

Garden City Board of Trustees Action: February 16, 2016

The Garden City Board of Trustees convened at a regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. and took the following action:

Public Hearing: Fair Housing Policy

Following a public hearing, which drew no questions from the audience, the Board unanimously passed a local law to adopt Chapter 13 of the Village Code concerning fair housing. This local law codifies a resolution the Board adopted last year. The chapter, titled Fair Housing Policy, is adopted in compliance with and in furtherance of judicial decree to formally state the fair housing policy of the Village of Garden City as it relates to zoning and land use to assure equal housing opportunities and nondiscrimination in its zoning and other land use processes.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved minutes for the following meeting: February 4, 2016

Deferred Agenda

Public Works

Maintenance Bond - Foundation Utility and Site Work at Garden City Roller Rink:

The Board accepted the \$92,500 Maintenance Bond for foundation utility and site work at the Garden City Roller Rink, which guarantees for one year the work Laser Industries, Inc. completed for the Village.

Consent Calendar

The Board approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

Public Works

SEQR - Negative Declaration:

SEQR - A Local Law to Adopt Chapter 13 of the Village Code Concerning Fair Housing. (*See related item under Public Hearing*)

Emergency Repair:

The Board approved an emergency repair at the Village Garage in order to replace the southeast truck lift. Statewide Installations, Inc. will perform the work for \$21,850 (*See related fund transfer under Finance*)

Fire

Improvements to Fire Headquarters - Additional Contract Work:

The Board approved a \$3,218.37 change order for Construction Consultants/LI to perform additional contract work at Garden City Fire Headquarters. The total amount is from contingency. The contract will be increased from the previously approved amount of \$1,084,296.13 to \$1,087,514.50. This does not increase the cost of the project or the amount originally bonded.

Finance

Invoice Payments:

The Board approved the following invoice payments:

- \$7,864.50 to Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP for reimbursement of two invoices for disbursement for Epoch5, consultants. (*See related fund transfer under Finance*)
- \$10,853 to Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC for work done December 1-31, 2015 with respect to legal services for general labor matters.
- \$6,165 to Reynolds, Caronia, Gianelli & LaPinta, P.C. (Anthony LaPinta, Fair Housing Compliance Officer) for professional services rendered January 1-31, 2016 with respect to legal issues as the Fair Housing Compliance Officer and includes services rendered by Professor John Nolon with regard to MHANY Management Inc., and the ACORN litigation.

Bidding Resolution:

The Board adopted a bidding resolution as provided by Counsel to join the Nassau BOCES Cooperative Bidding Program for Passenger Vehicles. There is a \$400 fee to participate in this Cooperative. Funds are available in Dues and Expenses for this purpose.

Appropriation of Termination Reserve:

The Board appropriated \$18,113.93 from Reserve for Compensated Absences to Police-Regular Salary to fund the contractual payment for a retiring employee from the Reserve maintained for that purpose.

Fund Transfers:

The Board approved the following fund transfers:

- \$21,850 from Street Lighting-Materials and Supplies to Central Garage-Maintenance of Plant to fund the emergency replacement of the truck lift at the Central Garage. (*See related Public Works item under the Consent Calendar*)
- \$6,000 from Certiorari-Litigation to Law-Consultant Fees to fund the Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP December 2015 and an estimate of future invoices to end of fiscal year for Epoch5. This transfer is subject to the approval of the Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP invoice.
- \$2,000 from Library - Local Area Network to Library - Elevator Renovations, to fund the required modernization of the Library Elevators. This transfer was approved by the Library Board of Trustees at the meeting of February 8, 2016. This transfer is subject to the approval of the Elevator Modernization at the Garden City Public Library item under Award of Bids of the Consent Calendar.

Sick Leave

The Board approved sick leave for 12 employees in the Police (6), Recreation (4) and Public Works (2) Departments.

Recreation

Pool Concession Renewal Agreement:

The Board renewed an agreement with D&J Refreshments, Inc. for pool concession services at the Garden City Pool and Stewart Field. This renewal includes Board authorization to sell beer and wine at designated times. The current concessionaire agreement expired on December 31, 2015. This agreement carried a term of three years with two one-year renewable options.

Bid Awards

The Board approved the following bid awards:

Fire Rescue UTV and Equipment - The Board awarded the bid to Polaris Sales, Inc., low bidder, at a cost of \$22,945.45. Nine vendors were invited to bid; two bids were received. At the January 14, 2016 Board meeting, approval was given for a budget transfer of \$23,620 and to award the bid for this vehicle, which was damaged during a training exercise and totaled by our insurance company.

Rehabilitation of Well No. 14 - The Board awarded the bid to A.C. Schultes, Inc., low bidder, for a total of \$154,800. Five vendors were invited to bid; four bids were received.

Elevator Modernization at Garden City Public Library - The Board awarded the bid to Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp., second low bidder, for a total cost of \$145,000 for Item #1 Elevator Modernization only.

Removed From Consent Calendar

The Board unanimously voted to remove the following item from the Consent Calendar :

Retain an Appraisal Firm:

Retain the appraisal firm of Michael Haberman Associates, Inc., 125 Front Street, Mineola, New York, for preliminary appraisal services - \$4,500. This is in regard to the appraisal of 1111 Franklin Avenue (Sears), Garden City, New York. Should court appearances or conferences be required, further authorizations will be requested at that time. Funds are available in the Tax Certiorari Litigation Budget.

Trustees and Public Discussion

The Board discussed whether the T-Zone should be continued, modified or abolished. The Zone was created years ago to protect the small business nature of Seventh Street and encourage more retail establishments in the downtown business district. The Zone placed certain restrictions on the types of businesses that could exist, namely financial institutions and restaurants. The Board heard comments from audience members but did not take action at this time. Seventh Street and Franklin Avenue, between Stewart Avenue and the LIRR tracks, is considered the "T" Zone.

Executive Session

The Board entered into an executive session to discuss a matter of personnel, a matter of collective bargaining, a matter of real estate and a matter of labor negotiations.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall.