

Garden City Board of Trustees Action: September 10, 2015

The Garden City Board of Trustees convened at a scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 8 p.m. and took the following action:

Approval of Minutes:

The Board of Trustees approved the minutes for the following meeting: August 20, 2015.

Treasurer's Report:

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

As of July 31, 2015, the Village's total cash balance totaled \$38,763,738. Money market accounts have a balance of \$9,899,347.

As of July 31, 2015, operating expenses were 0.5 percent unfavorable to the budget and operating revenues were 0.8 percent favorable to the budget.

Fixed Date for Public Hearing:

The Board approved the date of October 1, 2015 for a public hearing on a proposed local law amending Village Code Chapter 193, Article III to require parking permits and stickers for certain times and locations.

Consent Calendar:

The Board approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

Invoice Payments:

\$4,020 invoice payment for Sive, Paget & Riesel, P.C. for work done July 1-31, 2015 on the Remedial Cost Recovery for Groundwater Containment at Village Water Wells 13 and 14 in conjunction with litigation against Genesco.

\$4,280 invoice payment for Reynolds, Caronia, Gianelli & LaPinta, P.C. for professional services rendered July 1-31, 2015 with respect to the legal issues as the Fair Housing Compliance Officer with regard to MHANY Management Inc. and the ACORN Litigation.

\$32,556.50 invoice payment for Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC for work done July 1-31, 2015 with respect to legal services for general labor matters.

\$180.45 invoice payment for Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC for work done in May, June and July 2015 with respect to general retainer disbursement matters.

\$265.52 invoice payment for Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC for work done from July 1-31, 2015 with respect to hourly disbursement matters

\$329.15 invoice payment for Jones Day for legal services for disbursements only rendered through July 31, 2015 with respect to assistance with the Second Circuit Appeal in MHANY Management Inc. and the ACORN litigation.

Tax Certiorari Settlement:

The Board approved a tax certiorari settlement for Joseph Ferrara with regard to a private residence, which results in a refund of \$13,417.48, without interest and a new assessment of \$14,940. This is for tax years 2012/2013.

Appropriation of Termination Reserve:

The Board appropriated \$309,442 from Termination Reserve to various accounts for compensated absences. This transfer funds the contractual termination payments due to 10 employees who retired or otherwise separated from service during June through August from the reserves maintained for that purpose.

Transfer of Funds:

\$4,053.99 from Contingent to St. Paul's School-Maintenance of Plant to repair the electrical main that was damaged during the paving work in front of St. Paul's.

Sick Leave:

The Board approved sick leave for seven employees in the Police (4), Recreation (1) and Public Works (2) Departments.

Amended Part-Time and Seasonal Salary Schedule:

The Board adopted the amended part-time and seasonal salary schedule. This is necessary in order to reflect an increase in the daily rate for the school crossing guards from a starting rate of pay from \$39 to \$41 for new hires and from \$44 to \$46 for the top step after five years, as well as to add the Court Clerk title to the part-time seasonal salary schedule at a starting hourly rate of \$11.25 for new hires and for the top step after five years \$13.80 per hour, both effective September 1, 2015.

Defense and Indemnification of a Police Officer: The Village was served with a Notice of Claim and it has been determined that the Officer was within the scope of his public service and in the discharge of his duties and was not in violation of any rule or regulation of the Village of Garden City at the time the alleged acts/omissions occurred and the damages were allegedly sustained. The Board approved defense and indemnification of a Police Officer pursuant to Village Code, Chapter 9, subject to the exceptions and conditions therein and to the extent permitted by law.

Emergency Replacement of Cedar Valley Pump #1:

The Board approved the emergency replacement of Cedar Valley Pump #1. G. P. Jager, Inc. of Butler, New Jersey, will perform the work for \$21,418.

2015 Sidewalk and Curb Construction Charges:

The Board approved the following 2015 sidewalk and curb construction charges submitted by Pratt Brothers, Inc. These are the same rates as 2014:

4" Sidewalk	\$8.15 per square foot
6" Sidewalk	\$9.75 per square foot
Drop Curb	\$27.50 per linear foot

Engineering Services:

The Board approved the engineering services of D&B Engineers for \$5,000 to assess the condition of the Meadow Street and Cedar Valley pumping stations and to perform the assessment of the two existing pumping stations and associated facilities.

Emergency Electrical Repairs:

The Board approved the services of Anker's Electric Service, Inc. to provide emergency electrical repairs to the St. Paul's Building for \$4,053.99. During the construction and excavation phase of the paving work in front of Cluett Hall, the electrical main that feeds the exterior lighting system in front of the Main Building was damaged.

Bid Award:

The Board approved the following bid award:

Sport Utility Vehicle for the Garden City Fire Department: Awarded bid to Cars Unlimited of Suffolk, LLC, low bidder, for a new, unused 2015 Tahoe 4x4 for a total cost of \$39,594. Five vendors were invited to bid; two bids were received.

Permits:

Trustees approved the following permit requests:

Block Parties:

Spruce Street, between Old Country Road and Bayberry Road Avenue, on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 5 to 11 p.m. (Rain date is September 26.)

Kilburn Road, between Stratford Avenue and Newmarket Road, on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 2 to 10 p.m. (Rain date is September 13.)

On-Street Parking:

The Board granted on-street parking requests for 10 residents on Meadow Street, Franklin Court, Franklin Court West and Franklin Court East.

Friday Night Promenade:

The Board approved the request of John Wilton, chairman of the Merchant, Business Retail Group, Garden City Chamber of Commerce, to hold another Friday Night Promenade on Friday, September 18, 2015.

Presentation:

Kevin McAndrew of Cameron Engineering & Associates, LLP, gave a presentation to update the Board on the sub-surface soil conditions for the fields at Community Park.

Executive Session:

The Board adjourned to an executive session to discuss collective bargaining and a matter of personnel.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting is Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 8 p.m. at Village Hall.