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OF THE MEETING
OF THE
PUBLIC HEARING/BUDGET
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK
April 10, 2024
8:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

TENTATIVE 2024/2025 BUDGET PRESENTATION

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ALSO PRESENT:

GERARD BAMBRICK, Village Administrator

STEVE ARNONE, Deputy Treasurer

MIKE DERBY, Village Assessor & Deputy Tax Collector

PAT EREN, Library Director

LT. WILLIAM DOHERTY, Police Department

RENEE MARCUS, Supt. Of Bldgs.

KEVIN GINNANE, Supt. Of Public Works

KURT MEYFORHRT, Supt. of Recreation

GIL LUGER, 2nd Assistant Chief

JOSEPH O'GRADY, Deputy Supt. of Public Works

April 10, 2024 - Tentative 2024/2025 Budget Presentation

1 MAYOR FITZGERALD: So now we will go to the second
2 hearing, which is the public hearing and the local law
3 about the 2024/2025 budget, which runs from June 1, 2024
4 through May 31, 2025.

5 I will do this as we've done over the last couple
6 of years, the Village Administrator Bambrick will introduce
7 the budget with some commentary, I'll have some commentary
8 and then we will go through it department to department
9 with the trustee liaisons describing the changes in the
10 budget on each one of the departments that they liaise to.
11 After that we will open it up for questions or comments
12 from the public.

13 There were budgets in Village Hall for people to
14 have them --

15 GERARD BAMBRICK: Yes.

16 MAYOR FITZGERALD: -- if they have questions?

17 They will be up on the big screen and on Zoom
18 also.

19 So with that, I would like to ask Village
20 Administrator Bambrick to read the public notice.

21 GERARD BAMBRICK: Legal Notice to the Taxpayers of
22 the Incorporated Village of Floral Park.

23 Notice is hereby given that the tentative budget
24 for the Incorporated Village of Floral Park for year
25 June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025 has been completed by the

1 Budget Officer and a copy filed in the Office of the
 2 Village Clerk at Village Hall where same will be available
 3 for public inspection during office hours Monday through
 4 Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until April 10, 2024.

5 The Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday,
 6 April 10, 2024 and will begin at 8:00 p.m., immediately
 7 after the Proposed Local Law Number 1 of 2024 Public
 8 Hearing, in Village Hall Courtroom, 1 Floral Boulevard,
 9 Floral Park, New York, and be also available by way of
 10 video or tele-conference as follows, as listed in the
 11 notice.

12 The purpose of the Budget Hearing is to hear any
 13 and all interested persons in connection therewith and
 14 consider such budget for final adoption. Only budget
 15 business shall be discussed at this meeting. Copies of the
 16 Tentative Budget will be available commencing Monday,
 17 April 1, 2024, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
 18 at Village Hall.

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

22 By order of the Board of Trustees, Susan E. Walsh,
 23 Village Clerk, dated March 22, 2024 and March 29, 2024.

24 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you.

25 You know what, I'll read my statement and then we

1 will go to yours.

2 GERARD BAMBRICK: Sure.

3 MAYOR FITZGERALD: As with most life over the past
4 few years, many of the costs associated with providing the
5 Village services continues to rise. This upcoming year
6 will certainly be no exception to that as inflation
7 continues to have a significant impact on our daily lives.

8 In preparing the draft budget, and this process
9 starts the beginning of January, we treat every dollar as
10 if it was our own and, as you would do, and work to ensure
11 the best possible use of it at the most economical value
12 possible. To that end, the proposed tax levy increase for
13 2024-2025 is below the New York State Tax Cap. The 2.43
14 proposed tax levy increase, which is a \$675,000 increase,
15 does not exceed the tax cap for this year, which is right
16 at 2.45 percent. And Village Administrator Bambrick will
17 explain that in a minute. With this increase the budget
18 accomplishes a lot while dealing with the most significant
19 inflationary increases in the United States as we
20 experienced in quite some time, over the last two years or
21 so.

22 A few examples of some of the increases are, a
23 nearly 33 percent increase in the Village's required
24 deposit into the State Retirement Fund, which is for the
25 general employees and the CSEA, and a 10 percent increase

1 in the police retirement fund; additionally the budget
2 absorbs nearly a 7 percent increase in health insurance
3 costs, which is a 6.5 percent increase, which equals
4 \$296,000; it also increases the pay rate at the park, pool
5 and library for seasonal staff; the budget also absorbs a
6 significant increase in interest rates for financing of the
7 many capital projects, which is offset to a certain degree
8 by interest income we receive on our own funds; and it
9 continues to pay down sizable accrued police termination
10 pay liability, which is now \$384,000 for this upcoming
11 year, down from last year's \$837,000.

12 Additionally, we continue to need to invest in the
13 future of the Village by, one, replacing life-saving
14 firematic and police equipment and vehicles to make sure
15 that in an emergency these vehicles and equipment reliably
16 perform; two, maintaining our roads; and, three, investing
17 in other long term infrastructures of the Village, such as
18 drainage projects. These investments in the future can be
19 costly and must be financed, which has been significantly
20 impacted by the increase of interest rates for financing
21 many of these projects.

22 Lastly, a few weeks ago the Village once again
23 received a "No Designation" from the New York State
24 Comptroller's Office on their objective review of the
25 Village's finances. In this rating, the lower the number

1 the better, and the Village has seen this number decrease
2 over the past few years. This is a sign of both good
3 budgeting and fiscal management throughout the year.

4 And with that, before we move into the individual
5 departments, I would like to thank Village Administrator
6 and Treasurer Bambrick, Deputy Treasurer Steven Arnone
7 along with their staffs for their tireless efforts in
8 putting together this upcoming budget which, as I said,
9 started in January.

10 Additionally, I would like to thank all the
11 department heads and supervisors and the Library Board for
12 their efforts and inputs during the drafting of the budgets
13 for the respective departments. Their diligence in keeping
14 budgetary requests in their respective departments within
15 reason, while knowing that we need to strike the right
16 balance of ensuring our services remain, as they always
17 have been, while facing these inflationary headwinds is
18 most appreciated.

19 With that I will turn it back to Village
20 Administrator Bambrick.

21 GERARD BAMBRICK: Thank you, Mayor.

22 I think I'll give the same presentation I've given
23 for the last several years, painfully boring, but don't
24 worry.

25 This is the Village's 13th proposed budget after

1 the enactment of New York State tax cap law. By now I
2 think most people are generally familiar with the general
3 parameters of the tax cap law, I still think there is still
4 a good amount of confusion regarding it, and I think that's
5 due primarily to the fact that there are several factors
6 that go into calculating the tax cap.

