

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK**  
**Board of Trustees Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 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 Administrator Darlene Lanza, Deputy Village Clerk Lara Verbanac, Village Attorney John Ryan, Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus, Lieutenant Thomas McCarthy, and Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane. Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister was not in attendance.

Prior to the meeting, a moment of silence was held for Ex Fire Chief Frank Cantreva who passed away not too long ago. Frank was a long time Volunteer with the Floral Park Fire Department and served the Floral Park community for many years.

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 following minutes:

- Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Trustee Chiara offered **Resolution No. 2024-220** to approve the Schedule of Accounts Payable as follows:

General Fund	\$ 4,639,514.56
Pool Fund	\$ 108,742.72
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 70,120.90</u>
Total	\$ 4,818,554.41

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. 2024-221** authorizing the following budget transfers:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
001.8990.0430 Contractual	001.8990.200 Equipment	\$3000.00
001.8990.0404 Stationary	001.8990.200 Equipment	\$3000.00
001.8990.0455 Repairs	001.8990.200 Equipment	\$3000.00
001.8990.0406 Supplies	001.8990.200 Equipment	\$2000.00
001.8990.0480 Supplies	001.8990.200 Equipment	\$1000.00

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. 2024-222** Approve the 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:

<b>On</b>	<b>Between</b>	<b>Date</b>
Laurel Street	Magnolia Ave. and Tulip Ave.	Sat. 10/19/24 and RD Sun. 10/20/24
Daisy Avenue	Floral Blvd. and Crocus Ave.	Sat. 10/26/24 and RD Sun. 10/27/24

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 **Resolution No. 2024-223** be it here resolved that pursuant to §65-3 of the Code of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park (“Code”) that the property known by the street address “78 Ontario Road, Floral Park, NY 11001” and identified on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 32, Block 45, Lot 4 is not in compliance with Section 65-2. H of the Code by reason of rubbish, rubble and discarded material accumulated thereon and Section 65-2. B uncut grass, weeds, brush or any portion of said growth to obtain a height in excess of 12 inches, and 65-2. D Boats or motor vehicles or portions thereof to be parked or stored for unreasonable periods of time or to be parked or stored if it is abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, junked or substantially damaged and is not intended to be used or in no condition for legal use upon the public highway, as specified in the Village Ordinance Notice of Violation, dated September 19, 2024, issued by the Department of Buildings of the Incorporated Village of Floral Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the owner or person in control of said premises shall comply with the above-referenced provisions of the Code by removing said abandoned vehicle, rubbish, rubble and discarded material, and cut the overgrown grass, brush and weeds within seven (7) days of the postmark of the Notice of Adoption of this Resolution to be mailed to said own or person in control of the subject property. In case of such failure to comply, the owner and/or person in control of the property whereon the violation occurs is deemed to consent to the right of entry by the Village officials for the sole purpose of inspecting and correcting such violation, whereas the Board of Trustees authorizes the work to be done and pay the cost thereof out of general funds appropriated by the Board of Trustees for such purpose, whereas The Village shall be reimbursed for the cost of the work performed or the services rendered, as hereinabove provided, by assessment against the lots or parcels of land where such work was performed or services were rendered for so much of the actual or complete cost as incurred upon and from each lot or lots by the assessment of all such cost of such removal, including legal fees against the real property affected.

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. 2024-224** approving the Incorporated Village of Floral Park Board to authorize the Floral Park Village Justice Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2024-25 grant cycle up to \$30,000.00;

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. 2024-225** authorize the refund payment of \$283.00 to Lorraine Gentile for the annual pool membership fee.

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. 2024-226** accepting the resignation of Eric Mozkowitz as a Part Time Neighborhood Aide from the Police Department effective September 16, 2024.

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 **Resolution No. 2024-227** to authorize the Change Order dated 8/16/2024 to Fire Rescue Systems in the amount of \$2,690.00 for the addition of a Fire Inspection Module, installation and training for the Fire Department computer system.

