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Board of Trustees Minutes Tuesday, May 7, 2024 8:00 pm Village Hall Courtroom

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Mayor Fitzgerald opened the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 8:00 PM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Mayor Kevin M. Fitzgerald, Trustees Lynn Pombonyo, Frank Chiara, Jennifer Stewart and Michael Longobardi, Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick, Village Clerk Joseph E. O'Grady, Deputy Village Clerk Lara Verbanac, Village Attorney John Ryan, Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus, Police Commissioner Steven McAllister and Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane.

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, Mayor Fitzgerald swore in Joseph E. O'Grady, as the new Village Clerk.

Mayor Fitzgerald announced that prior to moving the agenda, the residents have the opportunity to make comments or ask questions on items that are on the agenda only. There being none, he asked Village Clerk to move the agenda as follows:

On motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting minutes held on April 16, 2024 and the Board of Trustee Work Session minutes held on April 25, 2024.

Trustee Chiara offered **Resolution No. 2024-94** to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable as follows:

 General Fund
 \$ 1,522,947.67

 Pool Fund
 \$ 472.81

 Capital Fund
 \$ 21,906.44

 Grand Total
 \$ 1,545,326.92

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

Trustee Pombonyo - Aye

Trustee Chiara - Aye

Trustee Stewart - Aye Trustee Longobardi - Aye Mayor Fitzgerald - Aye

Trustee Stewart offered **Resolution No. 2024-95** to authorize the payment of unused earned accruals of Susan Walsh who retired as Village Clerk on 04/26/2024 as follows:

26.5 Vacation Days @ daily rate of \$498.6 \$ 13,212.90 65% of 200 sick days = 130 days @ \$498.6 \$ 64,818.00 2 Floating Holidays @ \$498.60 \$ 997.20 4 Personal Days @ \$498.60 \$ 1994.40 \$ 81,022.50

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

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

Trustee Longobardi offered **Resolution No. 2024-96** to authorize the payment of unused earned accruals of Karyne Calamari who retired as a Court Clerk on 04/26/2024 as follows:

| 16 Vacation Days @ daily rate of \$254.64  | \$ 4,074.24     |
|--|-----------------|
| 60% of 4.75 sick hours = 2.85hrs @ \$36.38 | \$ 103.69       |
| 2 Personal Days @ \$254.64                 | \$ 509.28       |
| Tot  | al: \$ 4,687.21 |

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

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

Trustee Pombonyo offered the following resolutions authorizing personnel salary increases:

a. **Resolution No. 2024-97** to authorize salary increases effective immediately for the following exempt employees:

| Personnel        | Proposed  |
|------------------|-----------|
| BOVE             | \$91,854  |
| DOLAN            | \$63,000  |
| FOWLER           | \$57,710  |
| LANGONE          | \$94,532  |
| SARTINI          | \$78,403  |
| DERBY            | \$92,000  |
| EREN             | \$110,271 |
| MCALLISTER, JOAN | \$85,000  |
| MEYFOHRT         | \$116,223 |
| VERBANAC         | \$69,500  |

- b. **Resolution No. 2024-98** to authorize a salary increase of Deputy Treasurer Steven Arnone to \$105,000 effective immediately to reflect the assumption of additional duties and responsibilities.
- c. **Resolution No. 2024-99** to authorize merit increases to certain CSEA Rank and File Unit Members Pursuant to Article XII, Section 5 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village and the CSEA Rank and File Unit of the Village, as follows:

|              |               | Current        | New                   | Proposed |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Name         | Title         | Grade and Step | <b>Grade and Step</b> | Salary   |
| Kathy Guidal | Librarian I   | 20/11          | 20/12                 | \$81,330 |
| Beale Reese  | MEO           | 17/1           | 17/2                  | \$48,630 |
| Joe Romano   | Library Clerk | 13/off         | 13/off                | \$54,271 |

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

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

Trustee Chiara offered **Resolution No. 2024-100** to authorize the refund payment of \$65.00 to Pia Loftus due to rescheduling of the Pickle Ball class.

