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Online Annual Report



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Incorporated Village of GARDEN CITY

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LOCATION

Central Nassau County
20 miles east of midtown Manhattan
5.3 square miles

GOVERNMENT

Founded in 1869 and Incorporated in 1919
Governed by a Mayor and seven Trustees
Village Administrator and Executive Staff

POPULATION

22,371 (2010 United States Census)

SERVICES

Police, Fire, Business Office, Building, Engineering,
Street/Highway, Water/Sewer, Sanitation/Recycling,
Parks/Recreation and Justice Court

RESIDENTIAL HOMES

Homes - 6,486
Condominiums - 513
Apartments/Co-ops - 636

BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Commercial area includes banks, investment firms, office complexes, retail businesses, major department stores, variety of restaurants and food establishments and a four-star hotel

SCHOOLS

Seven public school buildings, eight private/parochial schools and one university (Adelphi University)

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Eleven houses of worship

*Photo for cover and inside cover; Suzie Alvey

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This is the eighty-fourth published Annual Report, covering the 2016-2017 fiscal year (June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017). It highlights the operations of the municipal government of Garden City. The purpose of the Annual Report is to keep the residents of Garden City informed on the activities of the past year. This is vital in the process of interactive government. It should be noted that references are made to State, County, Town and School District; these agencies operate separately and have their own power of taxation.

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To Our Fellow Residents of Garden City,

We are proud to present to you the Annual Report for fiscal year June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017. While the primary purpose of the report is to provide fiscal year-end financial data, we would like to take this opportunity to provide a review of the various projects and undertakings achieved in the 2016-2017 fiscal year and also some forward looking information.

I look forward to continuing my work as a Member of the Board of Trustees and serving as your Mayor. Our entire Board remains committed to proactively working for the Village, as a whole, in an effort to maintain services in the most efficient way possible. The mission of the Board of Trustees is to provide oversight for the services and programs that offer quality of life and preserve the character of our Village. We are the guardians of your tax dollars, and we take that responsibility seriously. Each one of us is a resident and taxpayer and we volunteer our time on your behalf to protect your investment in our community. Among other things, we require that our professional staff deliver follow-up status reports to ensure goals are met on time, and within budget, to make sure we spend your hard earned tax dollars wisely.

For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, we had a tax levy of 0.12% and a budget of \$57,943,195. We finished the year with a budget surplus of \$1,926,034. We have continued our Triple A Bond Rating, the highest possible rating assigned by credit rating agencies.

We strive to maintain municipal services while improving efficiency, enhancing public safety, preserving our infrastructure and providing recreational programs for every age group. We must also plan for the future. It is my view that we cannot continuously do the same things over and over as may have been done in the past unless these things have value and purpose. We have a great and enviable Village history; at the same time, stagnation will not benefit any of us.

We are in the service business. Manual labor is and will remain the backbone of our ability to provide services. A computer or new accounting system cannot cut the acres of grass and trim the thousands of trees here in the Village, or install water mains or pave roads or pick up garbage. At the same time, however, we are continuing our efforts to utilize technology and new management methods to increase productivity and to scrutinize the performance of our workforce. We value our workers; however, our workforce must appreciate that everyone lives on a budget and residents cannot be asked to support a never-ending request for more benefits and more labor-related costs. We have and will contract for the provision of services when it makes sense to do so.

Accomplishing all of this requires a delicate balance of priorities and careful analysis of our operating expenses and capital expenditures so that we can establish both long- and short-range goals by differentiating between immediate needs and wish lists. As with most communities and our country at large, we have an aging infrastructure and we started to address these issues a few years ago. Replacing a water tower is not sexy and does not have the flash appeal of a new ball field; however, it has to be done.

In the finance area we have made great strides in improving not only reporting formats but the ability to monitor the budget to make sure we keep our expenditures and revenues in line with forecasts. The Finance Department has begun Phase One of three long-term projects to update and improve financial systems, which includes replacing the existing Tax Billing and Assessments System and ensuring that information is linked with the Building Department system. One of the many benefits of this project will be to allow residents to access information online.