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 the following resolutions authorizing the following tax certiorari settlements:

- **Resolution No. 2024-228** to authorize the settlement of the tax certiorari proceeding pending in the Supreme Court of Nassau County against the Village of Floral Park with respect to real property located at 8 North Tyson Ave, Floral Park identified as Section 8, Block 55, Lot 111 for tax years 2018/19 through 2024/25 for a lump sum of \$1,200.00 and no reduction in the assessed value.
- **Resolution No. 2024-229** to authorize the settlement of the tax certiorari proceeding pending in the Supreme Court of Nassau County against the Village of Floral Park with respect to real property located at 224 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park identified as Section 32, Block 64, Lot 237 for tax years 2018/19 through 2022/23 for a lump sum of \$3,000.00 and no reduction in the assessed value.
- **Resolution No. 2024-230** to authorize the settlement of the tax certiorari proceeding pending in the Supreme Court of Nassau County against the Village of Floral Park with respect to real property located at 140 Tulip Ave, Floral Park identified as Section 32, Block 121, Lot 8 for tax years 2017/18 through 2024/25 for a lump sum of \$12,000.00 and a reduction in the assessed value \$37,350.00 to 28,000.00 for the tax years 2025/2026 through and including tax year 2027/28.
- **Resolution No. 2024-231** to authorize the settlement of the tax certiorari proceeding pending in the Supreme Court of Nassau County against the Village of Floral Park with respect to real property located at 314 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park identified as Section 32, Block 70, Lot 24 for tax years 2018/19 through 2024/25 for a lump sum of \$3,000.00 and a reduction in the assessed value from 32,600 to 30,000 for the tax years 2025/2026 through and including tax year 2027/28.
- **Resolution No. 2024-232** to authorize the settlement of the tax certiorari proceeding pending in the Supreme Court of Nassau County against the Village of Floral Park with respect to real property located at 226 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park identified as Section 32, Block 64, Lot 235-236 for tax years 2018/19 through 2024/25 for a lump sum of \$28,000.00 and a reduction in the assessed value from 80,000 to 60,000 for the tax years 2025/2026 through and including tax year 2027/28.
- **Resolution No. 2024-233** to authorize the settlement of the tax certiorari proceeding pending in the Supreme Court of Nassau County against the Village of Floral Park with respect to real property located at 12 Van Buren Ave., Floral Park identified as Section 32, Block 57, Lots 477,479,481,483 for tax years 2017/18 through 2024/25 for a lump sum of \$30,000.00 and a reduction in the assessed value from 62,000 to 50,000 for the tax years 2025/2026 through and including tax year 2027/28.

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. 2024-234** to authorizing Mayor to execute an Inter Municipal Agreement with Nassau County pursuant to which Nassau County will provide \$20,000 for the purchase of FIT testing apparatus and related items for the Floral Park Fire Department and declaring such purchase of FIT testing apparatus and related items to be a Type II action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

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 use of public facilities subject to the receipt of certificate of insurance and sound device permit, if applies as presented below:

- Floral Park Bellerose School District – John Lewis Childs Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 21, 2024 at 2:00 PM.
- Troop 482 Eagle Scout Court of Honor on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 1 PM to 5 PM. Requesting the use of Fireman’s Hall and the Village Court Room.
- Floral Park Sports Association use of the hockey rink from October of 2024 to February 2025 on weeknights from 6:15-9:00 P.M. and daylight hours on weekends. This is for their regular scheduled season for games and practice. This will be subject to the submission of team rosters, required user fees the review and approval of Supt. of Recreation.
- Mary Quinn’s Mark Foundation use of the meeting room at the Floral Park Pool Building on Friday’s from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. from October 2024 through June 2025.

**Deputy Mayor Lynn Pombonyo**

**Floral Park in the News**

For all of you early risers who watch News 12 before sunrise, we hope you enjoyed last week's three mornings of the Spotlight on the Village of Floral Park. Monday's theme was "Main Street" featuring visits to six of our newer businesses and interviews with the owners and directors of: Jameson's Restaurant, The Hance Family Foundation, and Tulip Cigars on Tulip Avenue; Floral Park Chemists and Dancin' Queens Dance Studio on Jericho Turnpike; and Here and Now Yoga on Verbena Avenue. Thanks to the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce and Vice President Shane Parouse for coordinating "Main Street."

Tuesday's Recreation Center spotlight was fun-filled with entertaining interviews about park operations, field care, team sports activities, arts and crafts, wellness, the swimming pool programs, and roller hockey. The Rec Center spotlight was coordinated by Park Superintendent Kurt Meyfohrt and Deputy Village Administrator Darlene Lanza.