7 The first factor is the tax cap is not 2 percent.
8 The formula established by the State, based on information
9 and factors set by the State, and the biggest of these
10 factors is the allowable growth factor. The allowable
11 growth factor is assigned by the State and it's the
12 lower -- either 2 percent or the rate of inflation,
13 whichever is lower. And that's where I think -- that is
14 where the 2 percent tax cap derives its name. In the past
15 years the allowable growth factor with the Village has been
16 as low as 0.12 percent, or as high as 2 percent. This year
17 with inflation just recently set at 3.2 percent in
18 February, I think today they came out with 3.5 percent
19 inflation rate. The allowable growth factor for Floral
20 Park and for every municipality that has a June 1st budget
21 start date is 2 percent.

22 Another factor that is added to the tax cap is
23 return on tax base growth factor. The tax base growth
24 factor is also assigned by the State and it's assigned for
25 each separate municipality based on what they describe as

1 increases in the tax base based on new construction or
2 measurable improvements to a taxable property within the
3 Village.

4 For the coming fiscal year improvements to
5 residences and commercial properties in the Village
6 generated approximately \$288,000 in new assessed valuations
7 for the Village. Most of that increase is based on
8 improvements to existing buildings and a few new
9 residential constructions.

10 Based on that positive growth in the Village, the
11 State gave the Village a tax base growth factor of
12 0.1 percent that's added to the 2 percent, that is based on
13 the tax factor growth based on the inflation rate.

14 Another factor that impacts the tax cap is what's
15 termed, "pension exclusion", sometimes it's applicable --
16 it's applicable years with the pension rates that the State
17 imposes or the State requires contributions for, grows
18 significantly, and this year it is growing significantly.

19 As the Mayor alluded to or stated, that the tax --
20 the required pension contributions have grown a lot since
21 last year. If you are familiar with the pension system,
22 there is six tiers for the pension system, each tier has
23 its own contribution rate, and those increases in the rates
24 have increased from 14 to 19 percent by each tier. That
25 increase translates into projections of over \$500,000 that

1 the Village has to pay extra or over and above last year's
2 projections for the pension costs. So based on the State
3 formula we get to exclude a certain portion of that
4 increase from the tax cap calculation.

5 As I mentioned, the projection is to be over
6 \$500,000, and the Village is able to exclude \$95,000 of
7 that amount from the tax cap calculation.

8 So based on those factors, the 2 percent allowable
9 growth factor, the .1 percent tax base growth factor and
10 the \$95,000 pension exclusion, the tax cap for Floral Park
11 for the coming year is 2.45 percent. The proposed tax levy
12 is 2.43 percent in the tentative budget and does not exceed
13 the tax cap.

14 To explain this we have a chart of the tax cap
15 formula which will take us through the calculations. As I
16 mentioned, it starts with the prior year tax levy. Last
17 year's tax levy was \$27,800,000, this year we apply a
18 .1 percent increase to that, based on the tax base growth
19 factor, that brings us to \$27,827,800. There is no -- then
20 the State adds in the formula PILOT payments, we have no
21 PILOT payments, we haven't had any PILOT payments since 15
22 Verbeena, next year we will be having PILOT payments based
23 on Centennial Hall and possibly other properties. So then
24 you apply to that amount the allowable growth factor of
25 2 percent, that brings the calculation to \$28,384,356, and

1 then you add back -- then you add in the pension exclusion
2 of \$95,529. That brings the tax levy limit for the coming
3 fiscal year 2024/2025 to \$28,479,885. That is a
4 2.45 percent increase over the \$27,800,000 tax levy for
5 fiscal year 2023/2024, our current fiscal year.

6 As you see in the book, the budget book, the
7 proposed tax levy is \$28,475,000, that is a 2.43 percent
8 increase over the \$27,800,000, and that's under the tax
9 cap.

10 I think there's several other things that need to
11 be understood to understand how your tax bill is
12 calculated, and that's the tax rate. The tax cap applies
13 to the tax levy. And the tax levy is the amount for which
14 the Village needs to raise by taxes after taking into
15 consideration all the revenue sources the Village
16 generates, then to pay off the projected expenses that the
17 Village will have for the coming year.

18 The tax levy is important in setting the tax rate,
19 but it does not -- it isn't the final determination on what
20 your tax increase will be, that will be based on what your
21 tax rate is. It's the tax rate that's multiplied by the
22 assessed valuation of your house which determines your tax
23 bill for the coming year.

24 To determine the tax rate, if you have your book,
25 your budget book, Roman Numeral page one, it's up on the

1 screen right now, all taxable -- all properties in the
2 Village have an assessed value -- sorry.

3 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Is that the right slide?

4 GERARD BAMBRICK: Yes, it's the right slide.

5 So your tax rate starts by taking the tax levy of
6 27 -- \$28,475,000 and dividing it by the total taxable
7 assessed valuations of the property, of all properties in
8 the Village.

9 If you go to the next slide, page two. Last year
10 the tax rate was \$14.6712 per \$100 assessed valuation, and
11 that was determined by the tax levy of \$27,800,000 divided
12 by the assessed valuation of all taxable properties of
13 \$189,486,789. This year the tax rate is 15.0392 per \$100
14 of assessed valuation, and that's determined by taking the
15 assessed valuation of all taxable properties of
16 \$189,338,338 as divided by the tax levy of \$28,475,000.

17 This year the assessed valuation of all taxable
18 properties decreased a bit because of several factors,
19 based on that decrease it actually decreased by \$149,000 --
20 yeah, \$148,451 decrease in assessed valuation of all
21 taxable properties. So that factored the assessed
22 valuation tax of properties decreased -- slightly decreased
23 the tax rate. Instead of being 2.43 percent, the tax levy
24 is 2.5 percent, total assessed valuation decreased a bit.

25 Now a lot of factors go into determining the

1 assessed valuation of taxable properties. There are many
2 exemptions, all church properties are exempt, Village
3 properties are exempt. I mentioned before work in the
4 Village increases it, the assessed valuation, that went up
5 by \$288,000, but there were a few factors that went down.
6 A year or so ago we granted a tax exemption to senior
7 citizens by increased tax exemption by raising the income
8 limit, that had an effect of increasing the number of
9 exemptions available to them. This year I think the two
10 major factors are there were a significant amount of
11 residential challenges that decreased the -- increased
12 the -- decreased the assessed valuations, and also the
13 State changed the equalization rate which negatively, for
14 the Village perspective, impacted the special franchises,
15 which are properties like the phone company and other,
16 similar to utilities, but not exactly utilities.

