

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APRIL 2, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Garden City in the County of Nassau, New York, was held via Zoom video/audio (due to the Coronavirus Pandemic) on April 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Theresa A. Trouvé, Trustees Robert A. Bolebruch, Stephen S. Makrinos, John M. Delany, Louis M. Minuto, Mark A. Hyer, Colleen E. Foley and Brian C. Daughney.

Also Present: Ralph V. Suozzi, Village Administrator  
Karen M. Altman, Village Clerk  
Kenneth O. Jackson, Chairman, Board of Police Commissioners  
Irene Woo, Village Treasurer  
Giuseppe Giovanniello, Superintendent of Building Department  
Thomas Stryko, Chief Fire Department  
Domenick Stanco, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works  
Paul Blake, Chairman, Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs

Budget Review Committee Members:

Mr. Shane Pomeroy  
Ms. Yvonne Varano  
Mr. Robert Wolf

Audience: Approximately 7

The Clerk reported that due notice of this meeting had been served on each member of the Board.

Mayor Trouvé called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct a work session for the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, but that due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, it is necessary to add an item to tonight's meeting for approval by the Board of Trustees.

TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE RULES AND PROCEDURES

On motion of Trustee Daughney the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2020

RESOLVED, to temporarily suspend the Rules and Procedures of the Board of Trustees, to add an item to this meeting, specifically to adopt a resolution with regard to the Families First Coronavirus Act.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYES: 8  
NOES: 0

The resolution was declared adopted.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Adopt a resolution in connection with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Board authorization is requested to adopt a resolution in connection with the Families First Coronavirus Response Act as outlined in the below resolution.

Trustee Daughney offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2020

WHEREAS, on or about March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a national emergency regarding the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 18, 2020, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“Act”), which included a temporary expansion of the FMLA and emergency paid leave provisions, was signed into federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Act is due to take effect no later than April 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Act permits covered employers, including public employers, to exclude emergency responders and health care providers from the applicable FMLA and emergency paid leave provisions of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Inc. Village of Garden City recognizes that its emergency responders and/or health care providers deliver critical public health and safety emergency services to the Village’s residents and businesses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Effective immediately, and to the extent it may be required by federal law or regulation, the Village hereby exempts and excludes its emergency responders from any applicable FMLA and emergency paid leave provisions of the Act, including, but not limited to, all members of its Police and Fire and EMS/Ambulance Departments as may exist, as well as all Public Works personnel and any other job classifications and/or employees as may be excludable under federal law and regulations.
2. The Village reserves the right to modify or terminate this Resolution at any time in order to meet the needs of the Village and its employees.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYES: 8  
NOES: 0

The resolution was declared adopted.

Mayor Trouvé then called upon Ralph Suozzi who presented two different scenarios of the Capital Budget. Irene Woo presented the Operating Budget and various Department Heads were called upon by the Board Members to answer general budget questions with regard to their Department. After much discussion it was determined that at least one or two more budget work sessions will be needed before the 2020/2021 budget can be adopted. The next budget work session will be held via Zoom video/audio on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.