

**MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 3, 2026**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on March 3, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Rosenbaum with the following in attendance:

Randall Rosenbaum	Mayor
Frank Genese	Deputy Mayor
Gary Lewandowski	Trustee
Mary Jo Collins	Trustee
AJ Smith	Trustee
Max Frankel	Trustee
Claire Dorfman	Trustee
Jeff Blinkoff	Village Attorney
Marla Wolfson	Village Administrator
Peter Albinski	Building Superintendent

Mayor Rosenbaum led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearings

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, second by Trustee Smith, the Board unanimously voted to open the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Proposed Local Law C – 2026 – Fees and Fines

The Board considered proposed Local Law C- 2026, to add Village Code section 1-20 entitled “Fees and Fines” to Article II entitled “Penalties” which would allow the Village to update fees by resolution of the Board of Trustees without further need for a full Local Law process.

Upon motion duly made by Mayor Rosenbaum, and seconded by Trustee Collins, the Board voted unanimously to hold the hearing open and put the matter back on the agenda for a public hearing at the April 6, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. A copy of the transcript is annexed to these minutes.

Proposed Local Law D – 2026 – Artificial Turf

The Board considered proposed Local Law D – 2026, to add section 240-26.2 entitled “Artificial Turf” to Chapter 240 entitled “Zoning”, and amend section 240-1 of Chapter 240 entitled “Definitions”, which would prohibit artificial turf in the front yard.

Upon motion duly made by Mayor Rosenbaum, and seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted unanimously to hold the hearing open and put the matter back on the agenda for a public hearing at the April 6, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. A copy of the transcript is attached to these minutes.

On motion of the Mayor Rosenbaum, second by Trustee Dorfman, the Board unanimously

voted to close the hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Genese, the minutes of the February 2, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting were approved by a vote of five in favor with one abstention by Trustee Frankel, who was not in attendance for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The monthly claims were unanimously approved on motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Genese.

Resolution No. 4- 2026 - To Hold the Annual Village Organizational Meeting and Tentative Budget Hearing

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Flower Hill shall conduct the annual Village Organizational Meeting and 2026-2027 Budget Hearing on Monday, April 6, 2026 commencing at 7:00 PM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall post notice of this meeting at Village Hall, in the Village newspaper of record and on the Village Website.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Trustee Collins	Aye
Trustee Smith	Aye
Trustee Dorfman	Aye
Trustee Frankel	Aye
Deputy Mayor Genese	Aye
Mayor Rosenbaum	Aye

The following Resolution was offered by Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Smith:

Resolution 5 – 2026 – Proclaiming Arbor Day April 24, 2026

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Randall Rosenbaum, Mayor of the Village of Flower Hill do hereby proclaim that the last Friday in April of each year as Arbor Day in the Village of Flower Hill and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the wellbeing of this and future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the provisions of this resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Trustee Collins	Aye
Trustee Smith	Aye
Trustee Dorfman	Aye
Trustee Frankel	Aye
Deputy Mayor Genese	Aye
Mayor Rosenbaum	Aye

Resolution 6 – 2026 - Supporting Increased AID TO Municipalities and Strengthening New York’s State-Local Partnership

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul released her 30-day amendments to the Executive Budget, which include an additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance (TMA) to be allocated in the same manner as in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, these additional investments reflect a recognition that New York’s strength begins in its cities, villages, and towns, and that a strong state-local partnership is essential to delivering the services, infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life that residents expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, local governments across New York continue to face mounting fiscal pressures driven by inflation, increased service demands, infrastructure needs, and rising operational costs, while striving to provide relief to taxpayers amid a rising cost of living; and

WHEREAS, NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps, along with mayors from across the State, testified at the Local Government Joint Budget Hearing in Albany,

advocating for increased unrestricted aid and a strengthened state-local partnership; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$100 million in TMA will offer meaningful assistance to many municipalities statewide, helping to address fiscal challenges and maintain essential services for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Flower Hill applauds Governor Hochul for recognizing the importance of investing in local governments and for reaffirming her commitment to strengthening New York’s cities and villages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Flower Hill urges the New York State Legislature to include, at a minimum, this additional \$100 million in Temporary Municipal Assistance in the adopted state budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Flower Hill calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to develop a more permanent and predictable solution for unrestricted municipal aid to ensure long-term fiscal stability for New York’s local governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Temporary President of the Senate, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the members of the State Legislature representing the Village of Flower Hill.