17 So based on that the total assessed valuation of
18 taxable properties went down, as I mentioned, by \$148,451,
19 and that has an impact of slightly increasing the tax rate.

20 Now, to make that -- how that translates to impact
21 the taxpayer is, we have the slide that is in the Village
22 items. The assessed value of the average home in the
23 Village this year is \$37,693, that's up there on the chart.
24 That's determined by assessed value of all residential
25 properties in the Village, there's 167 million plus

1 dollars, and we divide it by the number of residential
2 parcels in the Village, that's 4,432 residential parcels,
3 and that's how you get the average of \$37,693.

4 This year the tax rate of \$15.0392 for each \$100
5 in assessed valuation will result in a total tax on the
6 average home of \$5,669. At last year's rate the 14.6712
7 for each \$100 assessed valuation, the tax bill in the same
8 average home, would've been \$5,530. So the proposed tax
9 rate represents a \$139 increase for the average residential
10 property. Now that's the average. If your home is valued
11 higher or lower your tax increase will be higher or lower
12 based on whether or not you are the average or below the
13 average.

14 That's basically the big pitch on how your tax
15 bill is determined based on the amount of money the Village
16 needs to raise to pay all the projected costs for the
17 Village, less the revenues we will generate that are not
18 taxes, about \$4 to \$5 million, and then the balance has to
19 be made up by the tax levy, and that tax levy amount is
20 divided by all the taxable properties in the Village, and
21 then that's how your bill gets determined.

22 Like the Mayor, I want to thank all the department
23 heads and staff for all the work in getting this done.
24 This does take quite a while to gather all the information
25 and apply all the factors, and also to apply, go through

1 and carve out and hone down the budget to a number that,
2 you know, delivers the best bang for the buck, a reasonable
3 balance of increasing and improving services, while also
4 being fiscally responsible. And I especially want to thank
5 Deputy Treasurer Steve Arnone, Deputy Village Administrator
6 Darlene Lanza, in addition to all the department heads for
7 all the work that went into getting us to this point.
8 Thank you.

9 And I'll pass it on to you, Mayor.

10 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you, Village
11 Administrator Bambrick.

12 And thank you for doing the best job possible to
13 narrow down what is a very complicated formula that's, you
14 know, put upon us by the State, and we do appreciate
15 that.

16 I think the slide that's up is probably the
17 easiest thing for most people to understand, that's what
18 that boils down to, give or take, depending on what the
19 assessed value of your home is.

20 So with that I'll go through revenues and I'll
21 turn it over to our trustee liaisons.

22 Just a couple of things on revenues. Some of the
23 differences or the increases in revenues is good is, as
24 mentioned in my opening statement, interest rates have gone
25 up and, you know, the budgeting for the \$150,000 increase

1 in interest rate revenue this year, and the other thing
2 that I guess has been going up slightly, but is still not
3 back to pre-Covid levels, is the parking meter fees. So
4 appreciate all the work that the neighborhood aides do.

5 And one other thing that has gone up, it's
6 probably back to pre-Covid levels, is the amount of money
7 that we are collecting from court fines, whether that be
8 tickets, violations or other summonses, so thank you to our
9 great Police Department, neighborhood aides and building
10 inspectors that take care of that and make the Village safe
11 and ensure people are compliant by issuing those fines when
12 and where necessary and the court office administrator.

13 With that I will turn it over to Deputy Mayor
14 Pombonyo to go through the Police Department budget.

15 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Thank you, Mayor.

16 Thank you, Mayor, and welcome all.

17 I would like to tell you about the Police
18 Department. The Floral Park Police Department was
19 established in 1918 with two officers and a police booth on
20 the southeast corner of south Tyson Avenue and Jericho
21 Turnpike. Today 106 years later, the size of our Village
22 and the need for strong law enforcement have expanded our
23 department and range and complexity of our services that it
24 offers.

25 The Police Department budget is detailed on pages

1 19 to 20 of our budget book. You will see Code 001.3120 on
2 all the public safety police expenditure lines.

3 The first line 3120.0100, personal services, is a
4 salary line. You will notice throughout that all of our
5 departments that the 0100 will designate personal services
6 or salaries.

7 Our department is comprised of our commissioner,
8 34 police officers, including our lieutenants, sergeants,
9 detectives, six dispatchers, six neighborhood aides who do
10 parking enforcement, and seven crossing guards. There is a
11 \$199,456 increase in this line, which represents the step
12 increases for 16 of our newest officers, those who have
13 been working for the fewest years in our department and
14 came on board in such large numbers because we had so many
15 retirements in the past few years. This will help to phase
16 in their new officers' salary to the department levels in
17 approximately seven to eight years.

18 Code 0103, termination pay, represents the total
19 amounts that officers contractually receive upon their
20 retirement or resignation. Six of those long time, highly
21 experienced officers now retired have completed their
22 payments. This represents a \$453,698 reduction in the Code
23 0103. Others more recently retired benefits will continue
24 into the future.

25 Code 0105 is also a salary code for personal

1 service Police Department training. This is a very
2 important expenditure. All of our officers are required to
3 undergo AED, that's automated external defibrillator
4 training, CPR training and Narcan refresher training every
5 two years, all of our department, and two days of firearms
6 refresher training every year.

7 In addition, other crucial training includes body
8 worn cameras, active shooter, law changes, policies and
9 procedures and many others taught by in-house trained
10 police instructors who receive overtime pay for their
11 teaching of other officers working on regular time during
12 their training days. This model works very well in our
13 department and is now financed at \$50,000 by our
14 Code 0105.

15 Code 0200, equipment, is reduced by \$2,054
16 following the 2023/2024 for purchase of radios, which once
17 they are replaced we don't need to make any expenditures
18 for radios.

19 Code 0207, uniforms, has been increased by \$5,000
20 to cover all Police Department uniform personnel, not just
21 our police officers, the others that I mentioned.

22 Code 0210, Police CAD system, is a shared service
23 initiative with the Port Washington Police Department,
24 using state of the art technology, CAD, or computer aided
25 design, enables the police visually, auditorily and by

1 touch screen to integrate communication among the Floral
2 Park Police Department, the Nassau County Police
3 Department, Firecom for fire and ambulance calls.