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

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

Trustee Stewart offered **Resolution No. 2024-101** authorizing the Village to enter into the following Agreements / Contracts:

a. The Water Authority of Western Nassau County in which the water authority will temporarily restore road work on all roads impacted by the WAWNC Water Main Replacement Project in Floral Park due to their proposed work in 2024 with the understanding that the Village will be responsible to restore these roads (mill and pave) and WAWNC will provide a check in the amount of \$355,000 made payable to the Village of Floral Park for such work and authorize Mayor or Village Administrator to sign said contract; and

- b. GovPlanet to provide services related to the auctioning of surplus vehicles and equipment and authorize the Mayor or Village Administrator to sign said agreement; and
- c. Floral Park Bellerose School District and the Village Floral Park to provide police personnel to attend and monitor the School District's election on May 21 2024 and authorize the Mayor or Village Administrator to sign said agreement;

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

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

On a motion by Trustee Longobardi, seconded by Trustee Pombonyo and carried unanimously, the Board approved the following block party application in accordance with Section 32-12D of the Village Code and if applies, a certificate of insurance and sound device permit fee:

| On             | Between                           | Date                      |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Hickory Street | Cedar Place & Cherry Street       | Sat 6/15/2024(RD 6/16/24) |
| Whitney Ave    | Lowell Ave & 87 <sup>th</sup> Ave | Sat. 6/1/2024 (RD 6/2/24) |

Trustee Pombonyo offered the following resolutions authorizing tax certiorari settlements:

- a. **Resolution No. 2024-102** to approve the tax certiorari settlement of John and Mary Glynn. for property located at 20 Adelaide Street known as Section 32, Block 50 and Lots 11 in the lump sum amount of \$8,000.00 for tax years 2012/2013 through 2018/19;
- b. **Resolution No. 2024-103** to approve the tax certiorari settlement of Raymond M. Ganim for property located at 219 Jericho Turnpike known as Section 8 Block 57 and Lots 11-16 in the lump sum amount of \$15,000 for tax years 2014/15 through 2016/17;
- c. **Resolution No. 2024-104** to approve the tax certiorari settlement of Inter-City Van Buren LLC. for property located at 22 Van Buren Ave. known as Section 32, Block 57 and Lot 485 in the lump sum amount of \$12,000 for tax years 2014/15 through 2020/21;

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

On a motion by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Longobardi and carried unanimously, the Board approved the use of public facilities subject to receipt of certificate of insurance and sound device permit fee, if applies, as follows:

- Floral Park Bellerose School Olympic Day Parade on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 (RD: 6/6/24)
- Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce to use Covert Avenue for the Covert Avenue Street Fair on October 5, 2024 (RD: 10/19/24)
- Floral Park Memorial High School Homecoming Parade on Saturday 9/21/2024 at 11:00 AM.
- Knights of Columbus request to close Elizabeth Street from South Tyson to the Knights garage, to hold their Sunflower Fest on July 14, 2024 from 2 PM to 8 PM.

Trustee Longobardi offered **Resolution No. 2024-105** authorizing the following budget transfers for 4 Village Studio, Building Department, Department of Public Works and the Recreation Department:

#### 4 Village Studio

| Amount     | F                 | rom       |                   | То       | Amount     |
|------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|------------|
| \$6,000.00 | 001-8990-<br>0200 | Equipment | 001-8990-<br>0455 | Repairs  | \$2000.00  |
|            |                   |           | 001-8990-<br>0480 | Training | \$4000.00  |
| \$6,000.00 | Т                 | otal      | T                 | otal     | \$6,000.00 |