Though keeping our tax increases at a minimum is clearly important, long-term capital projects and improvements to our roads and other infrastructure must be accomplished. As stated above, we must plan for the future, and this entails setting long-term capital needs. In our five-year Capital Plan, we currently have several non-paving related projects slated for commencement such as new generators for the Senior Center, DPW Municipal Yard and Clinton Road Fire Station; the reconstruction of a more than 100 year-old sewer pump station; security upgrades to all critical Village assets, including the utilization of security cameras; and the evaluation and rehabilitation of all fire stations in the Village.

Plans are also moving forward to replace the 84-year-old water tower off Old Country Road which we expect to commence no later than Spring 2018. The water tower does not need replacement because it has not been maintained; it, like many Village assets, has reached the end of its useful life. Further, we are working with our Chamber of Commerce and Planning Commission, as well as several restaurant owners and commercial building owners, to review our Main Business District and New Hyde Park Road commercial areas to determine how we can improve our streetscape and parking.

The \$1.7 million road repairs budget provided for the milling and paving of 5.13 miles of road and parking lots in 2016. The road resurfacing program continues in 2017, including the repaving of parking fields at the Country Life Press and Stewart Manor railroad stations.

Additionally, projects identified in Phase I of the Department of Recreation and Parks Strategic Plan continue to enhance recreation facilities, parks and programs. Fields 3 & 4 at Community Park were completely overhauled with new irrigation, new under drain systems and synthetic turf infields. We also started work in the 2016-2017 fiscal year to convert the former grass soccer field into a multi-sport turf field outfitted for football, soccer and lacrosse which we opened for use in August 2017.

All five neighborhood parks also underwent needed improvements, as well as Stewart Field. This work is ongoing as we just completed a ball field renovation at Hemlock Park and will soon begin work on Field #1 at Community Park. Heavily used Cluett Hall and the Field House both underwent renovations in fiscal year 2016, including the installation of new LED lighting in both facilities, refinished hardwood floors at Cluett Hall and a new pour over Pulastic floor in the Field House. We did not rely completely on tax revenue for these projects; a significant portion of the funds are being generated through user fees. We have also recently embarked on developing a conceptual analysis of a recreation-based community facility out of the former St. Paul's School.

Further, the Garden City Public Library's aging elevator was completely refurbished in 2016. First installed back in 1973, the elevator had served the public for 40 years before clearly showing its age in the last two years. The modernized elevator is now ADA-compliant.

The Board of Trustees and our Building Department are frequently considering changes to our Village codes to modernize them. For example, in late 2016 Trustees adopted three local laws that modify existing code as it pertains to residential setback requirements, demolition permits and architectural review. You can review these local laws right on the Village's website, under the "Administration and Organization" tab.

Volunteers are the true fabric of this community and are what make this particular form of government work. We rely on residents to volunteer for our numerous Boards and Commissions. We also encourage you to participate in your respective Property Owners' Associations. Not only will you find the relationship rewarding but you will be helping to perpetuate the excellent quality of life we enjoy in our community.



Respectfully yours,

Brian C. Daughney
Mayor, Village of Garden City
November 6, 2017

A History of Garden City

Garden City was the dream of Alexander Turney Stewart, a self-made merchant millionaire from New York City who in 1869 successfully offered \$55 per acre to purchase 7,170 acres of the Hempstead Plains, a treeless expanse being auctioned by the Town of Hempstead. This land extended from what is now Floral Park to Bethpage and from Old Country Road to near Hempstead Turnpike.

Stewart's goal was to create a model Village of country living for those residing in the City. In order to facilitate that, he created a railroad to provide easy travel between the two locations. The development was concentrated just to the north of Hempstead Village on a tract of about 750 acres. Under the guidance of John Kellum, Stewart's architect, streets were rapidly laid out, trees planted, a municipal water works started and a hotel constructed opposite the railroad station along with stores and houses of various sizes which were to be rented. By 1874, 40 families lived in the Village.

Following Stewart's sudden death in 1876, his wife Cornelia continued development with the assistance of Judge Henry Hilton, his financial advisor. In memory of her husband she had the Cathedral of the Incarnation built along with St. Paul's School for boys, St. Mary's School for girls and a See house for the Bishop of the Episcopal Church, which moved its seat from Brooklyn to Long Island. The land to the west of the Village was devoted to a profitable farming operation.

When Cornelia Stewart died in 1886, having no children, the next seven years were spent settling the Stewart estate among cousins and pretenders. Finally in 1893 the heirs formed the Garden City Company to continue orderly development of the community. In 1906 a tract was sold to become Garden City Estates, while in 1910 construction in the area to the east was started.