4 This enabled FPPD to have access to Nassau County
5 Police communications during a serious police incident
6 taking place on Jericho Turnpike in Bellerose Terrace last
7 Friday night. Our dispatchers credited CAD with increased
8 speed and efficiency, it was very valuable when Nassau
9 County was working so hard so close to our Floral Park
10 borders and the Floral Park/Bellerose school.

11 Now installed, future CAD service expenses will be
12 consolidated in a designated computer code in the 001.1345
13 category on page ten. So they are being transferred to
14 another code within the budget for greater accuracy and
15 consolidation of our computer services.

16 Code 0211, equipment-body camera, is another
17 important code. Following training that extended from June
18 to October of 2023, our officers wear bodycams. What the
19 \$37,975 fee allocation is for video storage in 2024/2025.
20 The bodycams that have been paid for.

21 Code 0401, gasoline and oil, has a \$2,000 increase
22 to service the department fleet of vehicles.

23 Code 0406, supplies, including ammunition, has a
24 \$1,928 increase for the higher costs, that include the
25 ammunition, blankets, masks, first-aid supplies, flares,

1 tape, laser batteries and cartridges, and other important
2 supplies that the police need.

3 Code 0412, equipment, cleaning allowance, has an
4 increase of \$5,850 for dry cleaning equipment and shoes,
5 which is contractual.

6 Code 0414, finger printing search, shows no
7 allocation. Our department has invested in prior years in
8 a state of the art finger printing technology that
9 expedites on-site finger printing that immediately is
10 communicated to Nassau County and New York State Police, as
11 well as the FBI, facilitating the valuable exchange of
12 information about those who are finger printed amongst
13 multiple agencies to ensure the proper police follow-up in
14 real time, that's very important. This important
15 technology was 80 percent funded, \$20,000, through a New
16 York State Division of Criminal Justice Service Grant
17 obtained by our Police Department, they are very expert at
18 obtaining grants for some of their new initiatives.

19 Code 0418, telephone, reduces the budget by \$72
20 for equipment, usage, cell phones and vehicle computers.
21 The good news is that the Village is changing the phone and
22 internet provider which is projected for even further
23 reduction in costs.

24 Code 0445, subscriptions, texts and manuals, a
25 \$1,052 increase covers all computer software,

1 subscriptions, maintenance and warranties, which are always
2 being updated.

3 Code 0455, repairs to office equipment, shows a
4 \$3,000 reduction also because computer technology expenses
5 in this area are being transferred to that designated
6 computer code I told you about 001.1345 on page ten for
7 better tracking and monitoring costs.

8 Code 0460, repairs to mobile or vehicle equipment,
9 will be decreased by \$5,000. It is expected that the
10 purchase of two new police vehicles will be replaced to
11 older ones and the need for repairs.

12 And Code 0481, in-service training including
13 travel, the \$50,000 reduction overtime training cost has
14 been transferred within the Police Department budget to the
15 new personal services Police Department training Line 0105
16 that I explained earlier in the beginning of my
17 presentation.

18 In total, the public safety police budget, all in
19 Codes 3120, is proposed at \$8,013,872, a 3.02 percent, or
20 \$249,338 decrease. This is due to the close scrutiny,
21 review and adjustments made with this budget as it was
22 constructed by our Police Department leadership,
23 Commissioner Steven McAllister and Lieutenant Thomas
24 McCarthy and William Doherty, who is here tonight in the
25 audience, with the collaboration of Village Administrator

1 Gerry Bambrick and Deputy Treasurer Steven Arnone.

2 Our Floral Park Police Department has responded to
3 5,112 calls for service in 2022, 5,247 calls for service in
4 2023, and 1,184 calls for service to date in 2024, that's
5 over three months.

6 In addition to the department's traffic stops,
7 school and other site visits and directed patrols for
8 reported specific infractions, so that's in addition to the
9 calls that I just mentioned.

10 Our police are out there for us 24/7/365 days a
11 year. We thank them for their outstanding service and
12 appreciate the community's support.

13 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you, Deputy Mayor
14 Pombonyo.

15 And now I'll turn it over to Trustee Stewart to
16 lead us through everything at the Department of Public
17 Works, which is a lot.

18 TRUSTEE STEWART: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

19 Good evening, all. Thank you for coming.

20 The Department of Public Works' responsibilities
21 include, but are not limited to, sanitation, fleet
22 management, road maintenance and public buildings
23 management.

24 In Floral Park some of the most visible work DPW
25 does is putting up our lovely holiday lights, and this year

1 due to our very successful military banner program, DPW
2 also hung, removed and is rehangng and will re-remove the
3 military banners honoring our local veteran heroes.

4 I would like to thank Superintendent Ginnane for
5 all of his work putting together this massive portion of
6 the budget, as well as Deputy Superintendent Joe O'Grady,
7 and for the time that they spend walking me through the
8 different facets of their vast department.

9 So for the shared services in buildings, our
10 personal services line covers one assistant supervisor, a
11 senior maintainer, a cleaner and a part-time cleaner.

12 We have many building maintenance and construction
13 projects that we do in-house, this keeps the cost down as
14 much as possible so that we don't have to hire outside
15 contractors just to do some of the work.

16 Line 406 for supplies, there is a decrease there
17 because we had many available supplies in stock.
18 Superintendent Ginnane and his staff took inventory and
19 realized that we did not have to a have an increase in that
20 line.

21 0416, electricity and gas, there is a huge
22 reduction there based on our jobs and control efficiency
23 modifications.

24 The increase at the 0450 line for Village Hall is
25 because this is a very old building and it requires an

1 exorbitant amount of maintenance.

2 For our essential garage shared services, the
3 personal services include salary and benefits for one
4 mechanic supervisor, two mechanics, an automotive mechanic
5 aide and a part time auto mechanic servicer. We are
6 constantly looking for ways to train and improve the
7 services that our mechanics are able to provide and we are
8 very happy to do that.

9 We have a Line 0401 for gasoline and oil for one
10 truck; we have Line 0416, electricity and gas, once again
11 reduced based on our jobs and controls projections.

12 For our transportation and DPW administration,
13 Line 0100, as Deputy Mayor Pombonyo indicated, that's
14 always our personnel line, salaries for a superintendent, a
15 deputy superintendent, a full-time clerk and a portion of
16 another clerk's salary.

17 Line 0200 for equipment, we have a slight increase
18 for a new laptop which will allow us to monitor certain
19 code violations with a little bit more efficiency.