Wednesday highlighted our very own Centennial Gardens and Bird Sanctuary featuring Conservation Society (FPCS) President Dennis McEnery, sharing its extraordinary history and commending our FPCS Volunteers who inspire and maintain its beauty, with those FPCS Volunteers presenting the Rose, Lavender and Children's Gardens and our Gardening classes; Birds and Birdwatching; and our magical October 26<sup>th</sup> Fairie Forest Festival. The joys of the gardens were there for all to experience, and we thank the dynamic News 12 Reporters and Camera Technicians for showcasing our Village for all Long Island to see.

**Police Department**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Pink Patch Month for our Floral Park Police Department who commemorate this special time and lead in this important fight. We thank our FPPD and encourage you to join them with your support.

We also applaud our Liz's Day charity and Volunteers. On a very rainy Saturday, they joyfully gathered our Village together, and raised thousands and thousands of dollars for women's cancer research and the Cold Spring Harbor Lab.

FPPD directed patrols are aimed at monitoring areas of our Village where concerns are reported, often at Civic Association meetings, and enforcement then becomes a higher priority. Some of the current directed patrols include sections of Jericho Turnpike where double parking occurs; fire/emergency lanes, often on and adjacent to Tulip Avenue, where dangerous, illegal parking occurs; and stop signs, especially in the North End, where violators don't come to full stops. In the 2024 calendar year to date, FPPD has issued 445 summonses for stop sign violations.

And we remind you once again of Lieutenant William Doherty's important September 19<sup>th</sup> post: "Door-to-Door Home Improvement Scams" warnings with sections on "What to Watch Out For" and "Ten Things You Can Do to Avoid Construction Scams" and all other kinds of scams. Please check the Floral Park Police Department Facebook page and share.

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

October is a busy month for our two Chambers of Commerce. Our Floral Park Chamber holds their Dinner Meeting this Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM at Trinity on Jericho Turnpike. Businesses may register at: [floralparkchamber.org](http://floralparkchamber.org)

And coming this Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, will be the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Covert Avenue Street Fair. Families will enjoy the live music, giant craft fair, children's rides and inflatables, a pumpkin patch, food trucks, and more. So spend a BEST DAY with us on Covert Avenue!

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

Before you head to the Street Fair, stop at Centennial Gardens on the Floral Parkway side for a bit of weeding to help out our FPCS and Village. The Weed-Out starts at 9:00 AM this Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Then, it's twenty-five days and counting until the tiny fairies and fourteen fairy villages arrive at Centennial Gardens for our magical FAIRIE FOREST FESTIVAL! Be a fairy or come in your Halloween costume on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and feel the magic!

### **Trustee Frank Chiara**

#### **Fire Department**

On Saturday, October 5th, the Floral Park Fire Department will be at the Covert Avenue Street Fair along with the Stewart Manor Fire Department for a fire prevention presentation. They will be there between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM for all who are interested.

On Sunday, October 6th, at the Fire Department Headquarters, there will be an open house where all residents are welcome to stop by with their children and get some great safety tips on fire prevention.

For anyone who is interested or is considering joining the Fire Department we encourage them to come by those two events and meet some of our wonderful volunteers and find out more about the opportunities in the Department. The Floral Park Fire Department is always looking for new members. Please consider joining!!

#### **Library**

This month the Floral Park Library will be hosting College Prep classes for High School students and parents. There will be sessions for Seniors on October 8th, for Juniors on October 29th, and for Freshman and Sophomores on November 5th. All programs start at 7:00 PM and registering for the classes is suggested.

Additionally, there will also be a class on the New Digital SAT on October 15th, at 7:00 PM, which is open to all High School students and their parents.

Both will give students and parents a chance to learn and prepare for what is ahead of them moving from high school into college.

The Friends of the Library would like to thank everyone who participated in the Annual Lawn Sale, and all those who supported it. The event was very successful.

Details on these and other scheduled events can be found on the Library's website at [www.floralparklibrary.org](http://www.floralparklibrary.org)

### **Trustee Jennifer Stewart**

#### **4VS**

The air conditioning system has been installed and functioning well, the Studio has also been painted and refreshed from floor to ceiling. There is one show slated for filming and will also be used this month for training the Studio's new volunteers. For more information and all upcoming events visit [4vs.org](http://4vs.org).

**DPW**

The Highway Department Crews have been at work patching our Village streets. The stop bars have been refreshed on Charles Street and on the back section of Fuller Avenue. Crews have begun preparing leaf machines for the fall season. The Parks Department has planted beautiful mums throughout the Village and as well as cleaned and maintained all parks. The Maintenance Department has installed new meter heads on Tulip Avenue, these meters can now be used in conjunction with the Flowbird app. The Sanitation Department has collected 50 tons of household waste, 11 tons of paper, 8 tons of commingled plastics and 20 tons of bulk rubbish. The paving of Stewart Street and Terrace Avenue has been completed.

New York State DOT placed a traffic camera on Floral Blvd to collect volume data as per federal requirement on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be picked up on or before October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**MTA/LIRR**

It has been widely reported in the media that the Floral Park Railroad Station is part of the 2025-2029 Capital Projects. This is exciting news for our community and our commuters. At this time we don't have any more detailed information to share. If you have any concerns, please report them to the MTA at [MTA.info](http://MTA.info).

**Trustee Michael Longobardi****Building Department**

A proposal for a large-scale mixed use development project located at 144-162 Jericho Turnpike will be discussed for the first time at the next North End Civic meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM at the pool building. The developer will be announcing their concept for the development and will be available for questions.

The construction has started for the proposed restaurant at 99 Covert Avenue and is expected to take less than a year to complete. The proposed restaurant will be a combination of Italian and American food with Pizza, sandwiches, and salads. There will be indoor and outdoor seating as well as a pickup window; a much-welcomed addition to Covert Avenue.

The owner/developer of the Covert Fire property has notified the Village they are ready to start construction and foundation work is expected to begin soon. Construction at One Carnation Avenue is ongoing and expected to be completed by February 2025. There will be electric utility pole work along Tulip Avenue across from the new building which is expected to start this month. At the recent ARB meeting last week, there was a hearing for a proposed subdivision at 155 Beech Street. That proposal is moving to the next steps for review.

As a reminder, all ductless air conditioning systems require a permit prior to installation to ensure compliance with the zoning and building codes. Please check the Building Department website for a full list of requirements and permit applications. AC units and associated service lines are not permitted to be mounted on the front wall of a home. Please call the Building Department to ask questions or obtain assistance for permitting.

**Recreation and Pool**

Construction was completed outside the recreation center on Stewart and Terrace Avenues, which included resurfacing, as well as a new cross walk and ramps being installed, where Terrace Avenue and Stewart Street meet, for a safer path to the park. A new pathway was installed at the main entrance of the park as well as all new striping and parking lines. Thank you to DPW for all their hard work and efforts to greatly improve this area as well as have it complete before Liz's Day. Despite the misty rain this past Saturday, early reports indicate Liz's Day was a success. Thank you to all who came out to support this great cause.

Fall activities are ongoing at the park. Starting up this month are the Youth Council Fall Football and Screaming Eagles Hockey. Registration is still open and spots are available for fall session one programs. There are youth, adult and senior programs available for all who are interested. Stop by the pool building for a list of what is open and sign up for Fall activities.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at Town of Hempstead Town Hall, One Washington Street in Hempstead. If you want to make a noise complaint regarding air traffic, you can call 1-800-225-1071. You can also go to our Village website which has the links under the TVASNAC noise complaint contact information page on our home page.

**Mayor Kevin Fitzgerald**

There is a lot going on in our Village. It's always great to see people out and about and participating in the various events. I'm looking forward to the Covert Avenue Street Fair on Saturday, October 5, 2024.

We are in the season where we will start planting trees. If anyone is interested in getting a tree planted in front of their house please contact the Department of Public Works.

I would like to thank the Herralld Courier for covering our Board Meetings. We appreciate that.

At 8:25 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 8:26 PM. At 8:31 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 E. O'Grady, Village Attorney John Ryan, Superintendent of Buildings Renee Marcus, Lieutenant Thomas McCarthy, and Superintendent of Public Works Kevin Ginnane. Police Commissioner Stephen McAllister was not in attendance.

The Board discussed personnel and litigation matters.

At 10:55 PM Trustee Stewart motioned to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Longobardi and carried unanimously.

The meeting ended at 11:15 PM on October 1, 2024.

Joseph E. O'Grady  
Village Clerk