By 1918 Central Garden City and Garden City Estates each had about 160 homes with 50 more located in Garden City East. After intense negotiation which resulted in our Community Agreement, these areas were incorporated in 1919 to form our vibrant Village of today with 7,500 homes and 22,000 residents.



Alexander Turney Stewart



Cornelia Clinch Stewart

The Garden City Archives

The Village Historian is responsible for collecting and preserving material related to the history of the Village, and making this material available to interested residents and those doing research. Included are photographs, maps, correspondence, newspaper articles, scrapbooks, artifacts and records of community activities.

William Bellmer, the Village Historian, and Suzie Alvey, the Assistant Village Historian, are volunteers appointed by the Mayor.



William Bellmer, Village Historian, and Suzie Alvey, Assistant Village Historian, with painting of George L. Hubbell, the first Mayor of Garden City

The Village has an extensive historical collection. Part of it constitutes the Village Archives files, located in the Garden City Public Library and administered by the Historian. Another part is located in the Stewart Room at the Library, administered jointly by the Historian and the Library. The Stewart Room collection contains Garden City-related books, yearbooks, local telephone directories and many books on Long Island history in general. A third repository is located at the Garden City Historical Society house on Eleventh Street, administered by that organization.

Over 1,900 photographs in the Village Archives have been digitized and are available to view in the Garden City Public Library Collection at <http://www.NYHeritage.org>. The *Garden City News*, our Village newspaper started in 1923, is available at the Library in bound copies, microfilm or DVD form depending on the year. A project to digitize these issues is ongoing, with some viewable at <http://www.NYSHistoricNewspapers.org>.

The Village Historian can be contacted at Historian@GardenCityNY.net to answer questions related to our history, to access the Stewart Room for research or browsing or to discuss the acquisition of any items residents may have (or copies of them) that will augment our collection.

Community Agreement

The Garden City Company, established in 1893 to oversee the interests of the A.T. Stewart estate, managed the developed portion of the Village Mr. Stewart started. In 1906 the Garden City Company sold land to its west to another company which started development of an area called Garden City Estates. In 1918 a dispute between the two areas occurred when the Estates wished to incorporate as a separate Village while the older section wished to maintain the status quo. At that time the unofficial boundaries of the area were considered to be the same as that of the school district, which had been established in the 1800s.

To break the impasse, resident and lawyer C. Walter Randall drafted a "gentlemen's agreement with no legal binding force" that provided equal representation for both groups and was accepted by the residents. This led to the Village's 1919 incorporation, generally aligned with the school district boundaries.

This Community Agreement created a unique form of government, with a volunteer Board of Trustees now representing the four sections of the Village, elected by a non-partisan vote of residents.

Every year each Property Owners' Association conducts a Resident Electors Meeting on the third Tuesday of January. Candidates are proposed by the POA and can be contested by others residing in that POA section. The successful candidates are then cross-endorsed by the other POAs and have always been presented unopposed as the Community Agreement Party in the official election held on the third Tuesday in March. Two trustees represent each section of the Village for two-year terms, each trustee position up for election in alternating years. The Mayor is elected in place of a trustee position every other year on a rotating basis among the sections of the Village: Central, West, Estates, East.

This policy has been scrupulously observed over the years and has been instrumental in creating and continuing a spirit of unselfish cooperation and a non-political attitude with respect to the administration of municipal affairs.

The Board of Trustees appoints the various Boards and Commissions to serve them in advisory capacities, those volunteer positions being filled by recommendations from the Property Owners' Associations.

Mr. Randall's description in 1946 of the controversy that led to the writing of The Community Agreement, along with its minor revisions over the years, is available to view online at www.GardenCityNY.net, under the Village History tab. The original document is on display at Village Hall.



C. WALTER RANDALL, ESQ.

Board of Trustees

This Annual Report contains information relating to the Village's various Departments as well as budget information for the period of June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017. The Board of Trustees, who were in office at the close of this fiscal year, are shown.