20 Line Number 0455, there is a decrease in that for
21 the computer technician, maintenance fees, repairs to
22 printers, believe it or not, a typewriter. Those costs are
23 trending lower. We have a couple of typewriters around.

24 0460, repairs to auto, we hear -- in this line
25 there is an increase because everything is just more

1 expensive. However, while this is an increase, it keeps
2 our costs down by maintaining the vehicles that we have in
3 our fleet as opposed to replacing them with newer more
4 expensive vehicles.

5 Transportation and street maintenance. Again our
6 personal services on Line 0100, two supervisors, three
7 drivers, six laborers, two part-time laborers, six seasonal
8 laborers, we see a slight decrease there because we
9 reassign personnel to other departments as we need
10 them.

11 0102, personal services overtime, this line
12 encompasses our special community events, which I think
13 most of you will agree which is why Floral Park is such a
14 great place to live, our community events such as our two
15 5Ks, The Hance Family Fun Day, homecoming parade, little
16 league parade, all of these things DPW does a lot of work
17 behind the scenes in getting us prepared for, as well as
18 cleaning up afterwards.

19 Line 0200, the equipment, this has been decreased
20 by more than 60 percent because we have purchases in years
21 past and we don't expect to have to purchase as many new
22 items such as wrenches, shop vacs, tar kettle as we have in
23 the past.

24 0450, sidewalk and curb repair. This reflects the
25 things that the Village is responsible for such as 88 curb

1 cuts, repairs to Village property from road program, as
2 well as our tree removal program.

3 Staying here. Moving on to snow removal. As we
4 have not had too much snow removal in the past, there is
5 not a terrible amount of change here. There is a change in
6 the supply line. Again, nearly over a 60 percent decrease
7 because we have a stock pile of salt that we have purchased
8 and we have not used. I say fortunately, other people
9 think that we should have snow, so that's a personal
10 opinion.

11 Street lighting, we have Line 0435. We have an
12 annual maintenance contract, we have less need for outside
13 contractor help because of our transition to LED lights, so
14 not only does it save us on maintenance, it also saves us
15 on our electricity bill.

16 Off-street parking, Line 0100, the personal
17 services, we have a salary for one meter attendant.

18 Line 0200, equipment, we have instituted Flowbird
19 parking meters, which decreases our need for repairing the
20 coin operated meters in certain -- in the Creedmoor lot and
21 at the lot between the library and the Long Island Rail
22 Road.

23 Line 0500, Creedmoor rental fees. That Creedmoor
24 spur that I just referenced is actually leased by the
25 Village from the MTA. We actually had a four year break

1 from paying that leasing fee during Covid, but now Covid is
2 over and the fees have returned.

3 Line 0400, our holiday decorations, which I
4 referenced in my opening. It is such a wonderful feature
5 in our Village, the wreaths and lights and bows that
6 decorate our main streets during the holiday season, as
7 well as our military banners that we had up in November and
8 we have again.

9 I think -- am I done? No.

10 Sanitation -- this is long, this is the longest
11 you will ever hear me speak. Personal services for refuse
12 and garbage, 0100. One supervisor, 13 MEOs, two recyclers,
13 we have a slight decrease there due to retirements.

14 I want to point something out about our co-mingled
15 recycling program. Our Superintendent Ginnane realized
16 that we could actualize a savings by revamping our
17 recycling program, and that's why we had the change to
18 different days for cardboard and for plastics and glass.
19 There was some concern among the residents that it wasn't
20 really working for them, and Superintendent Ginnane and his
21 staff revamped the calendar so that no resident would be
22 left with their recycling on a holiday week. I really
23 appreciate the efforts to both be fiscally responsible and
24 respond to our residents' needs.

25 We are faced with very -- with an expense for our

1 residential waste and bulk items, there is a slight
2 increase of 4.23 percent because it reflects the
3 contractual increase with Covanta who takes our
4 garbage.

5 We also have on Line 0438 a disposal fee for yard
6 waste. It's just contractual, we are bound -- we have to
7 have a place to get rid of our garbage. And that's it for
8 that.

9 Street cleaning, which is another very visible
10 part of what DPW does, keeping our streets clean, neat and
11 safe. Personal services, Line 0100, salaries for two
12 sweepers, it decreased because one senior employee is
13 retiring and will be replaced by a more junior employee at
14 a lower starting salary.

15 Personal services overtime, 0102, special events,
16 weather related events. There is an increase here due to
17 our street fairs, our holiday tree lighting ceremony at the
18 holiday time. Unfortunately we have had some large
19 funerals as well, which require the assistance of our
20 street sweepers to make everything go smoothly for those
21 families and friends.

22 Storm and sewer. It just gets better and better.
23 So you know these are the things that we have to do in
24 order to make sure our Village continues to run well.

25 0416, the electricity at the sump, it has been

1 decreased based on past costs and newer technology.
2 Superintendent Ginnane was able to monitor the Belmont
3 pumping station remotely and start them when needed, which
4 I think is really spectacular.

5 Professional services, which is Line 0430,
6 engineering services for storm water management and
7 engineering for storm drainage projects, which is very,
8 very important to keep our streets water -- well, I don't
9 want to say water free, but less water.

10 Shade trees. So this is one of the things that we
11 are most known for, we have been a designated tree city for
12 over 20 years, it is something that we are very proud of
13 and intend to continue for a very long time.

14 So our personal services on Line 0100, one senior
15 tree pruner, one tree pruner and a laborer. The overtime
16 we have, it's trending up slightly because we have begun
17 the practice of alerting staff that we may need them and
18 bring them in before the emergency happens or the weather
19 happens.

20 We also, on Line 0406, we have tree sitting flags
21 that we are proud to display.

22 0430 we have line item for a consultant, for an
23 arborist that is really important to us because when we
24 need to remove trees we only remove them due to safety or
25 the health of the tree, we don't just remove them for the

1 sake of removing them.

2 In the last year of 2023 we removed 150 Village
3 trees and yet we planted 300, so it's a two for one there,
4 and I think that's really, really important.

5 Superintendent Ginnane and his staff make it a point to ask
6 for the residents' input when they lose a tree on the
7 Village property, what kind of tree might they like, what
8 kind of trees are available, and really works with the
9 residents to get something that they want.

10 0460, repairs to trucks. Inspection and repair of
11 eight vehicles. Equipment is very expensive to fix. This
12 year it was very high because we spent a little over
13 \$20,000 just to repair the wood chipper. And we tried to
14 do as much trimming in-house to save on hiring outside
15 Village contractors.

