

Garden City Board of Trustees Action: April 21, 2016

The Garden City Board of Trustees convened at a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016 in which the Board took the following action:

Citation Presentation: Peter Tittler

Mayor Nicholas P. Episcopia presented a citation to Peter Tittler in fitting recognition and heartfelt appreciation of the integrity and dedication he continues to demonstrate in all professional and civic endeavors. Mr. Tittler, a 33-year member of the Garden City Jewish Center, is being honored by the Center's Board of Trustees as its "Volunteer of the Year."

Approval of Volunteer Firefighters

The Board approved new volunteer firefighters Matthew Sixt and Conor Sproat.

Oaths of Office and Ratification

Mayor Nicholas P. Episcopia administered the oaths of office to the Garden City Fire Department's Chiefs:

- **Chief William K. Castoro**
- **1st Assistant Chief Brian G. Gallo**
- **2nd Assistant Chief Thomas Strysko**
- **3rd Assistant Chief Robert Horvath**

Trustee John A. DeMaro, Fire Commissioner, then administered the oaths of office to the Fire Department's Line/Corporate Officers.

Approval of Minutes

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the minutes for the following meeting:

- April 4, 2016

Treasurer's Report

Village Treasurer Irene Woo provided the Treasurer's Report, which the Board approved. Report highlights include:

As of March 31, 2016 the Village's cash balance totaled \$31,235,931. Money market accounts have a balance of \$10,916,487.

As of March 31, 2016, operating expenses were 4 percent favorable to the modified budget and operating revenues were 4 percent favorable to the modified budget.

Formal Agenda

Bond Resolution:

The Board approved a Board Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 63-2016, which set a Public Hearing for April 21, 2016 on a proposed Telecommunications Local Law. Village Counsel is continuing work on drafting a Local Law that will best suit the Village and desires additional time to prepare a final draft.

Appointments:

The Board approved the appointment of the following residents to serve as members of the Planning Commission:

- Scott C. Brandewiede (replacing Phil Santantonio)
- Craig G. Biscone (replacing Charles Palagonia)
- Gregory Senken, Alternate Member (replacing Craig G. Biscone, Alternate Member)

Set Date for Post-Fact Finding Legislative Hearing:

The Board set the date of May 4, 2016 to hold a Post-Fact Finding Legislative Hearing for the CSEA "Rank and File" Bargaining Unit.

Consent Calendar

Public Works

SEQR – Bond Resolution:

The Board accepted a bond resolution authorizing the construction of improvements to Village Recreational Facilities and Athletic Fields, including fields in six neighborhood parks, the St. Paul's Recreation Complex, Cluett Hall and the St. Paul's Field House Comfort Station. The estimated cost of construction is \$1,045,000 and the bonding shall be in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.

Finance

Unpaid Sidewalk Repairs and Property Maintenance Bills Reassessed:

The Board authorized the adoption of resolutions which place unpaid sidewalk repair and high grass bills on the Village Tax Roll. The property owner has 15 days from the day of notice in which to make payment. All amounts outstanding after 15 days from such notice will be added to the 2016/17 Village Tax Roll. Currently, unpaid sidewalk repair bills total \$73,888.47 and high grass bills total \$2,040.

Payment of Invoices:

- \$22,498.50 to Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC for work done February 1- 29, 2016 with respect to legal services for general labor matters.
- \$2,793 to Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP for reimbursement for the month of February 2016 of an invoice for disbursement for Epoch5, consultants.
- \$2,400.92 to Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP for reimbursement for February 19, 2016 through March 5, 2016 of an invoice for disbursement for The Center for Municipal Solutions (Crown Castle).
- \$4,418.74 to Reynolds, Caronia, Gianelli & LaPinta, P.C. (Anthony LaPinta, Fair Housing Compliance Officer) for professional services rendered March 1-31, 2016 with respect to legal issues as the Fair Housing Compliance Officer with regard to MHANY Management Inc. and the ACORN Litigation.
- \$4,452 to Pillsbury, Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP for work rendered through March 31, 2016 with respect to insurance coverage issues with MHANY Management Inc., et al, and the ACORN litigation.

Appropriation of Termination Reserve:

The Board authorized the appropriation of \$241,487.82 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.

Bond Resolution:

The Board approved a \$1,250,000 bond resolution authorizing the construction of improvements to Village Recreational Facilities and Athletic Fields at various locations. Any projects within this bond resolution that exceed the budgeted amount of \$1,045,000 will need to be approved by the Board of Trustees. *See related item Public Works*

Transfer of Funds:

\$10,000 from Contingent to Law-Consultant to cover the engagement of a consultant (Richard Comi d/b/a The Center for Municipal Solutions) as approved at the Board of Trustees meeting of March 17, 2016 (billed through Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP) for Crown Castle (Right of Way).

Sick Leave

The Board approved sick leave for eight employees in the Police (6), Recreation (1) and Public Works (1) Departments.

Attendance

The Board approved Mayor Nicholas Episcopia's attendance at NYCOM's Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 1-2, 2016 in Saratoga Springs, NY at an approximate cost of \$650.

Fire

Improvements to Garden City Fire Headquarters:

- The Board approved a \$9,066.69 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 \$1,173,148.94 to \$1,182,215.63. This does not increase the budget or the amount originally bonded.
- The Board approved a \$3,500 change order for Bar Boy Products 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 \$48,585 to \$52,085. This does not increase the budget or the amount originally bonded. This is for the delivery, unpacking and assembly of kitchen appliances.

Purchasing

Membership to Premier Reach:

The Board approved the Village's membership to Premier Reach, an affiliate of Premier Healthcare Alliance, L.P., a group purchasing agent. This membership will allow the Village the opportunity to access competitive pricing for leasing the Village copiers awarded through Premier Reach. There is no cost for the Village to join this group and no obligation of any minimum purchase required by the Village. This agreement has been reviewed by Village Counsel, who has approved it as to form.

National Cooperatives:

The Board granted the Village approval to use any contracts with the following National Cooperatives: US Communities, National Joint Powers Alliance and National IPA/TCPN. Any purchase that is made through the above National Cooperatives, which is \$20,000 or above, as per Village Procurement Policy, requires Board approval.

Award of Bids

Assorted Clothing:

- The Board renewed the bid for an additional year at the same prices and conditions with Barry Athletic for Item Nos 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13 for a subtotal of \$5,959.20
- The Board renewed the bid for an additional year at the same prices and conditions with Kenmar Shirts, Inc. for Item No. 9 for a subtotal of \$822.

Total Renewal of Bid: \$6,781.20

Agreements

Inter-municipal Agreement:

The Board approved an Inter-municipal Agreement with the County of Nassau for a Farmers' Market to be held on Tuesdays, from May 31 through November 29, 2016 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at County Seat Drive. This agreement has been reviewed by Village Counsel, who has approved it as to form.

Permits

Poppies Distribution:

The Board granted a request by the American Legion Auxiliary, William Bradford Turner Post, Unit No. 265, to distribute Poppies in the Village during the month of May.

Street Fair:

The Board granted the Garden City Belmont Festival Committee's request to hold the Belmont Festival on Seventh Street on Friday, June 10, 2016 (Rain date June 17) from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and to close Seventh Street prior to 6:00 p.m. to allow time for the set up. They will be contributing \$5,000 to the Village to off-set expenses incurred by the Village.

On-Street Parking:

The Board approved on-street parking for a Second Street resident.

Executive Session

The Board entered into an executive session to discuss a matter of collective bargaining and a matter of real estate and to seek an opinion of counsel.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 8 p.m. at Village Hall.