

Flower Hill July '20

One never knows what to expect when involved with village government.

Back in late 1979, when I was a Trustee, Mayor Resnick was in Florida, the Deputy Mayor, Admiral Miller was ill, so I was asked to take care of any concerns that might occur during the Columbus Day weekend.

A local resident phoned me to say that there were five trailer trucks parked on Chanticleare Drive with lions and tigers growling. I reached out to The Nassau County Police as well as the Health Department for advice. Both agencies said there were rules against wild animals in homes or on public streets but not contained in vehicles.

Mayor Resnick was called. He said that this problem was unlikely to occur again.

However, a few days later, there were four large trucks parked by St. Francis Hospital. The Mayor found out that the owner of "Little Lion Land" had a close relative living in Flower Hill.

At that time, our code read, "No person shall possess...horses, cattle, swine, goats, etc. It was amended to include "No wild or undomesticated animals..." in the village.

At the next Village Board Meeting, after official legal notice, Mayor Resnick got a telegram from a man in Sands Point, complaining that he had arranged a safari in Flower Hill and now he had to cancel.