16 And that, Mr. Mayor, finishes DPW.

17 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you very much. There's a
18 lot there.

19 If I could just add one comment to that, with some
20 of the overtime lines, they also include overtime for
21 another successful project that we've done or started a
22 couple of years ago where on Saturdays a small crew comes
23 in to do projects that just can't get done during the week,
24 for whatever reason, and the last thing they do before they
25 go home is go through the commercial districts and pick up

1 and empty the garbage bins which goes a long way to keeping
2 the Village look the way it does. People probably don't
3 know it's happening but would notice if it wasn't
4 happening.

5 With that I would like to turn it over to Trustee
6 Longobardi and the Rec Center.

7 TRUSTEE LONGOBARDI: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

8 Good evening, everybody. Thank you for being
9 here.

10 The Recreation Center of Floral Park Village is
11 blessed to have a full service recreation center with
12 programs available for all ages all year round. Our
13 recreation center offers tennis, basketball, volley ball,
14 pickle ball, hockey, football, baseball, softball, kickball
15 and aerobics, just to name a few.

16 These are seasonal sports that run year round for
17 our littlest kids in T-ball to our senior adult softball
18 league. They range in recreational social leagues to
19 competitive leagues in all divisions.

20 In addition to sports programs, we offer summer
21 youth programs, including half day kiddie programs, primary
22 grade recreation programs, preschool programs, morning
23 sports programs and afternoon cornhole, and the adults as
24 well. Formal league programs include Floral Park Little
25 League, Indians, Titans, Youth Council and Knights

1 softball. These are just some of the many activities that
2 go on in our beautiful park.

3 Organizing all this and keeping it running is not
4 an easy task. Thanks to the efforts of Superintendent Kurt
5 Meyfohrt and his staff of full-time and part-time employees
6 that keep the park operating for all to enjoy 24/7/365.

7 The current budget to keep all this going is
8 approximately \$975,000. The requested budget changes for
9 the coming year include the personal services, Line 0100,
10 there's actually a slight decline of 1.64 percent,
11 approximately \$7,000, that's due to adjustments between the
12 lines and classifying the employees.

13 Line 0102, a very slight decline there as well,
14 with the reclassification of some personnel, there is a
15 slight decline in the overtime line.

16 Line 0200, for equipment, there is an increase
17 there of approximately 12 percent, and that just has to do
18 with the changes in new equipment that we need and the
19 increase in prices.

20 Uniforms, there is a decrease of approximately
21 50 percent, or \$3,000, and that's due to the history and
22 fewer costs and fewer supplies that are needed for the
23 uniforms.

24 For 0415, special activities, these are the awards
25 for the various programs. And there is an increase there

1 of approximately \$3,000, or 20 percent, and that's because
2 most of those programs and awards have gotten back to
3 pre-Covid levels, which is a great thing.

4 The electricity, Line 0416, is showing a decline,
5 and that's due to the savings with the Johnson Control
6 Program.

7 Line 0418, telephone, is also showing a decrease,
8 and that has to do with the changes that we've made to our
9 system and providers.

10 Line 0419, the water, is showing an 11 percent
11 increase, and that is reflecting the projected costs with
12 the water increases.

13 Line 0427, referees and instructors, there was a
14 2 and a half percent increase here. And once again, that
15 has to do with the increase in the programs and activities
16 and the increased need for instructors and referees.

17 Line 0435, contractual expense, there is a
18 decrease here of approximately 25 percent, or \$10,000, and
19 that also is due to changes and modifications with the
20 Johnson Control Program that is reflecting savings in this
21 line.

22 Line 0455, repairs to equipment, there is a slight
23 decrease there of about \$1,000, or 25 percent for that
24 line. Thankfully that is just trending lower, equipment is
25 working well and not needed there.

1 Line 0480, conference and association, there is a
2 decrease there of about 40 percent, or \$350, and that is
3 just a cost of some of the programs for training and
4 certifications.

5 The total budget was a 9 percent decrease,
6 \$697,000 proposed for the coming year.

7 Then in the youth program section, Line 0100, the
8 personnel costs, there is a decrease there. That line is
9 going to be used exclusively to track certain employees
10 with the youth program and the personnel expenses for
11 that.

12 And then Line 0102, the overtime line, is also
13 showing a decrease, and once again because of the
14 reclassification of the employees.

15 So the youth program budget proposed is \$123,257.

16 And that covers the recreation.

17 So when you are done in the park, you can head
18 over to the pool for a nice swim and cool off, all of that.

19 For the pool. So after all those sports and
20 activities head over for a nice swim. Our pool is truly a
21 family fun center for our residents. It offers a variety
22 of activities for adults and children, including water
23 aerobics and Zumba, cardio, yoga, pilates, junior
24 lifeguard, My Tot and Me program, gardening and much, much
25 more.

1 They also offer full swim lesson programs, most
2 basic of three years old up to advanced swimming, diving
3 and proficiency skills.

4 We also have our competitive Floral Park Pirates
5 Swim Team which practices each day and competes against
6 other local teams in the area.

7 In addition, our pool offers all kinds of family
8 and social events, including teen Luau, movie nights,
9 residents' days, grandparents' days, ice cream social
10 nights, rollback nights and more.

11 All of this cannot run without a great dedicated
12 staff, including Pool Director Tom Dillon, Assistant Pool
13 Director Joe Derby and all the lifeguards, maintenance and
14 office staff that keep our pool and programs running each
15 day.

16 The current operating budget for this is
17 \$1,217,000. The majority of this is funded through
18 membership fees, guest fees, program fees and swim lesson
19 fees.

20 The proposed changes to the coming year. The pool
21 subscription line, which is the main source of revenue, is
22 not expected to show any major increase, it's been kept at
23 the level of this year \$720,000.

24 As the Mayor mentioned before, we are seeing an
25 increase in our interest income thanks to an increase in

1 the rates. So we have a proposed Line 2401, \$3,000 in
2 interest income on the item, which is a 900 percent
3 increase of what we were seeing in the past.

4 Line 2451 shows a decline of 29 percent, and this
5 is the monies collected from D&J Concessions based on the
6 projected revenue for the year for that.

7 Line 2664, swimming lessons, show an increase of
8 100 percent. These are the fees collected for various swim
9 lessons, things that I mentioned previously, most of the
10 fees -- it's \$20 for a private lesson, which is \$15 to the
11 lifeguard who instructs, and \$5 goes to the Village for
12 that.

13 Line 5031 is the amounts -- this is the amount
14 transferred from the general fund to the pool to pay any
15 potential shortfall, and that is showing about a 10 percent
16 increase.