The Board was polled as follows:

Trustee Lewandowski	Aye
Trustee Collins	Aye
Trustee Smith	Aye
Trustee Dorfman	Aye
Trustee Frankel	Aye
Deputy Mayor Genese	Aye
Mayor Rosenbaum	Aye

Empire State Ride Long Island

The Board considered a request by Empire State Ride Long Island to hold a portion of its June 13, 2026 charity bike ride event, in the Village.

After discussion, and upon motion duly made by Mayor Rosenbaum and seconded by Trustee Frankel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Empire State Ride Long Island bike ride event, subject to Empire State Ride Long Island signing a Hold Harmless Agreement; no parking on any street located within the village; no closing of any street in the Village; no pavement markings and providing all the necessary insurance certificates to the Clerk’s office at least one week in advance of the ride.

Garbage Bid Results

The Village previously issued a sealed bid for the collection, removal and disposal of solid waste and recyclables for the period 2026 – 2031, each year subject to the Village’s option to renew annually. Mayor Rosenbaum reported that one bid was received in response to the solicitation, submitted by Meadow Carting, the Village’s current provider. The proposal reflects a cost approximately 3% lower than the current contract in Year 1, approximately equal to the current cost in Year 2, an increase of approximately 3% annually Years 3 through 5.

Upon motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Dorfman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the bid submitted by Meadow Carting and to authorize the Village Attorney to prepare a contract.

Proposed Local Law – Construction and Noise Regulations

The Board discussed consolidating construction hours and related noise regulations into one section of the Village Code to improve clarity and enforcement.

Upon motion duly made by Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Genese, the Board voted unanimously to schedule a public hearing on proposed amendments to Sections 85-3 (h) and 158-2 of the Village Code at the April 6, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees, and to authorize the Village Administrator to publish public notice of the hearing in the official newspaper of the Village.

Architectural Review Committee Report (ARC)

Building Superintendent, Peter Albinski, reported on the March 2, 2026 ARC meeting.

Returning Applications

- 87 Port Washington Boulevard – Change front door from previously approved Approved subject to conditions – to BOT
- 21 Greenway – First and Second Floor Additions and Exterior Alterations Approved – subject to conditions – to BOT
- 45 Crabapple Road – New Single-Family Dwelling Approved – to BOT
- 87 Crabapple Road – New Single-Family Residence Approved – to BOT

New Applications

- 228 Dogwood – New Front Porch and Exterior Alterations Approved with conditions – to BOT
- 38 Country Club Drive – Additions and Alterations Approved with conditions – to BOT

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Trustee Smith, the Board voted unanimously to approve the findings of the ARC.

February 2026 DPW Report

Mayor Rosenbaum reported on the recent snowstorms and commended the Public Works staff for their efforts during the snow removal operations. The DPW worked overnight shifts, addressed equipment failures, and continued clearing throughout the storm.

BZA Report

Village Attorney, Jeff Blinkoff, reported on the February 2026 BZA hearing.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Rosenbaum provided the following updates:

- The Village Election will be held on March 18, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Village Hall.
- Village officials will be meeting with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) regarding upcoming work on Port Washington Boulevard and Middle Neck Road.
- The Village received approximately \$14,000 in grant funding to improve courtroom security. The funds will be used for the installation of safety glass, as well as the purchase of a security safe and a hand-held metal detector.
- The Mayor reported an **attempted home break-in on Crabapple Road** and noted the importance of maintaining communication with the Nassau County Police Department regarding incidents within the Village.

Executive Session

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, second by Trustee Lewandowski, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 7:37 p.m. As no action was taken during Executive Session, upon motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Genese, the Board moved to close Executive Session and return to the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m.

On motion of Mayor Rosenbaum, seconded by Deputy Mayor Genese, the Board moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Wolfson
Village Administrator