THERESA A. TROUVÉ
*Deputy Mayor
Central Section*



BRIAN C. DAUGHNEY
*Mayor
Estates Section*



JOHN A. DEMARO
*Deputy Mayor
Estates Section*



ROBERT A. BOLEBRUCH
*Trustee
Western Section*



JOHN M. DELANY
*Trustee
Eastern Section*



STEPHEN S. MAKRINOS
*Trustee
Western Section*



LOUIS M. MINUTO
*Trustee
Central Section*



MARK A. HYER
*Trustee
Eastern Section*

Administration, Organization and Village Council



RALPH V. SUOZZI
Village Administrator

Village Administrator

Garden City's Chief Administrative Officer fills the role of Village Administrator. Responsible to the Mayor and Board of Trustees, he coordinates the activities of the Village Departments to ensure the effective delivery of municipal services.

Duties of the Office include providing the Board with essential information and recommendations that are necessary in formulating policies designed to maintain and enhance Village operations. The Village Administrator also assists the Village Treasurer in coordinating and preparing the Village budget and its implementation after adoption by the Board.

Village Clerk

The Village Clerk serves as the Clerk to the Board of Trustees. Responsible for the recording of all of its proceedings and decisions, the Village Clerk is the Election Officer for Village Elections and the Collector of Taxes. In addition to maintaining all legal notices for the Village of Garden City, the Village Clerk is the custodian of all municipal records and facilitator of other duties as determined by the Board of Trustees and Village Administrator.



KAREN M. ALTMAN
Village Clerk

Executive Staff

Members of the Executive Staff represent each Department of the Village and report directly to the Village Administrator.

Village Council

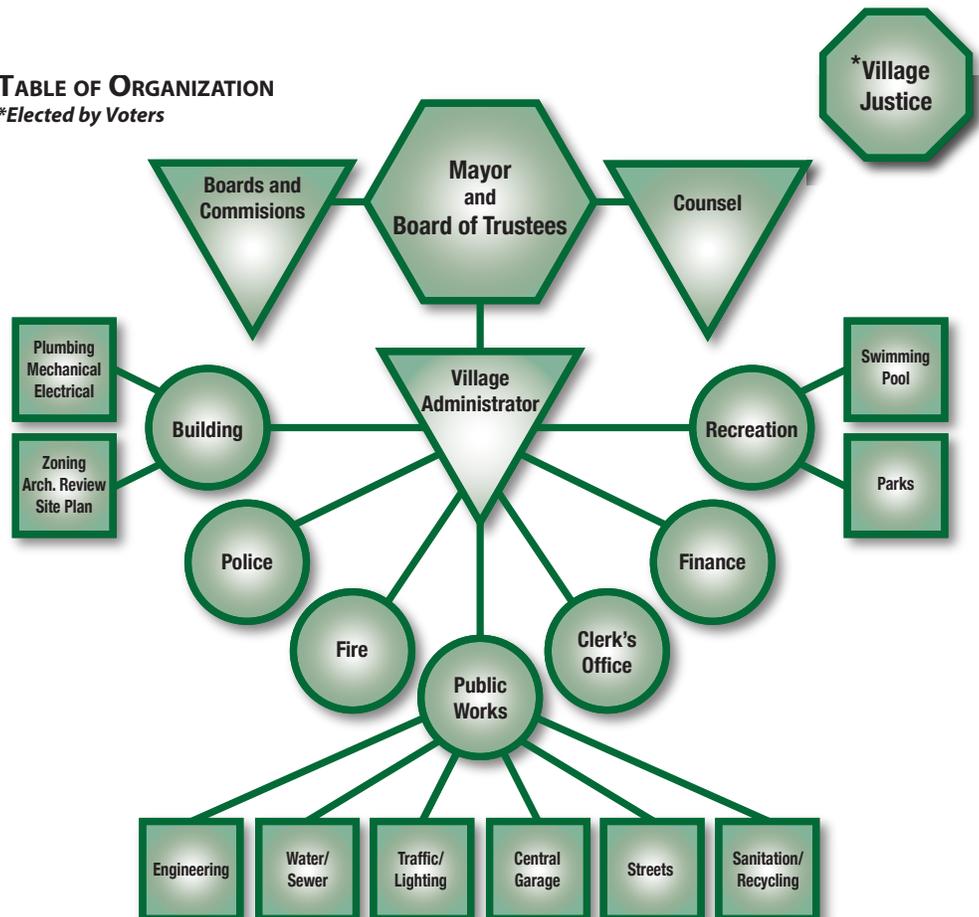
The Village retains two law firms as counsel to the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administrator and their advisory Boards and Commissions. Both firms maintain their own offices and staff independent of Village offices.

Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP, acts as the general Village Attorney and advises on all municipal legal matters, including legislation (local laws), zoning and other ordinances, real estate assessments, public hearings and elections.

Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, provides legal services in connection with collective bargaining agreements and labor matters.

In addition, Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, is engaged as municipal bond counsel for special bond and note issues.

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION
*Elected by Voters



Justice Court



ALLEN S. MATHERS
Village Justice
Elected by the Residents to a 4 year term



BRIAN T. DEVENEY
Associate Justice
Appointed by the Mayor to a 1 year term



MERRIL S. BISCONI
Associate Justice
Appointed by the Mayor to a 1 year term

Garden City has one of the busiest village courts in the State. The Court has jurisdiction over the enforcement of our Village Code, including parking tickets and zoning code violations, as well as New York State Vehicle and Traffic Violations and Misdemeanors, Alcoholic Beverage Control Law Matters and Federal Motor Carrier Act Violations.

The Court may impose fines, sentence convicted defendants to imprisonment or enter into agreements with defendants to perform community service in lieu of traditional sentencing, where warranted.

The Village Justice and Associate Justices receive no compensation for their service.

Boards, Commissions and Committees

Residents are appointed by the Mayor and Board of Trustees to serve on various Boards and Commissions and do so without compensation. Those listed below held the noted position during this past fiscal year.

Architectural Design Review Board

This Board examines the exterior design of buildings for the purpose of maintaining appropriate standards of appearance with respect to the specific buildings and their relationship to their surroundings. All plans for new buildings, additions, alterations and signs are required to be submitted, with the exception of additions or alterations to one-family homes. Seven members of the Board are appointed for three-year terms. Amended July 19, 2012 in order to allow alternate members.

Hugh S. Lacy (1991), <i>Chairman</i>	Celia M. Petersen (2010)	Daniel Fabrizi (2015)
Donald A. Hickey, Jr. (2006), <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Cosmo Venezia (2012)	William Alisse (2014), <i>Alternate Member</i>
Barbara M. Ruggiero (2008)	Phil Santantonio (2015)	

Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs

This Board consists of eight members; one representative from each section of the Village and four at-large members. The Commissioners oversee development of the Village's Recreation Program. Amended November 21, 2013 to allow for two additional members.

Kevin E. Ocker (2003), <i>Chairman</i>	Timothy E. Stapleford (2008)	Kristina Russo (2013)
Michael Ryder (1997)	Kenneth R. Moody (2011)	Judy Courtney (2013)
Patrick J. Manley (2007)		

Board of Library Trustees

Five qualified residents of the Village are appointed to five-year terms on the Board of Library Trustees and are responsible for Library operations.

J. Randolph Colahan (2002), <i>Chairman</i>	Peter L. D'Antonio (2013)	Charles J. Murphy (2014)
Gloria Weinrich (2004), <i>Vice Chairperson</i>	Lola Nouryan (2013)	

Board of Police Commissioners

Members of this Board supervise, control and direct the operations of the Police Department. Each year, members of the Board are appointed by the Mayor and ratified by the Board of Trustees. The Chairman is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Police Department, its own Police Officers and the civilian staff.

Kenneth O. Jackson (1985), <i>Chairman</i>	Theresa A. Trouvé (2014)	Ralph V. Suozzi (2014)
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Environmental Advisory Board

This eight-member Board is appointed for four-year terms. The Chairperson is a Member of the Board of Trustees. This Board is responsible to the Board of Trustees and reports on environmental matters affecting the Village. Additionally, the Superintendent of Public Works acts as Recording Secretary and Garden City High School is represented by up to three students.

John M. Delany (2015), <i>Chairman</i>	Laurence J. Quinn (2013)	Evelyn Fasano (2016)
Leo Stimmler (2006)	Carole Neidich-Ryder (2014)	Nicholas C. Rigano (2016)
Elizabeth M. Bailey (2010)	James L. Bauer (2014)	Jack McKernan (2016), <i>GCHS Rep</i>

Planning Commission

This Commission is appointed for terms of three years. The group reviews plans for the development of vacant areas, streets, parks and other public places and subdivisions of private property to assure consistency with established community standards. With the exception of a one-family dwelling on a single plot, the Planning Commission also performs site plan review for all new buildings, additions to buildings, altered land use activities and projects containing more than one home. The Commission also conducts studies and is advisory to the Board of Trustees on matters relating to zoning, parking and other issues.

H. Bradford Gustavson (1999), <i>Chairman</i>	Neil J. Sweeney (2012)	Craig G. Biscone (2014)
Charles Palagonia (2006)	Keith Galanti (2014)	Scott Brandewiede (2016)
William A. Bellmer (2009)	Sean M. O'Brien (2014)	Gregory E. Senken (2016)

Boards, Commissions and Committees

Traffic Commission

The Traffic Commission is appointed annually by the Mayor and ratified by the Board of Trustees. The Commission is comprised of one Trustee from each of the four sections of the Village, who are voting members. The Superintendent of Public Works and the Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners act in a supporting role. This Commission is responsible for traffic control operations and devices. Requests for signs by residents related to quality of life issues and review of parking regulations are discussed at monthly meetings and determinations are made as required.

Mark A. Hyer (2017), *Chairman*
Robert A. Bolebruch (2013)

Theresa A. Trouvé (2014)
John A. DeMaro (2011)

Kenneth O. Jackson (1985)
Joe DiFrancisco (2016)

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals interprets the Zoning Code and makes decisions on applications for variances and special permits. The Board consists of five members and one alternate member who serve for five-year terms.

Robert L. Cunningham (1985), *Chairman*
John G. Villanella (1989)

Michael T. Schroder (1992)
Brian Paradine (2004)

John A. Ardito (2008)
Peter E. Gall (2009), *Alternate Member*

Civic Beautification Committee

Working with the Village Arborist, the Committee assists in selecting the type and placement of flowers and trees on the Village's many public properties and pursuing the long-held goal of making the Village an official arboretum.

Althea Robinson (1988), *Chairperson*
Kathleen Auro (2005)

Suzanne Alvey (2009)

Patricia Siler (2016)

Board of Ethics

The Board of Ethics recognizes that there are rules of ethical conduct for public officers and employees which must be observed if a high degree of moral conduct is to be obtained and if public confidence is to be maintained in our unit of local government. This Board ensures that all Village Officials and Employees are conducting themselves in such a manner. The Mayor appoints this Board.

Richard V. Silver (2017), *Chairman*

Allen S. Mathers (1988)

Valerie Rothschild (2017)

Water Authority of Western Nassau County

The Water Authority is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members, two appointed by the Town of Hempstead, one appointed by the Town of North Hempstead and one member each appointed by the village boards of the Villages of Bellerose, Floral Park, Garden City, New Hyde Park, South Floral Park and Stewart Manor. Each member's term is two years. The principal responsibilities of the board are to oversee the operational and financial needs of the Authority including but not limited to the approval of management recommendations as to capital and operational expenditures, acquisitions, monthly invoices, Capital Plans and budgets, bond issuance and water rates, outside vendors and overseeing all personal matters including employee benefits and matters of compensation. These and others matters are the subject of each meeting and corresponding resolutions requiring approval are voted on by the Board.

John A. Ardito (2008)

Citizens Budget Review Committee

Representatives from each Property Owners' Association assist the Board of Trustees in the budget process.

Joseph Colletti (2012/13-2016/17), *Chairman*
Nicholas Vernice (2016/17)
Steve Forte (2016/17)

Danielle Kilkenny (2016/17)
Richard Nessler (2015/16-2016/2017)

Joseph Caroselli (2014/15-2016/17)
Michael Tiedemann (2016/17)

Historian

The Historian is appointed by the Mayor and is responsible for collecting and preserving material relating to the Village's history. In addition to historic preservation, the Village Historian also provides information to interested residents and those doing research.

William H. Bellmer (2015)

Local Laws

The Village Board of Trustees adopted the following 14 Local Laws. A summary is provided after each Law for your reference.

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LOCAL LAW 3-2016: ADOPT CHAPTER 185 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS

Adopted to provide a specific regulatory framework for processing applications for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in order to further the safety and general welfare of the Village in that it will ensure that wireless equipment installed in the Village complies with federal law and regulations governing telecommunications facilities. The Board of Trustees also implemented a set of regulations that apply to and govern any and all applications for commercial, wireless facilities in the Village.