17 Line 0100, personal services, this is showing
18 6.14 percent increase, approximately \$24,000, this covers
19 the salaries for the director, full-time and part-time
20 assistants, and approximately 66 seasonal employees,
21 lifeguards, maintenance attendants and year round
22 maintenance.

23 The personal service overtime associated with that
24 increase, which also includes in addition to those
25 increases, special events and extended days for the higher

1 nights where we stay open an extra hour or two, that's
2 going to be \$15,000 to \$20,000, or 33 percent increase.

3 Line 0403, paint and supplies, this is everything
4 from touchup to repairs to the building, the pool, the
5 grounds, that is actually showing a decrease of 50 percent,
6 or \$1,000.

7 Line 0406, for supplies, this is first aid,
8 janitorial supplies, chairs, mats and basic supplies,
9 that's been trended down a little bit, the budget for that
10 dropped to \$12,000, or 20 percent decrease on that.

11 The pool filtration supply, Line 0409, this has
12 been mentioned in other budget areas, costs are rising,
13 supplies are rising, so this line is showing a 30 percent
14 increase, or increase from \$23,000 to \$30,000.

15 Electric and gas, Line 0416, once again due to
16 savings from the Johnson Control Program, 8 percent
17 decrease in that line.

18 Line 0418, the telephone, is showing an increase
19 of \$1,000 to \$2,000, and that's based on usage and activity
20 at the pool which has gone up.

21 The water, 0419, has a 16.5 percent increase, and
22 that is based on the prior year as well as projected
23 increased water rates.

24 Line 0435, contractual expenses, right now we are
25 budgeting a \$10,000, or 20 percent decrease. This covers

1 everything from the Ansul system, the HVAC, to sprinklers,
2 exterminating, cameras and various other contract services
3 that we have.

4 Line 0450, repairs to building, slight decrease
5 from \$7,000 to \$5,000. Once again thanks to improvements
6 from the Johnson Control Program we are expecting a
7 decrease in that area.

8 Line 0471, which is the postage, also has
9 a decrease from \$700 to about \$350, which is a 50 percent
10 decrease. And that is because we have switched from paper
11 mailing, we do a lot more e-mailing now, which is saving on
12 the cost of postage.

13 Line 0485, special activities, is a slight
14 increase of 17 percent, this is the swim team, special
15 events, family nights, day camp supplies, crafts. Once
16 again we are getting back to pre-Covid levels and above, a
17 lot more activity, a lot more people participating, which
18 is a great thing.

19 9030 is showing a slight increase, and that's the
20 employer shared FICA related to the increase in salaries up
21 above.

22 And then Line 9940, the transfer is showing a half
23 a percent increase from the general fund to the pool fund,
24 both of that general fund covers the pool reconstruction
25 bond that we are still paying off.

1 So the bottom line for the state of our budget, no
2 surplus or deficit for the pool. That covers the pool.

3 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you, Trustee Longobardi.

4 Now I'll turn it back to Trustee Stewart to talk
5 about Four Village Studio.

6 TRUSTEE STEWART: Thank you.

7 Four Village Studio is a 24/7 cable channel funded
8 by the cable franchises. Four Village Studio encompasses
9 Floral Park, Bellerose, South Floral Park and Stewart
10 Manor.

11 Under the leadership of James Green it provides a
12 variety of educational and informational programming of
13 interest to viewers of all ages. There is also a community
14 bulletin board that runs whenever there is no programming.
15 This is a great place to get information.

16 At this time Four Village Studio is working
17 towards full high definition capabilities. James Green is
18 working in conjunction with Cablevision in order to make
19 that happen.

20 The majority of Mr. Green -- with Four Village
21 Studio's budget has to do with the contractual agreement
22 where there is a variance of a little over 1 percent.

23 The studio equipment needs. There is a decrease
24 of 5.17 percent. There isn't a need for as much new
25 equipment at the moment as there has been in the past.

1 There is training for his staff volunteers in filming,
2 editing and production, which is budgeted for \$5,500.

3 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you.

4 TRUSTEE STEWART: Thank you.

5 MAYOR FITZGERALD: I will turn it over to Trustee
6 Chiara, talk about the Fire Department.

7 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

8 Good evening, everybody.

9 Our Fire Department is currently totally staffed
10 with 158 dedicated volunteers. These volunteers are well
11 trained and prepared to respond at all times of day and
12 night for a variety of alarms. Through the course of the
13 year these alarms range from significant building fires to
14 automatic alarms with no fires. Along with the fire calls,
15 our department, NYU Langone and Nassau County also answer
16 EMS calls for 80 cases.

17 The Fire Department volunteered registered
18 approximately 2,500 hours dedicated to training classes and
19 reality based drills preparing them for emergency
20 situations.

21 Our Village is very fortunate to have such
22 dedicated volunteers who contribute an enormous amount of
23 time to help out their neighbors.

24 This year the Fire Department budget increased
25 4.06 percent. The notable changes are as follows, on Line

1 0207 it shows an increase of \$1,000, this is for the rising
2 increase of the cost to purchase Fire Department gear.

3 On Line 0208, reflects an increase of nearly
4 \$7,000 for new member gears with the rotation of eight to
5 ten sets of these gears per year.

6 On Line 0407, shows a reduction of \$5,000, the
7 cost to purchase medical supplies due to NYU Langone
8 responding to ambulance calls.

9 On Line 0418, reflects an increase of \$11,000 to
10 supply additional internet service for the new fire service
11 reporting program.

12 On Line 0460, indicates a \$5,000 increase for the
13 inspection and repairs of the Fire Department fleet.

14 This year's Fire Department budget has increased
15 by, like I said, 4.06 percent, or \$19,000.

16 Once again, thank you to our volunteers for your
17 service.

18 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you, Trustee Chiara.

19 Go back to Trustee Longobardi for the Building
20 Department.

21 TRUSTEE LONGOBARDI: Thank you, again, Mr. Mayor.

22 For the Building Department, the Building
23 Department oversees the last acts of construction and
24 capital improvements on businesses and residential
25 properties, as well as the Village properties. These

1 include permits, contractor licenses, title searches,
2 zoning cases and Architectural Review Board.

3 All this work is conducted under the leadership of
4 Superintendent Renee Marcus and her dedicated staff which
5 consists of three full-time and part-time employees. Some
6 of the activity in the past year includes 529 permits, 587
7 contractor licenses, 142 title searches, 11 zoning cases,
8 91 Architectural Review cases, 11,666 phone calls, that's
9 an average of approximately 45 a day, 2,682 counter visits
10 and walk-ins.