## **Fire Department**

| Amount      | Fron          | n  | Т             | o                                     | Amount      |
|-------------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| \$1800.00   | 001.3410.0205 | Fire Hose                                    | 001.3410.0404 | Stationary & Printing                 | \$1800.00   |
| \$10,000.00 | 001.3410.0407 | Medical<br>Supplies                          | 001.3410.0418 | Telephone and Internet                | \$10,000.00 |
| \$10,000.00 | 001.3410.0411 | Supplies-<br>Other                           | 001.3410.0418 | Telephone and Internet                | \$10,000.00 |
| \$3,000.00  | 001.3410.0415 | Fire<br>Prevention                           | 001.3410.0418 | Telephone and Internet                | \$3,000.00  |
| \$7,000.00  | 001.3410.0421 | Fire Dept. Contract & Maintenance Agreements | 001.3410.0418 | Telephone and Internet                | \$7,000.00  |
| \$2,500.00  | 001.3410.0436 | Fire Dept.<br>Contractual<br>Expense         | 001.3410.0460 | Repair to<br>Truck and<br>Auto        | \$2,500.00  |
| \$5000.00   | 001.3410.0455 | Repairs to Equipment                         | 001.3410.0460 | Repair to<br>Truck and<br>Auto        | \$5000.00   |
| \$5,000.00  | 001.3410.0480 | Conference<br>and<br>Association             | 001.3410.0460 | Repair to<br>Truck and<br>Auto        | \$5,000.00  |
| \$150.00    | 001.3410.0208 | Gear   | 001.3410.0461 | Repair &<br>Maintenance<br>to Radio's | \$150.00    |
| \$44,450.00 | Tota          | ıl   | То            | tal                                   | \$44,450.00 |

# **Building Department**

| Amount     | F                 | rom                     |                   | То                       | Amount     |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| \$4,000.00 | 001-3620-<br>0404 | Stationary,<br>Printing | 001-3620-<br>0430 | Professional<br>Services | \$8,000.00 |
| \$4,000.00 | 001-8010-<br>0434 | Legal Fees -<br>Zoning  |                   |                          |            |
|            |                   |                         |                   |                          |            |
| \$8,000.00 | Т                 | 'otal                   | Т                 | otal                     | \$8,000.00 |

**Department of Public Works** 

| Amount     | F         | rom           | 7         | Го              | Amount     |
|------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|
|            |           |               |           |                 |            |
|            |           |               |           |                 |            |
|            |           | Repairs to    |           | Contracted      |            |
| \$4,000.00 | 8170.0455 | Equipment     | 8540.0435 | Services        | \$4000.00  |
|            |           | LTG Equipment |           |                 |            |
| \$4,500.00 | 5182.0450 | Repair        | 5650.0460 | Repairs to Auto | \$4,500.00 |
| \$2,000.00 | 5110.0200 | Equipment     | 5010.0460 | Repairs to Auto | \$2000.00  |
|            |           |               |           | Repairs to      |            |
| \$2000.00  | 5010.0207 | Uniforms      | 7110.0460 | Truck           | \$2000.00  |
|            |           |               |           |                 |            |
| \$12,500   | T         | otal          | To        | otal            | \$12,500   |

# **Recreation Center**

| Amount   | FROM                               | ТО                                  | Amount   |
|----------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| \$20,000 | 001.7140.0416 Electricity<br>& Gas | 001.7140.0405<br>Centennial Gardens | \$20,000 |
| \$4,460  | 001.7140.0207 Uniforms             | 001.7140.0405<br>Centennial Gardens | \$4,460  |
| \$3,000  | 001.7140.0403 Paint<br>Supplies    | 001.7140.0405 Centennial<br>Gardens | \$3,000  |

