

## **Garden City Board of Trustees Action: December 3, 2015**

The Garden City Board of Trustees convened at a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. and took the following action:

### **Approval of Minutes**

By a 7-0 vote, the Board approved minutes for the following meeting: November 19, 2015. Deputy Mayor Brian Daughney did not attend the November 19 meeting and therefore abstained from voting.

### **Franklin Court Fence**

The Board heard several comments from residents regarding the Franklin Court fence. The Board did not make a decision about whether to keep the fence up or take it down at this time.

### **Consent Calendar**

The Board approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

#### **Finance**

##### **Budget Calendar:**

The Board adopted the 2016/2017 Budget Calendar.

##### **Payment of Invoices:**

\$26,389.50 to Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC for work down October 1-31, 2015 with respect to legal services for general labor matters, in addition to \$520.56 for hourly matters August/September/October and November and \$216.25 for retainer disbursement matters August, September/October.

\$10,995.50 to Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C. for work done October 1-31, 2015 on the Remedial Cost Recovery for Groundwater Containment at Village Water Wells 13 and 14 in conjunction with litigation against Genesco.

#### **Sick Leave**

The Board approved sick leave for seven employees in the Police (5) and Public Works (2) Departments.

#### **Village Counsel**

##### **Legislative Action:**

The Board authorized the re-presentation of an updated resolution authorizing the placement of Police Officer Baker in the New York State Police & Fire Retirement Plan. The Board's earlier - and essentially identical Resolution passed when the authorizing state legislation was pending - needs to be re-adopted subsequent to the state enactment (but prior to December 31, 2015). This Resolution therefore duplicates this Board's earlier Resolution, No. 27-2015, and reaffirms the Board's acceptance of the financial obligations attendant to Officer Baker's enrollment.

#### **Village Administrator**

##### **Inter-Building Communications:**

The Board approved \$19,614.46 worth of upgrades to the Village's inter-building communications, which will change the method and carriers the Village uses to connect the following Village buildings for data and voice: Village Hall, Water Works, Village Maintenance Yard, Community Park and the Pool Office. The upgrades include switching Internet connections by WML

Enterprises, Inc. for \$15,370 and a new server at a cost of \$4,244.46. (*See Lightpath Service Agreement below*)

**Lightpath Service Agreement:**

The Board approved the renewal of a service agreement upgrade for a five-year term. These changes will be funded through the 2015/16 Capital Budget Technology Line(s) and will result in annual operating savings of more than \$31,000. (*See Inter-Building Communications Item above*)

**Public Works**

**Engagement of Engineering Firm:**

The Board engaged the engineering firm of Sierra Consulting Group, Inc. for \$7,000 to prepare plans and specifications to allow for the bidding of the Garden City Public Library elevator modernization.

**Agreements**

**Adelphi Swimming Pool:**

The Board approved an agreement with Adelphi University to use its swimming pool for the Recreation Department's "Learn to Swim" program December 5, 2015 through March 6, 2016 with a make-up date of March 12, 2016. The \$3,000 rental fee has been waived; there is, however, a \$1,200 reimbursement cost for Adelphi staffing costs. Approximately 190 children participate in this program, which generates more than \$9,500 in registration fees.

**Bid Award**

**2015-2016 Tree Removal:**

The Board awarded the 2015-2016 tree removal bid to Dragonetti Brothers Landscaping, Nursery and Florist, low bidder, at a cost of \$40,953. This bid includes stump grinding. Twenty-seven vendors were invited to bid; four bids were received. (The total cost for tree removal and stump grinding last year was \$50,241.75.)

**Parade**

**St. Patrick's Day Parade:**

The Board granted a request made by the Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens, Inc. to hold its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 6, 2016.

**On-Street Parking**

The Board granted on-street parking for residents of Franklin Court West.

**Executive Session**

The Board entered into an executive session for a matter of personnel, a matter of collective bargaining and a matter of litigation.

*The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall.*