11 Our Building Department is nearing completion of
12 a -- near completion of a Village wide energy performance
13 project. The project included updating existing Village
14 buildings to conserve energy and save on utility costs.
15 These projects include interior, exterior and sports field
16 LED lighting and upgrades, HVAC equipment and control
17 replacement, pipe installation, new library roof,
18 weatherization of all doors and windows and solar panels.
19 They are also working on implementing a new on-line permit
20 system which may be available this year.

21 The current budget operates at \$453,618. The
22 requested budget changes for the coming year are in Line
23 0100, personal service, which is that staff I just
24 mentioned, 2.9 percent increase, or approximately \$11,000.

25 And also for conference expense on Line 0480,

1 these are the fees for New York State required Continuing
2 Education credits for our code enforcement officials,
3 membership dues and various licensing fees; and the request
4 there is \$1,000 for that line for the year.

5 Everything else, including stationery supplies,
6 professional services, equipment are all staying unchanged
7 for that department.

8 The total projected budget is \$464,671 for next
9 year.

10 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you, Trustee Longobardi.

11 And last, but certainly not least, I don't think
12 we could call ourselves a full service Village if we didn't
13 have our own library, and I'll turn it over to Trustee
14 Chiara to talk about the library.

15 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Thank you.

16 Our library, voted the Best Library in Nassau
17 County for the last three years in a row, continues to be a
18 warm, vibrant community gathering place for all of our
19 residents. Not only does our library offer the typical
20 resources usually offered at a library, but this year our
21 library built nearly 500 programs for their patrons. These
22 programs range from valuable resource information sessions
23 to family trivia nights. Over 100,000 items were checked
24 out of the library this year and the library issued over
25 700 passes to local museums.

1 Pat Eren, library director, was recognized as
2 Women of Distinction this year by our local politician, and
3 along with her staff continue to come up with creative
4 ideas to meet and engage our community.

5 The Village is very fortunate it has such a
6 wonderful library. Thank you to Pat, her staff, the
7 library board and Friends of the Library for all you do to
8 keep the library such a great place to visit.

9 This year's library budget increased by
10 0.58 percent. The notable changes are on Line 0203 --
11 excuse me, 0203, yes, has an increase of \$500 based on
12 reduction of uses of AV materials, including CDs, DVDs and
13 audio books.

14 On Line 0204, also shows a reduction of 500 bucks
15 for the reduction of the use of software CD roms.

16 Line 0416, reflects a \$5,000 decrease due to the
17 savings on gas and electricity because of the Johnson
18 Control renovation and improvements to the building.

19 Line 0418 shows an increase of \$3,300 for the
20 needed upgrade of internet service to support the new WiFi
21 and new telephone system and along with usage.

22 Line 0432 has an increase of \$10,000 for the
23 expansion of programs to better serve the broader needs of
24 the community.

25 Line 0444 reflects a \$500 decrease for periodical

1 subscriptions.

2 Line 9010 shows an increase of \$10,000 to cover
3 the employee costs for the New York State pension increase.

4 With these and other slight changes the library
5 budget has increased 0.58 percent, or close to \$9,000.

6 Thank you.

7 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you, Trustee Chiara.

8 And before I open it up for public comments, just
9 some final closing thoughts. The Village Administrator
10 Bambrick went over how the tax calculation works and how
11 each of us as residents pay that piece on the assessed
12 value of our homes. But the commercial buildings do pay a
13 large portion of the tax -- are a large portion of the tax
14 base, and I would just like to say thank you all the
15 businesses that do choose to open up and stay in Floral
16 Park.

17 And as Deputy Mayor Pombonyo says I think at every
18 meeting, please make sure to continue to dine and shop
19 locally, not only does it provide you the services that you
20 need and want, it also helps keep our tax base where it
21 needs to be and our taxes lower.

22 Also I think one of the things that over the years
23 in doing this that I've enjoyed or been proud of the
24 attention to detail that goes through this during the last
25 three or four months.

1 Trustee Stewart mentioned something about the
2 sump, and the camera at the sump, I think it was a change
3 of \$750, but it just shows the work that's done by the
4 department heads and everyone involved in producing this
5 budget that they just don't skip over things, they look at
6 over everything to make sure we present or just presented
7 not only a responsible budget but a very diligent budget.

8 And in closing I would like to thank once again
9 Village Administrator Bambrick, Deputy Treasurer Arnone,
10 all the department heads involved in this, but also all the
11 employees of the Village that throughout the year make sure
12 that they stay within the budget, that the taxpayers -- or
13 the Board is approved and the taxpayers are financing to
14 provide the services that Floral Park has come to enjoy for
15 the last 115 years, and I've certainly enjoyed it the last
16 25 years living here, no better place.

17 And with that, hope you enjoyed the last hour and
18 15 minutes.

19 And if there's anyone who has any questions or
20 comments specific to the budget, please approach the
21 podium. Is there anyone here in Village Hall?

22 (Whereupon, there was no response.)

23 MAYOR FITZGERALD: If there is anyone on Zoom if
24 you want to raise your hand and then Darlene will unmute
25 you?

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1 Give it a couple of seconds.

2 DARLENE LANZA: No.

3 MAYOR FITZGERALD: With that I would like to ask,
4 any Board members that have any additional questions or
5 comments?

6 (Whereupon, there was no response.)

7 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you. Thanks for your
8 work.

9 I would like to ask for a motion to reserve
10 decision and close the public hearing.

11 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: So moved.

12 TRUSTEE LONGOBARDI: Second.

13 MAYOR FITZGERALD: I would ask Village
14 Administrator Bambrick to poll the Board.

15 GERARD BAMBRICK: Trustee Pombonyo?

16 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Aye.

17 GERARD BAMBRICK: Trustee Chiara?

18 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Aye.

19 GERARD BAMBRICK: Trustee Stewart?

20 TRUSTEE STEWART: Aye.

21 GERARD BAMBRICK: Trustee Longobardi?

22 TRUSTEE LONGOBARDI: Aye.

23 GERARD BAMBRICK: Mayor Fitzgerald?

24 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Aye.

25 Thank you, everyone, for coming out and

1 participating and listening. I always hope people learn a
 2 lot about how the Village operates during this meeting, so
 3 thank you.

4 (Whereupon, the Public Hearing was concluded and
 5 stood adjourned.)

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