| \$2,000     | 001.7310.0427 Youth ins | 001.7140.0405 Centennial  | \$2,000     |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|             | fee                     | Gardens                   |             |
| \$1,000     | 001.7310.0102 Youth Per | 001.7140.0405 Centennial  | \$1,000     |
|             | Sev OT                  | Gardens                   |             |
| \$750       | 001.7140.0200 Equipment | 001.7140.0405 Centennial  | \$750       |
|             |                         | Gardens                   |             |
| \$530       | 001.7140.0452 Gen       | 001.7140.0405 Centennial  | \$530       |
|             | Main/Rep                | Gardens                   |             |
| \$290       | 001.7140.0451 Field     | 001.7140.0405 Centennial  | \$290       |
|             | Maintenance             | Gardens                   |             |
| \$66        | 001.7140.0450 Repair to | 001.7140.0440 Planting &  | \$66        |
|             | Bldg                    | Spraying                  |             |
| \$2,463     | 001.7140.0450 Repair to | 001.7140.0401 Gas & Oil   | \$2,463     |
|             | Bldg                    |                           |             |
| \$1,864     | 001.7140.0471 Postage   | 001.7140.0455 Rep to      | \$1,864     |
|             |                         | Equip                     |             |
| \$3,480     | 001.7140.0404           | 001.7140.0435 Contractual | \$3,480     |
|             | Stationary/printing     | exp.                      |             |
| \$1,345     | 001.7310.0415 Youth     | 001.7140.0419 Water       | \$1,345     |
|             | Spec Act.               |                           |             |
| \$236       | 001.7140.0471 Postage   | 001.7140.0415 Spec.       | \$236       |
|             |                         | Activities                |             |
| \$135       | 001.7310.0415 Youth     | 001.7140.0415 Spec.       | \$135       |
|             | Spec Act.               | Activities                |             |
| \$41,619.00 | Total                   | Total                     | \$41,619.00 |

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

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

## **Deputy Mayor Lynn Pombonyo**

#### **Police Department**

Thanks to all who participated in our Police Department's National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27th. Floral Park Lions Club President, Terry Whalen and her fellow Lions joined in and distributed informative Wellness literature and springtime flower and seed packets to all who took back their outdated and unused medications. In all, four large cartons were filled and returned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for proper disposal. FPPD reminds all that you don't have to wait for Take Back Days to get rid of unwanted medications. You can return them to the FPPD lobby's disposal box at any time.

Using \$20,000 of \$45,000 in funding from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, FPPD has purchased a new, smart Speed Alert Radar Message Sign. This sign displays the speed of each car as it passes the sign, typically causing drivers to take notice and adjust their speeds. Simultaneously, the device records the speed of each vehicle that passes, sending this data to the FPPD leadership, along with time and traffic volume data. It does not record license plates or identify vehicles. This data is monitored by FPPD and, when specific locations and periods of time report speeding or speeds that are greater than reasonable or prudent, directed patrols are assigned to those areas and summonses are issued in a data-driven manner. Thus far, the new sign has been used on Floral Blvd, Landau and Bryant Avenues, where speeding or driving at speeds that may be unsafe due to conditions has been reported.

Other directed patrols are now assigned to Jericho Turnpike in response to problematic and unsafe double parking on that busy thoroughfare. When visiting businesses, even for quick stops, double parking interrupts the flow of traffic and can cause accidents. FPPD asks for everyone's respect for our vehicle and traffic laws, other drivers and pedestrians.

#### **Conservation Society (FPCS)**

The Gardens are open 12-5 PM daily for all to admire the blossoming flowers, bushes and trees.

Monthly community Weed Outs are held on the first Saturday of every month. The Gardens have been lovingly cared for by our dedicated Conservation Society volunteers; Troop Leader Ms. Katy Wong and her Boy Scouts

from Troop 4; Social Studies Teacher Mrs. Diane Ventura and students from Floral Park Memorial and Sewanhaka High Schools; and expert FPCS volunteer and retired Assistant Principal Mr. Sal Trentacoste along with the Chaminade High School student groups.

And, for the third straight year, our Centennial Gardens and Bird Sanctuary has been nominated as the Best of Nassau County Public Garden. Let's all vote for our Gardens to make it three years in a row. Vote at: <a href="mailto:theisland360.com/contest2024">theisland360.com/contest2024</a>. Then click on Arts & Entertainment, scroll down to Public Garden, and find our Centennial Gardens. You may vote over and over again until May 24th. We know that our Centennial Gardens and Bird Sanctuary is The Best of Nassau County!

