

Garden City Board of Trustees Action: October 1, 2015

The Garden City Board of Trustees convened at a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 8 p.m. and took the following action:

Public Hearing

Following a public hearing, the Board voted to amend Village Code Chapter 193, Article III, entitled "All-Night Parking," to require a parking permit and sticker for certain times and locations. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved minutes for the following meeting: September 10, 2015

Consent Calendar

The Board approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

SEQR - A Local Law amending Village Code Chapter 193, Article III, entitled "All-Night Parking," to require a parking permit and sticker for certain times and locations.

Meter Replacement Program – The Board approved the services of H2M Water for \$6,800 to assist the Water Department with its meter replacement program (3,500 meters). H2M proposes to prepare the technical specifications and bid documents to allow the Village to publicly bid meter replacements. This project will be completed by May 31, 2016.

Affordable Care Act – The Board authorized the retention of Corporate Plans, Inc. (CPI-HR) to assist the Village in complying with its Affordable Care Act obligations at a cost of \$15,500 annually.

Payment of Invoices

The Board approved the following invoice payments:

-Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP - \$350 for reimbursement of disbursement for the litigation, judgment and lien search on Construction Consultants L.I., Inc., as part of due diligence with regard to the Fire Department Headquarters Improvement Project.

-Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C. - \$874.05 for work done August 1-31, 2015 on the Remedial Cost Recovery for Groundwater Containment at Village Water Wells 13 and 14 in conjunction with litigation against Genesco.

-Cullen and Dykman, LLP - \$52,793.63 for work done for the quarter ending August 31, 2015 for General Transition Legal Services (\$556.20), General Tax Certiorari Proceedings (\$32,988.49), Small Claims Tax Assessment Proceedings (\$9,164.80), National Union Chartis (\$8,061.30) and Joseph Ferrara Assessment (\$2,022.84).

-Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC - \$13,823.50 for work done August 1-31, 2015 with respect to legal services for general labor matters.

Transfer of Funds

The Board approved the following fund transfers:

-\$3,692 from Contingent to St. Paul's School-Maintenance of Plant for additional funds required for the flagpole lighting system. The previously approved amount not to exceed \$3,000 was approved at the August 20, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting. The total cost is now \$3,692.

-\$5,318.75 from Central Garage-Maintenance of Plant to Salt Storage Structure to replenish funds that were used to pay for soil borings and report for new salt structure at Municipal Yard.

-\$20,000 from Contingent to Personnel-Consultant to fund Disability Management Associates' efforts related to the Village's Extended Leave Program.

-\$15,500 from Contingent to Personnel-Consultant Fees to fund Affordable Care Act compliance consulting services.

Appropriation of Funds

-At the March 19, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting, the Bond Resolution for the Senior Center Project was amended. This evening, the Board appropriated \$300,000 from Surplus to Capital Project-Senior Recreation Center.

-The Board appropriated \$968,917 from Surplus to Employee Benefits-Fire and Police Retirement.

Sick Leave

The Board approved sick leave for five employees in the Police (3) and Public Works (2) Departments.

Worker's Compensation/Disability Case Management

The Board engaged the services of Disability Management Associates, Inc. for \$20,000 to provide the Village assistance in the area of Worker's Compensation and Disability Case Management for uniformed and non-uniformed service employees. It is anticipated that their services may be required to oversee approximately five to eight more cases during the remainder of this fiscal year.

Utility Cost Reductions

The Board engaged the firm of TRI Utility Cost Reductions to perform an audit on all wireless phones, Internet and data, electricity and gas bills. All work will be performed 100 percent on contingency upon refunds or credits obtained. There will be no out-of-pocket expenses to the Village and the Village shall receive all refund checks from the utility provider. Any fees will be paid exclusively from refunds received after savings. (An RFP was sent out for Utility Cost Reduction Audit Services and five responses were received.)

Resolution

The Board adopted a resolution, pursuant to Chapter 674, of the Laws of 2003, benefit of 375i or 375-j of the Retirement and Social Security Law, as presented, to allow eligible Tier 2, Tier 3 (Article 14), Tier 5 and Tier 6 Police Officers to retire at age 55 without pension reduction. The one-time past service cost will be substantially offset by holiday pay reductions over the next five years.

Executive Staff Compensation

The Board approved a 2.5 percent salary increase for Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson for the year 2015/16. This increase is consistent with prior Board of Trustees practice and policy and as provided for the unionized force members in the contract with the Police Benevolent Association. Resolution No. 154-2015 was also corrected and amended to omit Commissioner Jackson's name from said resolution, as his salary was incorrectly listed in that Resolution.

St. Paul's Flagpole Lighting

The Board authorized to pay an additional \$692 in order to proceed with the installation of the lighting system that will illuminate the St. Paul's flagpole. At the August 20, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting

authorization was granted for the lighting of the flag at St. Paul's at an amount not to exceed \$3,000. The estimate to have this completed is \$3,692.

Bid Awards

The Board awarded the following bid:

Dome Corporation of North America, of Saginaw, Michigan, only bidder, for a total cost of \$226,740 to furnish and install a self-supporting Dome Salt Storage Building. (Four vendors were invited to bid; one bid was received.)

Permits

The Board approved the following permit requests:

West End Tree Lighting

The Western section of the Village will host a traditional tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 4, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the south end of New Hyde Park Road.

Collection Bin

The William Bradford Turner Post No. 265 will place a collection bin at Village Hall through November 2015. This collection bin is part of a special project in support of wounded soldiers, sailors and Marines at Landstuhl Regional Medical Facility in Landstuhl, Germany. (When a soldier is seriously injured in Afghanistan or Iraq, they are airlifted as quickly as possible to Landstuhl.)

Turkey Trot

The Turkey Trot Race Committee, Inc. will hold its annual Turkey Trot Race on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26, 2015.

Poppies Distribution

The American Legion Auxiliary, William Bradford Turner Post, Unit No. 265, will distribute Poppies in the Village on Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2015 in the area surrounding the Veterans Memorial at the Garden City Public Library on Seventh Street one hour before and one hour after the 11:00 a.m. service that will be held at that location.

Block Party

Kenwood Road, between Washington Avenue and Lefferts Road, on Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Rain date October 11, 2015)

On-Street Parking

The Board approved on-street parking for residents on Meadow Street, Franklin Court, Franklin Court West and Second Street.

Executive Session

The Board entered into an executive session to discuss matters of personnel and collective bargaining and to also seek opinion of counsel.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 8 p.m. at Village Hall.