volunteers for making Floral Park such a great place to live.

Mayor Fitzgerald called upon Village Justice Douglas J. Hayden to administer the Oath of Office to Trustee Jennifer Stewart and to Trustee Michael Longobardi.

He asked each of the Trustees to say a few words:

Trustee Jennifer Stewart

I'd like to thank the residents for their confidence in me after three years serving on this Board. It has been an honor, a learning experience and a real pleasure to work with our current Board. I have learned so much, and they have been so tolerant of me and my many questions. I'd also like to thank my family, my girls who are here tonight, and my husband, for their support. I look forward to continuing to work hard for the Village of Floral Park for the next two years.

Trustee Michael Longobardi

Good evening, everybody. I would like thank you all and say that it has been an honor to sit up here and serve this Village. I appreciate all the support I have received. I'd like to thank the Citizens Party for nominating me and I'd also like to thank everyone here tonight—you are all part of this great team that keeps the Village going. Thank you to the Mayor and the Trustees for showing me the way for the last two years, and for all the support they have given me. And most important thank you to my family who is sitting here tonight, my wife Patty, and my children Mike and Andrea.

Judge Hayden brought it up earlier, conspicuously absent is the Former Mayor of Floral Park Dominick Longobardi. I will let him slide, since he is away on business. I am looking forward to the next term and I am looking forward to getting started. And I respectfully ask that I be promoted from Baby Trustee to Toddler Trustee. Thank you all very much.

Deputy Mayor Lynn Pombonyo

Good evening, everyone, what a happy night it is. I have to say that with the re-election of Jen and Mike, Floral Park has picked the very best. You probably know, but if you don't, both of them were born and grew up in Floral Park. They know everything about the history of our Village, which is a very valuable contribution to bring to the Board. Throughout their lives they have contributed to the Village, which was long before they were on this Board. When I think of the two of them, I think of Jennifer, not only her roll with OLV but her many other contributions, and Mike's dedication to the Fire Department as both a Chief and still very active member of the Department. That service has now continued on as Trustees. We thank you both for that.

Some of the challenges they have tackled and success stories they have had, have been in some of our most challenging areas. For Jen, they include the Long Island Rail Road and certainly the work with our Department of Public Works, which is always very challenging, however it is also very rewarding when we see what our DPW does for our Village.

For Mike, the Recreation, Pool and Building Department the last couple of year has been extremely busy and very challenging, but also very rewarding, as new and exciting businesses come into the Village. We are hopefully coming up on the completion of another building project very soon.

On re-election day, both gave credit not to the themselves but to the teamwork of the Board, working along with the community. That is a very valuable asset in itself that they bring to the Board, the realization that we don't accomplish a lot unless we work out the teamwork first. We have been very successful with that, I'm proud to tell you that, and know that it will continue. I know Kevin, Frank and I join together and looking forward to facing more challenges with these two phenomenal Trustees working with us, as well as celebrating many more success stories in the future. Congratulations, and best wishes to you both. It's an honor to work with you.

Trustee Frank Chiara

Congratulations Jen and Mike. I'm looking forward to serving another two years with you. The ongoing joke usually is that when we accept this position, we only come out two nights each month. These two individuals and the rest of the people on the Board dedicate a lot more time and effort to the Village than most people realize, which helps it run smoothly. I'm looking forward to working with the two of you for the next two years.

Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald

Congratulations to Jen and Mike on being re-elected, speaking on behalf of the residents and my family, thank you for all of your time and efforts you have put in and will be putting in while serving on this wonderful Board, and mostly thank you for your dedication to our Village.

One word that sums up the Board and everyone in this room, is 'Passion' and we all have passion for this place we call our home and we will continue to make it a great place to live work and raise a family.

I would like to thank everyone once again for coming out and for committing themselves in serving our great Village. A lot of effort is needed to make sure the Village of Floral Park remains the place its always been.

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, Trustee Lynn Pombonyo was appointed **Deputy Mayor** each 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 F. Longobardi
Recreation Department	Michael F. Longobardi
Pool Department	Michael F. 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 (CREW)

Trustee Frank J. Chiara liaison to:

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

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 appointment was made for a term of two (2) years:

Stephen McAllister, Police Commissioner

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made each 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
Lara Verbanac, Deputy Village Clerk and Deputy Registrar

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

Joseph O’Grady, Deputy Superintendent of Public Works

*Trustee M. Longobardi recused himself from motion.

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. 2024-57** 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. 2024-58** 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 appointment to the **Board of Zoning Appeals (ZBA)** was made for a term of five (5) years

Mary Ann Cuite

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

Stephen McCaffrey 3 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:

Marguerite Durkin-Lockwood
Terence Coppinger
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 **Water Authority of Western Nassau County** was made for a term of two (2) years:

Dominick Longobardi Village Representative

*Trustee M. Longobardi recused himself from motion.

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

Linda Price
Sean O'Donnell

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:

Al Cappelli	Francesco DiGiuseppe
Greg Hand	Janice LaVaute
Amanda O'Connell	Richard Pfeiffer
Richard Provost	

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:

Mary Ann Cuite	Francesco DiGiuseppe
William Emmel	Janet Greene
Lisa Holz	Thomas Kubler
Janice LaVaute	Amanda O'Connell
Richard Pfeiffer	

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:

Besty Boutis	Lisa Boutis
Laura Connolly	Darlene Lanza
Janice Mullen	Anne Musso

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stewart, and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made to the Electrical Board each for a term of three (3) years:

Timothy Bowe
Kevin Greene

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

Donna Sanchez,
Emily Kruzynski
Ann Fitzgerald

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

Steve Lowe
Walter Gosden

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

Gerard M. Bambrick	Dennis McEnery
Joseph Serra	Stephen Vargas

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Stewart, 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 Pombonyo, 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	Gerard M. Bambrick
Thomas Dillon	Kevin Ginnane
James R. Green	George Keyloun
Kevin Kiss	Renee Marcus
Stephen McAllister	Kurt Meyfohrt
Joseph O'Grady	Matthew Sexton
Dana Weissman	Charles Zuba

*Trustee M. Longobardi recused himself from motion.

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

Gerard M. Bambrick
Alexa Ventimiglia

On motion by Mayor Fitzgerald, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously*, 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	

*Trustee M. Longobardi recused himself from motion.

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

**Gerry Bambrick
Petrina DiGangi
John Ryan
Joseph O'Grady**

**Ann V. Corbett
Marc Mullen
Renee Marcus**

*Trustee M. Longobardi recused himself from motion.

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 Ginnane**

Deputy Mayor Lynn Pombonyo offered **Resolution No. 2024-59** 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 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 therein;

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; and except during the months of July and August, which will be held on the third Tuesday; and 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 and/or website.

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

At 8:25 pm on motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Re-Organization Meeting ended.

Susan Walsh
Village Clerk