#### **Chambers of Commerce and Our Businesses**

Our Floral Park and Covert Avenue Chambers of Commerce meetings are bursting with energy and ideas.

The Floral Park Chamber is focused on Friday evening, June 7<sup>th</sup> and the exciting Street Fair being planned along Tulip Avenue. The 2023 Street Fair, chaired by Bill Barry of Uptown Taco, was THE BEST. President Marie Grant, Chairman Bill, and our Floral Park Chamber businesses are inviting you all to come for a great time!

The Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce was also energized by the crowd at their recent meeting. Tonight, this Board approved the Covert Avenue Chamber's October 5th daytime Street Fair, with a rain date of October 19<sup>th</sup>. Join President Rene Jorglewich and her Board, Cathy Grasman, Anne Musso and Nancy Millus for their big quarter-mile-long party!

All the Street Fair details to follow.

In the meantime, we are proud to announce that the Floral Park Chamber has been nominated as the Best Chamber of Commerce of Nassau County by Blank Slate Media/the Herald Courier newspaper. To win, our Floral Park Chamber needs your votes. Vote at: <a href="mailto:theisland360.com/contest2024">theisland360.com/contest2024</a>. Then click on Services, scroll down to Chamber of Commerce and find our Floral Park Chamber. You may vote over and over again until May 24th. Let everyone in Nassau County know about our wonderful Floral Park Chamber of Commerce!

And are you enjoying the Spring? Then, you will enjoy it even more when you SHOP, DINE & CELEBRATE LOCAL in Floral Park and Stewart Manor for Mother's Day! Wishing a BEST DAY to all the very special Moms in our lives!

#### **Trustee Frank Chiara**

## **Fire Department**

On Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Floral Park Fire Department held their Annual Fire Department Installation Dinner. All of the new Chiefs were sworn in along with all the company officers. Chief Hamerman gave his final remarks as the outgoing Chief and welcomed in the new Chief of Department, Salvatore Arrigo. It was a relaxing fun filled evening for our well deserving Volunteer Fire Department members and their families. On Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at the Annual Meeting of the Nassau County Fire Commission, Floral Parks Volunteer Fire Fighter Frank Wakely Jr., was elected as the new Chairman of the Fire Commission. Prior to becoming the Chairman, Frank has served as the secretary for the commission and has been a volunteer for the Village for 43 years. He is a second-generation Firefighter and an Ex-Chief of the Department. Frank has followed in the footsteps of his father, Frank Wakely Sr., who served as a volunteer for over 50 years. Not only is he well respected within the Floral Park Fire Department but also has the respect throughout Nassau County.

The Fire Commission's mission is to protect the lives and property of the public. They serve to reduce the risk of fires and keep our county's firefighters safe. They act as a liaison between the Nassau County Fire Service and the County Government.

Congratulations and best of luck to Frank in his new position and Thank You for your years of service to our community and to all of Nassau County.

#### Library

The Friends of the Library recently held two fundraiser events to support our local Library. One was the Bingo Designer Bag night and the other the Annual Library Lawn Sale. Both events were a great success and raised funds which will be used towards projects in our Library. A special Thank You to the Friends of the Library who devote so much time and effort putting these events together. Also, a big Thank You to all who attended and supported these events.

The month of May has begun and there are lots of planned activities and events taking place at the Floral Park Library:

- On Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM the library is hosting a Teen Community Service Event, grades 6-12. Community service credits will be given to all teens who come and help those in need by filling toiletry sized bottles with shampoo, conditioner and hand cream.
- On Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 PM the library will be hosting a Career Corner where you can schedule a free 30-minute career consult to discuss and review your resume and LinkedIn profile, prepare for an interview, and learn job search strategies.

Details on these and other scheduled events can be found on the Library's website at <a href="www.floralparklibrary.org">www.floralparklibrary.org</a>

Please be aware that the Library will be closed on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> for Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful Mothers! Enjoy your day!

Don't forget to cast your votes for the Best Library of Nassau County. Blank Slate Media is conducting its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest of "Best of Nassau County" for 2024. Our Village of Floral Park Library is up for its fourth year in a row to be voted "Best in Nassau County." To vote you can go on the Library's Website at <a href="https://www.floralparklibrary.org">www.floralparklibrary.org</a> and click on the display banner to register your vote. You can also go to <a href="https://www.theisland360.com/contest2024">www.theisland360.com/contest2024</a> to cast your vote. You can vote daily, so please consider doing so.

## **Trustee Jennifer Stewart**

#### 4VS

Four Village Studio currently has openings for High School and College students to join our volunteer staff. The Studio has a long history of being a successful educational facility, offering career building knowledge and experience. Interested students from the area, aged 15 and over, should contact the Studio to set up an informational interview. Please email <a href="https://www.avs.org">4VS@4VS.org</a> or call (516)326-1150 to schedule an appointment. To learn more about Four Village Studio, and to view the upcoming lineup of programming, please visit <a href="https://www.avs.org">www.avs.org</a>.

#### **DPW**

The **Highway Department** has put down 15 tons of asphalt to repair various roadways throughout the Village. All Village roads were swept and aging street signs were replaced, including the Keith Fairben Street Sign at Holland Avenue and Jericho Turnpike, outside the Reliance Fire House. Outdoor dining has been set up in the Woodbine Parking Lot. Our crews did a great job preparing the Spooner Lot for the successful St. Baldrick's Day event that took place this past Saturday. And, old meter posts have been removed from the Caroline Place commuter parking lot. The **Sanitation Department** collected 60 tons of household waste, 12 tons of paper, 6 tons of plastic and glass, and 16 tons of bulk rubbish. The **Parks Department** has cut lawns and maintained all Village Parks. The crews have completed the beautification project at the Woodbine parking lot along Plainfield Avenue with new guard rails, Belgium Blocks and plantings.

#### **Cultural Affairs**

The Village has begun to plan for our summer concerts in Memorial Park. There will be something for everyone, so please keep an eye out for our summer schedule!

## LIRR/MTA

Mayor Fitzgerald and I had a virtual meeting this afternoon with Nick Fasano, Assistant Director for the LIRR Government and Community Relations. We discussed the installation of a switch west of the station to east of the station which the LIRR believes will alleviate, to some degree, idling trains along the Hempstead Branch. This switch will allow trains to move between the main line track and the Hempstead track and reduce waiting times. Please continue to bring your concerns regarding the MTA/LIRR to the MTA at MTA.info.

I'd like to end by wishing all the moms a very Happy Mother's Day. There is no job that is as equally challenging as it is rewarding. Enjoy your day!

## **Trustee Michael Longobardi**

## **Building Department**

The IDA Public Hearing for the proposed development at the Covert Avenue Fire Property took place at Village Hall on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>. The IDA decision is expected this month. Permits are issued and construction is expected to start on the new building shortly after the decision. Construction continues at the former Centennial Hall site. Projected timeline for the project is approximately 12 months.

The pedestrian walkway which will connect the Tulip Avenue intersection to the Spur Parking Lot is expected to start shortly. This walkway is partially funded by Nassau County.

Structural repairs on the fire property at 266 Jericho Turnpike have been completed and interior re-construction has begun. We have a proposed Yoga/Wellness Spa coming to 22 Verbena Avenue. There will be a special use permit hearing regarding this new business at our next Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

The next meeting of the Architectural Review Board will be Wednesday May 22, 2024. Among the applications is an expected re-submittal for the restaurant at 99 Covert Avenue showing the requested changes to the site plan. Please check the Village Website at <a href="mailto:fpvillage.org">fpvillage.org</a> for more information.

If you are planning any construction or renovations to your commercial or residential property, please reach out to the building department for help and guidance. They have a wealth of knowledge and information on building code requirements and safety factors, which are an extremely important part of any of your renovation or improvement undertaking.

#### **Recreation and Pool**

The Annual Summer 2024 Recreation Booklet is available online on the Village Website at <a href="fpvillage.org">fpvillage.org</a>, in the lobby of the pool building, and has been posted on various social media pages. There is a QR code you can scan to have full access to the booklet. The pool building is now open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday to Friday for information and registration. Tomorrow, Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> the summer program registration will begin from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, then it will be ongoing each day after.

Among programs available for 2024 are:

- Three hours of fun at the park for ages 5-10 from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The program will include indoor and outdoor games, sports, crafts, and water games.
- Girls Volleyball for grades 5-6 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Girls will learn the techniques and fundamentals of the games as well as play full games.
- Girls Volleyball League on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:30 PM to 2:45 PM. Sign up as a team and play full games with rally scoring and refs officiating.

Please see the summer recreation booklet for all details. Applications for many of the activities and programs are also available on our website if you would like to complete an application prior to going to the pool building. Please go to <a href="mailto:fpvillage.org">fpvillage.org</a>, click departments, then recreation, to download the application.

Opening day for our first swim is one month from tomorrow, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Our pool staff is hard at work cleaning and preparing the pool area for another great season ahead. We would like to remind all residents that a Floral Park Leisure Pass is required to use any park facilities and a membership application must be submitted to use the pool.

Little league is ongoing and there have been some exciting games this season already. If you have a free night, stop down the recreation center, sit with neighbors and enjoy watching our young residents play ball.

#### Town-Village Aircraft Safety & Noise Abatement Committee (TVASNAC)

The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday May 20, 2024 at Hempstead Town Hall, One Washington Street, Hempstead. If you want to make a noise complaint regarding air traffic, you can call 1-800-225-1071. You can also go to the Village website at <a href="mailto:fpvillage.org">fpvillage.org</a> which has the links under the TVASNAC Noise Complaint Contact Information Page on our home page.

I would like to wish all our wonderful Moms a very Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for all you do. Enjoy a wonderful day with your families.

## Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald

Tomorrow, Trustee Chiara and I will be attending the meeting with the Belmont Park Advisory Board where NYRA provides updates as to the ongoing demolition and hopefully the construction of the new Grand Stand.

Two weeks ago, the NYRA Director of Community Affairs was at the Northend Civic Association Meeting. I was not able to attend but I understand that he gave a great overview of what is happening at Belmont Park. He is looking forward to going to other civic meetings in the fall and as the project continues for the next two years to give our residents more updates. Besides our frequent updates please see the attached link from NYRA which will provide information and updates on the redevelopment of Belmont Park as it progresses: <a href="https://www.nyra.com/belmont/">https://www.nyra.com/belmont/</a>.

I'd like to thank Taylor Herzlich for joining us this evening and for continuing coverage of Floral Park in Blank Slate Media. We do appreciate that.

At 9:26 pm on motion by Trustee Pombonyo, seconded by Trustee Chiara, and carried unanimously, the Board closed the business meeting and opened to the public.

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The Mayor re-opened the meeting for public session at 8:25 pm. At 8:28 pm Trustee Pombonyo motioned to go into Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Chiara and carried unanimously, the Board went into Executive Session.

Present were Mayor Kevin M. Fitzgerald, Trustees Lynn Pombonyo, Frank Chiara, Jennifer Stewart and Michael Longobardi, Village Administrator Gerry Bambrick, Village Clerk Joseph O'Grady, Village Attorney John Ryan, Supt. of Public Works Kevin Ginnane and Supt. of Buildings Renee Marcus.

The Board discussed personnel matters and litigation.

At 8:50 pm Trustee Stewart motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Longobardi and carried unanimously. No action was taken.

At 8:55 discussions were held regarding merchant parking permits, future building renovations on Jericho Turnpike, construction at One Carnation Ave, the status of the Covert Avenue fire building and memorial gardens at the Centennial Gardens facility.

The meeting ended at 10:00 pm.

Joseph E. O'Grady Village Clerk