

Garden City Board of Trustees Action: August 6, 2015

The Garden City Board of Trustees, with the exception of Trustee John Delany, who was absent, convened at a special meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Mayor Nicholas Episcopia opened the meeting by stating that this was the second time the Board, along with Senior Staff, has met to try to accomplish things that normally would be discussed at a regular meeting. Generally, the Board only meets once during July, August and September. This summer, the Board has met twice in July as well as August.

“We’re doing this to make sure we can get certain things done quickly while we don’t have to wait for our regular meeting, things that we think are very important,” he said.

The Board took the following action:

Board Approval of Volunteer Firefighters:

The Board approved new volunteer firefighter Frank Sikorski.

Consent Calendar:

The Board of Trustees approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

Rehabilitation of Community Park Athletic Fields:

The Board voted 6-0 to retain Cameron Engineering for \$47,000 to perform geotechnical and engineering services - specifically the study of soil and sub-surface conditions - related to stabilizing the fields and drainage at the Community Park athletic fields. The geotechnical investigation and design analysis totals \$46,500 and the reimbursable expenses total \$500.

As a partner with Ruskin Moscou Faltischek, P.C., a law firm representing Cameron Engineering, Trustee John DeMaro recused himself from voting; Trustee John Delany was absent.

Approval of Service of Alcohol:

By a 4-3 vote, the Board authorized the Recreation Department to test the service of alcohol on a limited basis at a single evening event at the Garden City Pool before the end of the current Pool season.

The Board imposed the following conditions:

- The event would occur between the hours of 7:30 and 10 p.m.
- The only alcoholic beverages permitted would be beer and wine.
- The event would be for current members and two guests aged 23 and older.
- There would be adequate police presence on site to help assure attendance was properly monitored and responsible behaviors maintained.

Despite the closeness of the Board vote, none of the trustees expressed objection in principle to the potential sale of alcohol at the Pool. Instead, concerns were expressed that, among other things, not all details for the test event were yet known and that

considerable logistical work still remained to be done in the relatively short time remaining in the Pool season.

Mayor Nicholas Episcopia, Deputy Mayors Richard Silver and Brian Daughney and Trustee John DeMaro voted in favor of the idea while Trustees Stephen Makrinos, Robert Bolebruch and Theresa Trouvé voted against it; Trustee John Delany was absent.

Fund Transfer:

The Board approved the transfer of \$7,000 from Account A.1990.4000-Contingent to Account OH.7140.2190 Recreation-Field Rehabilitation for additional soil borings and analysis for the Community Park Athletic Field Geotechnical and Engineering Study budgeted capital project.

Fund Transfer:

The Board authorized the Mayor to engage a CPA firm pursuant to the Village Procurement Policy to assist the Village in the year-end audit at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Fund Transfer:

The Board approved the transfer of \$10,000 from Account A.1990.4000-Contingent to Account OA.1325.4160 Clerk Treasurer-Consulting in order to engage a CPA firm to assist the Village in the year-end audit.

Public Works:

The Board approved a request from Trustee Theresa Trouvé, chairman of the Environmental Advisory Board, for \$1,500 in funds for the EAB. This money is needed to continue with a speakers program and to make it possible to communicate with the community about programs, such as protecting our waterways by teaching residents about what cannot be put down into our storm system.

Executive Session:

The Board entered into an executive session to seek an opinion of counsel.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015 at 8 p.m. at Village Hall.