

Garden City Board of Trustees Action: January 14, 2016

The Garden City Board of Trustees convened at a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. and took the following action:

Volunteer Firefighter Approvals

The Board approved volunteer firefighters Brian Reilly, Steven Ross and Kevin Stoddard.

Approval of Minutes The Board approved minutes for the following meeting: December 17, 2015.

Formal Agenda

Set Public Hearing Date: The Board set the date of February 4, 2016 for a public hearing regarding a local law authorizing the Use of Best Value Standard in the Award of Competitively Bid Contracts. This will authorize the Village to award competitively bid contracts on the basis of “Best Value” pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Set Tax Lien Sale Date: The Board set the date of March 25, 2016 for the annual tax lien sale. This resolution also authorizes that all proceeds of such sale be credited to the tax collection account.

Ratification of Appointment of Deputy Village Clerk: The Board ratified the approval, effective November 29, 2015, of the appointment of a confidential employee to the position of Deputy Village Clerk, for the balance of the official year. The promotion appointment and compensation are within budgeted amounts.

Consent Calendar

The Board approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

Finance

Tax Certiorari Settlements:

OLP New Hyde Park, Inc., with regard to property located at 1403 Fourth Avenue, an industrial building, which results in a refund of \$55,000, without interest, and a new assessment of \$59,500. (Tax years 2009/10-2015/16)

Steel Garden II, LLC, with regard to property located at 1401 Franklin Avenue, a medical office building, which results in a refund of \$9,000, without interest, and no change in the current assessment of \$105,000. (Tax years 2010/11-2015/16)

Irace Realty Associates, with regard to property located at 63 Commercial Avenue, a warehouse, which results in a refund of \$165,336, without interest, and a new assessment of \$47,000. (Tax years 2004/05-2015/16)

Domus Green, LLC, with regard to property located at 191 Seventh Street, a mixed-use retail and residential building, which results in a refund of \$100,000, without interest, and no change in the current assessment of \$115,620. (Tax years 2008/09-2015/16)

Appropriation of Termination Reserve:

The Board voted to appropriate \$101,262.71 from Reserve for Compensated Absences to the following accounts: Parks-Regular Salary - \$16,513.61 and Police-Regular Salary - \$84,749.10. This is to fund the contractual termination payment due to employee retirements in the Parks and Police Departments.

Payment of Invoices:

\$9,719.09 to Hawkins, Delafield & Wood in connection with the December 3, 2015 Public Improvement and Water System Improvement Serial Bond issues, for professional legal opinion services rendered for Public Improvement Serial Bonds 2015 Series B.

\$7,799.09 to Hawkins, Delafield & Wood in connection with the December 3, 2015 Public Improvement and Water System Improvement Serial Bond issues, for professional legal opinion services rendered for the Water System Improvement Serial Bonds - 2015 Series C.

\$5,872.50 to Reynolds, Caronia, Gianelli & LaPinta, P.C. (Anthony LaPinta, Fair Housing Compliance Officer) for professional services rendered December 1-31, 2015 with respect to the legal issues as the Fair Housing Compliance Officer, including professional services rendered by Professor John Nolon with regard to MHANY Management Inc., and the ACORN Litigation.

Transfer of Funds:

The Board approved the following fund transfer:

\$14,410 from Street Lighting-Regular Salary to Street Cleaning-Overtime to fund leaf removal.

Sick Leave

The Board approved sick leave for 11 employees in the Police (7), Recreation (1) and Public Works (3) Departments.

Public Works

Professional Rate Services Renewal:

Mechanical Well Contractor - Atlantic Wells, Inc. Rates are as follows: First Plumber standard rate \$112 per hour, First Plumber overtime rate #1 \$168 per hour and First Plumber overtime rate #2 \$224 per hour; Laborer standard rate \$87 per hour, Laborer overtime rate #1 \$130.50 per hour and Laborer overtime rate #2 \$174 per hour; additional charges - service truck charge - \$125. Renewed at the same rate as last year. This is needed for the well pump and booster pump service calls for the 2015/16 fiscal year.

Professional Rate Services Renewal:

Electrical Well Contractor - Wire to Water, Inc. Rates are as follows: Electrician \$130 per hour; Engineers \$150 per hour; plus the cost of parts. Renewed at the same rate as last year. This is needed for the electrical well contract for water well service calls for the time period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Professional Rate Services Renewal:

Electrical Contractor - Corkery Electrical Services, Inc. Rates are as follows: Electrician Mechanic \$170 per hour and Mechanics \$240 per hour. Renewed at the same rate as last year. This is needed for electrical work at Village facilities for the time period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

Additional Contract Item - Water Main Installation - Bancker Construction:

Item A - Additional scope to install a long side water service - lump sum additional cost - \$1,250 each. Item B - Additional scope to install a short side water service - lump sum additional cost - \$875 each. During the transfer of water services, defective galvanized and lead water services were detected which necessitated replacement with new copper services in order to avoid potential future replacement when the contract and road resurfacing is completed.

Amendment to Engineering Proposal - Phase II Storm Water Permit:

Dvirka and Bartilucci Consulting Engineers at an amount not to exceed \$4,800 for the preparation of a Phase II Storm Water Permit Annual Report, which is required in order to meet Storm Water Permit Requirements for 2015.

Recreation

Senior Center Signage Approval:

The Board unanimously approved the following signage for the Senior Center on Golf Club Lane, as suggested by Trustee Theresa Trouvé: The Senior Center, A Community Resource.

Fire

Budget Transfer Request:

Insurance Reimbursement - Damaged Vehicle - \$23,620. Insurance reimbursement in the amount of \$23,620 was received for the Fire Department UTV (FD-1415). During a training exercise, this vehicle was damaged (and subsequently totaled by the Insurance Company). This is an important asset that assists the Department in its fire protection for the Village. It is requested to transfer the funds from the Insurance Recoveries Account to the Fire Equipment Account and request that Purchasing re-bid the item at the February 4, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting. If the bids come in higher, there will be funds to cover the difference.

Bid Awards

The Board approved the following bid awards:

Fire Department Uniforms – The Board awarded the bid to J & A Uniform Supply, low bidder, at a cost of \$17,504.70. Ten vendors were invited to bid; three bids were received.

Installation of Replacement Water Meters – The Board awarded the bid to National Metering Services, Inc., low bidder, at a cost of \$449,424.50. Ten vendors were invited to bid on this capital project; four bids were received.

Permit

The Board approved a permit request submitted authorizing the installation of temporary pole banners on the fourteen light poles adjacent to Adelphi University on South Avenue. The banners will herald the date for the inauguration of Dr. Christine M. Riordan as Adelphi's 10th President. Adelphi will be responsible for the installation, removal and maintenance of the banners, which will be on display between February 22, 2016 and March 21, 2016.

On-Street Parking

The Board granted on-street parking for a Franklin Court resident.

Trustee Discussion

Franklin Court Fence: After hearing resident comments for and against the fence, Trustees had their own discussion before voting 5-3 to keep the fence in place. (Mayor Nicholas Episcopia, Deputy Mayor Brian Daughney and Trustees John Delany, Stephen Makrinos and Robert Bolebruch voted to keep the fence in place. Second Deputy Mayor Richard Silver and Trustees John DeMaro and Theresa Trouvé voted in favor of removing the fence.)

Presentation - Architectural Design Review Board (ADRB)

ADRB Requests Moratorium: Members of the Architectural Design Review Board presented a brief PowerPoint presentation to provide context for their request for the Board of Trustees to establish a six-month moratorium on demolition of Stewart-era residences as listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The moratorium would allow for the discussion and potential establishment of Historic/Scenic Zones in the Village with input from all stakeholders in the community and Board of Trustees.

Trustees asked questions of the ADRB members and discussed the request as a Board but did not vote on the matter.

Executive Session

The Board entered into an executive session to discuss a matter of personnel, a matter of collective bargaining, a matter of litigation and to also seek opinion of counsel.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, February 4, 2016, at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall.