

**Garden City Board of Trustees Action: November 5, 2015**

The Garden City Board of Trustees convened at a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 8 p.m. and took the following action:

**Presentation of Village Proclamation:**

Mayor Nicholas P. Episcopia presented Althea Robinson with a Village proclamation to recognize her 39-year career as the executive director of the Garden City Chamber of Commerce and for her overall community service. Mrs. Robinson was the recipient of the Chamber’s 1992 Community Achievement Award. In 2002 the Zonta Club of Long Island named her “Woman of the Year.” In 2005, the Nassau County Council of Chambers of Commerce honored her as Nassau County Business Person of the Year” and just this year, the Republican Club honored her with its Community Service Award.

**Firefighter Approval:**

The Board approved new volunteer firefighter John Parrella, assigned to Engine Company.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The Board approved minutes for the following meeting: October 15, 2015. (The Board voted 6-0; Trustees John DeMaro and Stephen Makrinos abstained because they did not attend this meeting.)

**Formal Agenda:**

**Appointments:**

The Board appointed Philip Santantonio to the Architectural Design Review Board for a term to expire on April 2, 2018. He is replacing the unexpired term of Christopher E. Rivielle.

The Board appointed Daniel Fabrizi to the Architectural Design Review Board, for a term to expire on April 3, 2017. He is replacing the unexpired term of Robert C. Seitz.

**Final Site Plan Approval:**

The Board granted final site plan approval to the Girl Scouts of Nassau County, Inc. to erect a 1,496 sq. ft. two-story addition to the existing building located at 200 West Ring Road.

## **Consent Calendar:**

### **Finance:**

#### **Invoice Payments:**

\$2,825.60 to Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C. for work done September 1-30, 2015 on the Remedial Cost Recovery for Groundwater Containment at Village Water Wells 13 and 14 in conjunction with litigation against Genesco.

\$20,387 to Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC for work done September 1-30, 2015 with respect to legal services for general labor matters.

\$7,630 to Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP for reimbursement of disbursement for the work done by Epoch 5, Garden City Fire Department consultant.

\$18,350 to Reynolds, Caronia, Gianelli & LaPinta, P.C. (Anthony LaPinta, Fair Housing Compliance Officer) for professional services rendered August 1, 2015 through September 30, 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.

#### **Tax Certiorari Settlements:**

The Board approved the following tax certiorari settlements:

Demetrio Realty Corp., with regard to property located at 648 Franklin Avenue, an office building, which results in a refund of \$9,000 and a new assessment of \$17,750. This is for tax years 2009/10 through 2015/16.

Paulino Real Estate Holdings, LLC, with regard to property located at 57 New Hyde Park Road, a retail strip, which results in a refund of \$2,000 and no change in assessment of \$11,000. This is for tax years 2009/10 through 2015/16.

EB Franklin Avenue Realty, LLC, with regard to newly constructed condominiums at 301 Franklin Avenue, which results in a refund of \$30,000 and a new assessment of \$312,500. This is for tax year 2015/16. This proposed settlement results in no change in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 assessment.

Kraken Realty, with regard to property located at 653 Franklin Avenue, a retail/apartment building, which results in a refund of \$9,000 and a new assessment of \$16,500. This is for tax years 2009/10 through 2015/16.

TDK USA Corp., with regard to property located at 901 Franklin Avenue, an office building, which results in a refund of \$40,000 and a new assessment of \$96,000. This is for tax years 2007/08 through 2015/16.

Gordon Lane Corp., with regard to property located at 133 Railroad Avenue, a warehouse, which results in a refund of \$6,500 and a new assessment of \$20,400. This is for tax years 2007/08 through 2015/16.

**Appropriation of Termination Reserve:**

The Board authorized the appropriation of \$230,068 from Reserve for Compensated Absences to Building-Regular to fund the termination payment of the Superintendent of Building who retired as of October 2015 from the Reserve maintained for that purpose.

**Fund Transfers:**

The Board approved the following fund transfers:

\$30,000 from Contingent to Law-Zoning to provide funds to hire Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein to provide legal expertise for zoning change applications, as approved at the Board of Trustees meeting of October 15, 2015.

\$5,460 from Contingent to Unemployment Insurance to fund the Library portion of the 3Q Unemployment Insurance for a former Library employee.

\$5,685 from Clerk Treasurer-Prior Year Encumbrances to Safety Inspection-Equipment to fund Building Department furniture.

\$10,000 from Contingent to Board of Trustees Equipment to provide funds to replace aged and broken furniture in Village Hall. This expense will be partially offset by the Village's cancellation of the subscription to the McKinney Law Books.

\$12,000 from Contingent to Law-Consultant to fund the reimbursement to Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP for the engagement of Epoch5. This engagement was previously approved at the May 7, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting to provide

Public Relations services for the Village. This transfer includes the \$7,630 invoice payment as well as estimates for future billings.

**Sick Leave:**

The Board approved sick leave for seven employees in the Police (4) and Public Works (3) Departments.

**Clerk's Office:**

**Setting of Village Election Date** - The Village Election is held pursuant to Election Law §15-104, with the date of Tuesday, March 15, 2016, between the hours 12 Noon - 9:00 p.m., at Village Hall, 351 Stewart Avenue, Garden City.

**Amend Fee Schedule** - This is to include the fee of \$300 per year effective October 15, 2015 for non-residents at the Nassau Boulevard Railroad Station. (At the October 15<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting it was agreed that 18 additional non-resident parking permits be issued at the Nassau Boulevard Railroad Station at a fee of \$300 per space.)

**Personnel:**

**Contractual Step Adjustments and Longevity and Bonus Payments:** The Board approved contractual step adjustments and longevity and bonus payments. The respective Collective Bargaining Agreements provide for an employee to be granted a salary increase annually to the next higher step within the salary range of the position classification upon the recommendation of the Department Head and approval of the Board of Trustees. The date of the step increase is tied to an employee's date of hire (payroll which is closer to June or December). Longevity and Bonus Payments are also contractual.

**Public Works:**

**Engineering Services - Replacement of Gas Pumps at Village Yard:** Island Pump and Tank will prepare plans and specifications for the replacement of the Gas Pumps at the Village Yard for a cost of \$11,850. This will include the submission of the plans to the Nassau County Fire Marshal for approval.

**Rental of Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) Filters at Hilton Park Well Site:** The Village is renting Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filters from Philip Ross Industries, Inc. at the Hilton Park Well Site for a 12-month rental fee of \$30,000, as per the original authorization agreement approved by the Board of Trustees at the June 7, 2007 meeting. The filters were installed on an emergency basis at the Hilton Well Site when traces of FREON were discovered in the wells during a routine sampling. The cost per month agreed upon was \$2,500; the total price for the year is \$30,000.

**Professional Services Contract - SCADA System and Well Controls:** Eagle Control Corp. is the computer well contractor for additional water well service calls for the supervisory control and data acquisition system (SCADA) and well controls for July 1, 2015 through July 1, 2016, as per the rates on file in the Purchasing Office. The rates have remained the same.

**Recreation:**

**Supplemental Contract - Senior/Community Center Expansion and Renovation Project:** Advanced Builders & Land Development, Inc. is waterproofing the entire perimeter of the Senior Center for a total cost of \$28,860.75. Upon removal of the masonry of the north building, water damage was evident to the sill plate. The south building has similar issues and must be made watertight. This work must be performed prior to the installation of the new siding on the north building and prior to final grading around the south building. The Village's architect, de Bruin Engineering, reviewed the pricing and recommended this additional work be done as soon as possible. (Funds are available in the contingency line of the budget.)

**Seventh Street and Franklin Avenue Streetscape Capital Project - Study Phase:** The Board engaged the services of de Bruin Engineering, P.C. for \$47,000 to perform a study phase that would yield conceptual design options that are developed from a complete inventory of existing conditions. (In the 2014/15 Fiscal year the Board authorized \$50,000 for this purpose.)

**Bid Awards:**

**New 2016 GMC Sierra 3500HD 2 Wheel Drive Crew Cab Truck:** The Board awarded the bid to Eagle Auto Mall Sales, Inc., low bidder, at a cost of \$44,220. Twenty-one vendors were invited to bid; three bids were received. (This truck will replace a 16-year-old vehicle in the Recreation Parks Department.)

**Kitchen Appliances for Garden City Fire Department:** The Board awarded the bid to Bar Boy Products, Inc., overall low bidder, at a cost of \$48,585. Nine vendors were invited to bid; four bids were received.

**Kitchen Appliances for Senior/Community Center:** The Board awarded the bid to Premium Supply Co., Inc., low bidder, at a cost of \$25,271.73. Three vendors were invited to bid; four bids were received.

**Adopt-A-Light Pole:**

The Board granted the Garden City Chamber of Commerce's request to establish an "Adopt a Light Pole" program on Seventh Street for the month of December.

**Permit:**

**Holiday Spectacular:** The Board granted a permit request for the Garden City Chamber of Commerce to hold a Holiday Spectacular on Friday, December 11, 2015 and to close Seventh Street between Franklin to Hilton Avenues between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**On-Street Parking:**

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

**GCFD Equipment:**

After suspending the rules, Trustee John DeMaro made a motion to spend up to \$35,000 on equipment for the Garden City Fire Department, specifically a finger reader to more accurately track attendance at fire calls. The Board voted 8-0 in favor.

**Pack 55 Wreath/Poinsettia Sale:**

After suspending the rules, Deputy Mayor Brian Daughney made a motion to allow Pack 55 to solicit November 9-30, 2015 during its wreath/poinsettia sale. The Board voted 8-0 in favor.

**Work Session – Community Park Field Renovations:**

Kevin McAndrew, principal, Cameron Engineering & Associates, LLP, provided an overview of various options to deal with field conditions at Community Park. No decision has been made.

**Executive Session:**

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

*The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015 at 8 p.m. at Village Hall.*