



**INC. VILLAGE OF SOUTH FLORAL PARK
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**ORGANIZATIONAL, BUDGET HEARING and Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, April 3, 2025 @ 8 pm
The meeting was held at the Elmont Public Library, Room #2,
700 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, NY 11003**

The Annual Organizational and Budget Hearing, and the ninth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of South Floral Park was held on Thursday, April 3, 2025. Mayor Brown opened the meeting at 8:00PM, and Trustee Graham led the audience with a salute to the Flag. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Brown called on Clerk Long to proceed with Roll Call. Present: Mayor Brown, Deputy Mayor Bellamy, Trustee Graham, Trustee Jacques, Trustee Lyons, Clerk Mary Long, Attorney Chris Prior, Village Accountant Harry Meyer, and Deputy Clerk Tanisha West

Organizational Meeting

Mayor Brown announced the following appointments each for the term of one year, except where indicated:

Deputy Mayor	Jennifer Bellamy
Fire Commissioner	Randolf Jacques
Highway Commissioner	Porscha Lyons
Human Rights & Resources Commissioner	Jennifer Bellamy
Police Commissioner	Trustee Graham
Power & Light Comm.	Jennifer Bellamy
Emergency Management Comm.	Jennifer Bellamy
Member of the Board of Directors of the Water Auth. of Western NC	Gregory Ifill
Village Attorney	TABLED until the May meeting
Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer	Tanisha West
Associate Village Justice	Rovshan Sharifov
Prosecutor	Camille Russell

Building Inspector	Rich Belziti
Deputy Building Inspector	Ron Doughty
Village Accountant	TABLED until the May meeting
Village Newspaper	New Hyde Park Herald Courier
Village Engineer	Carman-Dunne, P.C.
Village Depository	TD Bank, Floral Park
Assessor	TABLED
Zoning Board Chairperson	Carlos Johnson
Zoning Board Member	Gary McCollin (3-year term)
Zoning Board Alternate Member	Jose Rosario (3-year term)
Historian	Kathleen Sharkey
Cablevision Committee	Kitiara Maingon
Clerk to the Village Justice	Christine Addiego
Registrar of Vital Records	Mary Long
Deputy Registrar	Tanisha West
Planning Board	Board of Trustees
Editor of the Villager	TABLED
Electrical Inspectors:	Electrical Inspectors Inc Certified Electrical Inspections Electrical Inspection Service, Inc. Alliance electrical Inspections Limited

Trustee Lyons made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bellamy, to approve the above appointments. The motion was unanimously carried.

Reapprove the following policies as previously written. These policies are subject to revision by the Board of Trustees.

- Setting the Board of Trustees Regular meeting for the 25/26 fiscal year for, the first Thursday of every month.
- Village of South Floral Park Employee Handbook, established in 2017 and amended 12/1/22 and 4/3/25 to reflect the updated Dress Code Policy.
- Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy, established in 2021
- Workplace Violence Prevention Policy, established in 2021
- South Floral Park Code of Ethics Policy, established December 28, 1970
- South Floral Park Procurement Policy, established in 1991
- South Floral Park Fair Housing Policy, originally adopted April 2023

RESOLUTION REGARDING FAIR HOUSING

Resolution Designating April as Fair Housing Month

WHEREAS, the Village of South Floral Park desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and

WHEREAS, the Village of South Floral Park rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and/or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

WHEREAS, the Village of South Floral Park supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law); and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of South Floral Park does hereby designate the month of April as **Fair Housing Month**.

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WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of South Floral Park does hereby designate April as Fair Housing Month.

A motion was made by Trustee Graham and seconded by Trustee Jacques and unanimously approved to re-adopt the above policies,

Organizational Meeting Resolutions

SPECIAL MEETINGS

A resolution for calling Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Board of Trustees are all Board meetings other than Regular Meetings. A Special Meeting may be called by the Mayor or any Trustee upon notice to the entire Board. Notice must be given to each member of the Board of Trustees by telephone, in person, or email at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting unless an emergency requires the meeting to be held on less than 24 hours' notice.

Advance Approval of Claims

Pursuant to Village Law § 5-524(6), the Board of Trustees, by resolution, authorize claims for public utility services, copier machine lease agreements, credit account bills, payroll, postage and seasonal/temporary personnel.

Mileage Allowance

A resolution authorizing a mileage allowance follows: **WHEREAS** the board of trustees has determined to pay a fixed rate of 70 cents for mileage as reimbursement to village officers and employees who use their personal automobiles while performing their official village duties;

Attendance at Schools and Conferences

A resolution allowing municipal officials and employees to attend schools, conferences, and seminars conducted for the benefit of the local government. However, attendance is not authorized, nor can reimbursement be applied for, unless the SFP Board of Trustees approves of the attendance in advance. This would include such meetings as NYCOM's Annual Meeting and Training School, NYCOM's Fall Training School, and NYCOM's Public Works Training School.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Bellamy and Trustee Lyons the Board unanimously re-adopted the above resolutions.

Regular Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Jacques and seconded by Trustee Lyons the Board unanimously approved The Minutes of the March 6, 2025 Board Meeting

On a motion by Trustee Graham and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bellamy the Vouchers for the month of March, 2025, were unanimously approved

Financial Report:

March, 2025	Revenue	\$27,269.20
	Expenses	\$48,976.50

Clerk Long stated that a copy of the March financial report is available at the village hall and on the website.

Report of the Commissioners:

Police Activity Report: Commissioner Graham read the Village Justice report for March.

In March there were 37 parking citations and 6 local law violations issued by our code enforcer for a total of 43 citations. In March there were no violations issued by the 5th precinct. For the month of March 2025, the Village Court collected \$1890.00 in fines.

Commissioner Graham read the report from NCPD 5th Precinct's POP Unit; Officer Caggiano who was unable to attend tonight's as follows:

There were no serious incidents or criminality in the months of February and March 2025.

Crime rates have been down for the beginning of 2025 in Nassau County. The 5th PCT has seen a number of residential burglaries. We have seen suspects making entry through windows left unlocked. Most of the burglaries occurred during the day. We want to remind everyone: Secure your homes. Burglars do look for an easy target. Lock all doors, sliding glass doors and windows. Close your garage doors when unsupervised. Whenever you go outside, lock your doors and close your garage door, even if you are just stepping next door or out mowing the back yard. It is recommended to not leave large amounts of cash or jewelry at home. Do not open the door for anyone unless you are sure of their identity. Don't leave house keys under the mat, in the mailbox, or any other obvious hiding places. Consider investing in a good security system for your home. In the event you should return home to find your door open or tampered with, DO NOT enter. Go immediately to a safe location and call 911 to report a possible burglary in progress. Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call 911 immediately.

Highway Report: Commissioner Lyons reported that in March, the Highway staff completed their routine cleaning of Village Hall, the Fire Department, and Village roads. In addition, they removed the salt bin from the Chevy, and removed the salt spinner from the Ford. They also cleaned the storm drains. Boceski Cement installed the breakaway piece for the new stop sign on Chelsea St at Frederick Ave, and Emma Street, and repaired fractured concrete IFO 8 Memphis Avenue. Repaired parking sign on Frederic Ave and Emma Street. They replaced light fixtures in the Chief's office and oversaw the installation of new ballasts in the Chief's office and the inspection of the wiring for the parking lot cameras. Both trucks are in good working order and inspections are due in May 2025.

Fire Report – Commissioner Jacques stated that during the month of March, there were 32 fire calls attended by 84 members, 1 ambulance call attended by 5 members, 3 schools, attended by 17 and 1 miscellaneous events attended by 1 member.

Power & Light – There were no street light outages to report.

Commissioner of Emergency Management – Commissioner Bellamy stated the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management has rescheduled the Zoom meeting, until May.

WAWNC Report Commissioner Ifill was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but he informed Clerk Long that there was nothing to report.

4VS - 4VS is looking to schedule two tapings of the Mayor's Quarterly Program. The available Saturdays are May 3rd, May 7th, and June 7th.

Correspondence:

- On 3/21/25 4VS sent the Village a letter of recommendation for the reappointment of Ms. Kitiara Maingon as SFP's representative to the 4VS Cable Committee.
- On 3/25/25, the Village received a letter from Albanese & Albanese informing the Village of the Notice of Hearing of an application to the Nassau County Planning Commission to subdivide the premise located at 155 Beach Street in Floral Park.
- On 3/27/25, the Village received a letter from NC office of Community Development stating that the County has reviewed the Village's Housing Activity Statement Progress Report and the County has determined that SFP is eligible for Community Development Funds for the 2025 fiscal year (51st year).
- On 3/31/25 the village received a proposal for legal services from McLaughlin & Stern, LLP for the 25/26 fiscal year

This item will be tabled until the next month so the Board has time to review the proposal.

- On 4/2/25 the Village received the Community Development Chart of Accounts from Nassau County

Old Business: There is no old business to discuss

PUBLIC HEARING: Budget Hearing

Mayor Brown opened the Budget Hearing and called upon Clerk Long read the 24/25 and the 25/26 data and facts as follows:

	<u>24/25 budget info</u>	<u>Proposed 25/26budget info</u>
Rate	\$28.72/\$100	\$29.01/\$100
Tax Levy	\$574,520.00	\$586,010.00
Total Appropriations (Budget)	\$814,619.52	\$862,569.18
Revenue	\$151,600.00	\$162,600.00
Excluding funds received from the collection of taxes		

Appropriated Fund Balance	\$88,499.52	\$111,459.18
BAL raised through taxes	\$574,520.00	\$586,010.00

After Clerk long read the proposed budget information, Mayor Brown called upon the Village Accountant to give an overview of the proposed budget. The accountant announced that the Village taxes are increasing by 2% which equates to approximately \$28 per household. Having no comments from the audience, on a motion by, Trustee Lyons and seconded by Trustee Graham the board unanimously closed the Public Hearing on the proposed 25/26 Budget. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Bellamy and seconded by Trustee Jacques the board unanimously adopted the 25/26 budget as presented.

New Business:

- The Public hearing for piercing the Tax Cap was cancelled

Upcoming Events

- Justice court will be held on Monday, April 21st at 6 PM.
- The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on Thursday May 1, 2025

With no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Brown asked the Trustees if they had any comments before opening the meeting up to the public. With no further comments from the Trustees, Mayor Brown opened the meeting to the audience.

Residents:

Resident 1 expressed concern regarding local tree-cutting service companies, specifically noting the lack of proper safety indicators during operations. The resident suggested that construction cones or other visible caution markers be used to clearly identify active work areas.

Resident 2 Asked for a permanent parking waiver, and the BOT declined the request, and he was reminded about the parking waiver policy. Resident 2, also inquired about the possibility of the Village establishing an Auxiliary Police Department. Clerk Long mentioned that she would look into the matter.

With no further business before the Board of Trustees, on a motion by Trustee Jacques, seconded by Trustee Lyons and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Deputy Clerk

Tanisha West