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MAYOR'S UPDATE

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The Board of Trustees and staff continue to work on numerous projects, including preparation of the 2020/21 Village budget, stabilization of the former St. Paul's School, proposed upgrades to Fire Station No. 2 and other matters. I encourage you to attend Village Board of Trustees meetings; the schedule can be found on the Village's website, www.gardencityny.net.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COLLECTING MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Garden City Police Commissioner Kenneth Jackson announced Tuesday, March 24, 2020 that the Garden City Police Department is accepting donations of medical supplies during this unprecedented National State of Emergency. Drop off supplies seven days a week, 24 hours a day at Police Headquarters, 349 Stewart Avenue. We thank you and encourage donations of the below medical supplies in unopened boxes/packages:

- N95 Surgical Masks in unopened container/boxes
- Eye protection such as goggles and face shields
- Nitrile Gloves in unopened boxes which have not expired (All sizes, especially L and XL)
- Disposable medical gowns (paper which are fluid resistant or plastic)
- Shoe cover/booties
- No-Touch thermometers
- Thermometer probe covers
- HEPA filters for Ventilators / Anesthesia Machines
- Antibacterial and disinfecting wipes – typically alcohol or bleach based
- Disinfecting wipes (Clorox/Lysol)
- Hand Sanitizer

BUDGET MEETING RESCHEDULED

Please be advised that the Thursday, March 26, 2020 Budget meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020 via conference call. This may change as the Village is looking into a system that may allow residents to listen but not participate.

VILLAGE DUMP CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Village Dump will be closed until further notice due to precautionary measures related to COVID-19. This closure will aid in limiting exposure of residents and employees on-site from direct contact. For further assistance, please call the Village Clerk at 465-4051 or visit the Village website at www.gardencityny.net for more information and additional updates. This information is subject to change as this situation continues to evolve. Any subsequent changes will be communicated. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this unprecedented time.

LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM

The Children's Room and adjacent Circulation Desk area in the Library have not been updated since the library was built 47 years ago. According to Library Director Marianne Malagon, upgrades would not be limited to cosmetic changes but would also improve the Library's function and its programs. "Staff has increased programs this year despite not being able to enhance the space or significantly grow our program budget or our staffing budget. They've added drop-in programs and have also hosted programs by outside providers to approach demand of early childhood programs," Ms. Malagon said.

During the March 19, 2020 Board meeting held via conference call, Trustees directed Village Treasurer Irene Woo to increase the 2020-21 Capital Budget for the Children's Room to \$600,000. Everything from technology to lighting needs to be updated. Further, the space needs to be outfitted to enhance the technology and STEM initiatives the Library is undertaking. Ms. Malagon was able to secure \$200,000 in State and Municipal (SAM) grants from the offices of Senator Kevin Thomas and Assemblyman Edward Ra, which will help offset the total cost of renovations.

FIRE STATION NO. 2

The Village Board adopted a "plans and specifications" Bond Resolution March 19, 2020 for the Fire Station No. 2 Renovations Project in the amount of \$500,000. This resolution covers the initial pre-construction costs (architect fees). Trustees also voted to have the architects, PKAD Architecture & Design, move forward with a proposal to create bid specifications and to pause at the 60 percent design phase to provide reliable estimates for full construction costs.

WESTERN NASSAU TRANSMISSION PROJECT

The Western Nassau Transmission Project consists of the construction, operation and maintenance of a proposed new 138 kilovolt underground transmission line primarily within the public roadway rights-of-way for a total distance of approximately seven miles between the East Garden City substation (located in Uniondale) and the Valley Stream substation (located in Lynbrook).

The project is expected to reinforce LIPA's electric transmission system in the southwest Nassau area and ensure continued reliable service. The underground transmission line will be located wholly within the Town of Hempstead and will traverse the Villages of Garden City, Malverne and Lynbrook, and will be constructed primarily underground. The two-week construction schedule entails:

- On Monday, March 23, trenching continued between splice vaults Nos. 16 and 15, which are located on Rockaway Avenue in Garden City and Westminster Road in West Hempstead. This is from approximately 3rd Street in Garden City to of 1st Street in West Hempstead. The trenching is occurring primarily in the southbound lane.

- On Monday, March 30, trenching is planned to begin between splice vaults Nos. 17 and 18, which are located in the northbound lane of Cherry Valley Avenue, between 6th Street and the Garden City Schools Administration building. Trenching will occur primarily in the northbound lane. Single lane closures should be expected during this work.

ST. PAUL'S VINE REMOVAL

With regards to vine removal at St. Paul's, Trustees rejected the second lowest bidder, Greenvelvet Landscape Contractors, Inc., as they were nonresponsive and awarded the bid to Dom's Lawnmaker, Inc., of Port Washington, the third lowest bidder, for a total cost of \$78,864. The cost of this bid is \$16,864 over the estimate. However, additional funding is available in the St. Paul's Recreation Facility Capital Account. A total of five invitations to bid were sent and five bids were received. Bid specifications were advertised on New York State Contract Reporter.