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M I N U T E S
OF THE MEETING
OF THE
PUBLIC HEARING
INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK
July 16, 2024
8:00 p.m.

P R E S E N T:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

- JOHN RYAN, ESQ. Village Attorney
- GERARD M. BAMBRICK, Village Administrator
- JOSEPH O'GRADY, Village Clerk
- RENEE MARCUS, Superintendent of Buildings
- LT. WILLIAM DOHERTY, Floral Park Police Department
- KEVIN GINNANE, Superintendent Public Works

Catherine P. Murphy
Court Reporter

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1 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Good evening. If I can
2 ask everyone to stand for the Pledge of
3 Allegiance, please.

4 (Pledge of Allegiance said.)

5 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Good evening and
6 welcome to Village Hall for the July board
7 meeting. This evening, we have two public
8 hearings followed by the agenda and board
9 reports and then we will hear questions,
10 comments from the residents.

11 Without further ado, I turn it over to
12 Mr. O'Grady for the first public hearing.

13 JOSEPH O'GRADY: First public hearing will
14 be for Local Law Number 4.

15 Please Take Notice that pursuant to
16 Article 9 of the New York State Constitution,
17 the provisions of the Code of the Incorporated
18 Village of Floral Park and the Municipal Home
19 Rule Law of the State of New York, as amended,
20 a public hearing will be held in the
21 Incorporated Village of Floral park at the
22 Village Hall, One Floral Boulevard, Floral Park
23 on the 16th day of July, 2024 at 8:00 in the
24 evening of that day, to consider enactment of a
25 Local Law entitled, "A Local Law amending

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1 Section 83-11 of the Code of the Incorporated
2 Village of Floral Park."

3 This Local Law shall take effect
4 immediately upon its filing with the Secretary
5 of State. Dated June 28, 2024. By Order of
6 the Board of Trustees Incorporated Village of
7 Floral Park, New York, Joseph O'Grady, Village
8 Clerk.

9 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Specifically, it is the
10 law that allows the village code to be amended
11 to reduce the number of years the volunteer
12 fire department to be eligible for the property
13 tax exemption from the current of five years to
14 two years.

15 I announce the Board previously adopted a
16 resolution determining that the application
17 does not have a significant impact on the
18 environment.

19 This law, as I mention, is to reduce the
20 tax exemption for the Volunteer Fire Department
21 to live in the Village from five years to two
22 years. I hope it is an aide in the recruitment
23 of firefighters, that not only this Village
24 needs, but the surrounding communities need.
25 In my opinion, every little bit helps.

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1 Is there anyone on the Board that has any
2 comments on the local law? No? Anyone here
3 from the floor who has a comment?

4 WILLIAM LAURIA: Good evening, Mr. Mayor.
5 My name is William Lauria. I am a 40 year
6 member of the Floral Park Fire Department,
7 serving as Third Assistant Chief.

8 I'm here tonight representing the members
9 and Chief Staff in this local law, I guess
10 amendment to the local law to reduce it to two
11 years. We're currently facing a difficult time
12 in recruiting members, retaining members and we
13 only feel that this is a boost in attracting,
14 particularly new members, retaining them and
15 boost the morale of the department. I am in
16 favor of this motion. Thank you.

17 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you, Chief.
18 Anyone else here in the Village Hall that would
19 like to comment on this? Anyone on Zoom that
20 would like to comment on this? If so, unmute
21 yourself. No one? Or raise your hand in the
22 chat.

23 MAYOR FITZGERALD: No one? Thank you.
24 Seeing no comment front the Board, therefore, I
25 ask for a motion to adopt Local Law Number 4 of

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1 2024.

2 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: So moved. As the Mayor
3 and Chief Lauria said, this is very important.

4 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Second.

5 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Thank you.

6 Mr. O'Grady, can you poll the Board.

7 JOSEPH O'GRADY: Trustee Pombonyo?

8 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Aye.

9 JOSEPH O'GRADY: Trustee Chiara?

10 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Aye.

11 JOSEPH O'GRADY: Trustee Stewart?

12 TRUSTEE STEWART: Aye.

13 JOSEPH O'GRADY: Trustee Longobardi?

14 TRUSTEE LONGOBARDI: Aye.

15 JOSEPH O'GRADY: Mayor Fitzgerald?

16 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Aye. Can I have a
17 motion to close the public hearing.

18 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: So moved.

19 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Second.

20 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Can you poll the Board,
21 again.

22 JOSEPH O'GRADY: Trustee Pombonyo?

23 TRUSTEE POMBONYO: Aye.

24 JOSEPH O'GRADY: Trustee Chiara?

25 TRUSTEE CHIARA: Aye.

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1 JOSEPH O'GRADY: Trustee Stewart?

2 TRUSTEE STEWART: Aye.

3 JOSEPH O'GRADY: Trustee Longobardi?

4 TRUSTEE LONGOBARDI: Aye.

5 JOSEPH O'GRADY: Mayor Fitzgerald?

6 MAYOR FITZGERALD: Aye. Thank you very

7 much.

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9 Certified to be a true and

10 accurate transcript of the proceedings.

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12 CATHERINE P. MURPHY

13 Court Reporter

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