LOCAL LAW 4-2016: AFFORDABLE HOUSING DENSITY BONUS

Pursuant to Judgment issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and to the extent affirmed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, the Village is required to take certain actions in furtherance of development of affordable housing (as defined in that Judgment) within the Village. Consistent with the Village's adopted policy to foster fair housing, and the terms and provisions of that Judgment, the Village adopted this local law to provide for a system of density bonuses for affordable housing.

LOCAL LAW 5-2016: AMEND CHAPTER 61 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING BAMBOO

Amended with regard to the planting and/or growing of bamboo, a plant not indigenous to Long Island, within the Village of Garden City. The Village declared it necessary to regulate or prohibit the planting and/or growing of bamboo within the Village.

LOCAL LAW 6-2016: ADOPT CHAPTER 8 REGARDING THE VILLAGE CLERK

Adopted to set the terms of office for the appointed position of Village Clerk.

LOCAL LAW 7-2016: AMEND CHAPTER 63 OF THE VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS

Amended to prohibit any owner of Village land to permit noxious weeds, long grass or other rank growths on real property owned by such person or on any abutting property between said property line and the gutter. A notice to correct any aforementioned condition can be served either personally or by mail. Failure to comply with the notice within the time frame specified shall cause the condition to be corrected and the cost thereof assessed against said property owner and shall become a lien against the property if left unpaid for a 30-day period.

LOCAL LAW 8-2016: AMEND CHAPTER 61 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING BAMBOO

Amended with regard to the planting and/or growing of bamboo, which is prohibited in the Village. Any person who plants or grows bamboo within the Village shall be deemed to be in violation, and shall be subject to penalties.

LOCAL LAW 9-2016: AMEND CHAPTER 197 REGARDING BACKFLOW FINES AND PENALTIES

Amended with regard to violation notices and fines for the owner, lessee or occupant of any dwelling, dwelling unit, multi-family dwelling, industrial or commercial building, structure, enclosure or premises. Any such person who fails to comply with a violation notice for a 30-day period or more shall be assessed a \$500 fine. Failure to correct the violation within 30 days of a final notice results in termination of water service and a second fine of \$1,500.

LOCAL LAW 10-2016: AMEND CHAPTER 185 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS

Amendments were made to Chapter 185 of the Village Code, which was adopted earlier in 2016 to provide a specific regulatory framework for processing applications for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities in order to further the safety and general welfare of the Village in that it will ensure that wireless equipment installed in the Village complies with federal law and regulations governing telecommunications facilities.

LOCAL LAW 11-2016: PERMITTING HOTELS AS CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USE IN C-R DISTRICT

Amended to allow hotels as a conditionally permitted use in the C-R District, so as to allow construction of a Marriott Residence Inn and related improvements. The Board of Trustees determined this to be consistent with the Village comprehensive zoning plans.

LOCAL LAW 12-2016: AMEND CHAPTER 200 OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING ZONING

Amended to include regulations concerning siting and use of permanent and portable backup generators in the Village.

LOCAL LAW 13-2016: AMEND CHAPTER 200 OF THE VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING SINGLE AND AGGREGATE SETBACKS

Amended with regard to single and aggregate setback requirements for residential buildings in the Village. The code change increases the minimum required distance between the sides of a new house and adjacent homes by three feet on a 60' x 100' plot. Plots between 60' and 75' feet wide require combined side setbacks of 30 percent of the front width of the plot.

LOCAL LAW 14-2016: AMEND CHAPTER 57 OF THE VILLAGE CODE (ADRB) DEMOLITION PERMITS

Amended to establish new requirements on the issuance of demolition permits for residential buildings in the Village. If a property is to be left vacant after demolition the owner is required to fill in the foundation, grade the property and plant grass. If the property is left vacant, a bond or some other form of liquid security is required if the Village has to mitigate the problem.

LOCAL LAW 15-2016: AMEND CHAPTER 57 WITH RESPECT TO ADRB (REFERRAL PROCEDURES)

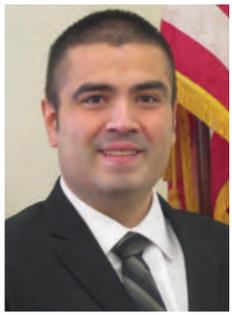
Amended to modify the list of Building Department applications subject to review by the Architectural Design Review Board (ADRB). The change more clearly defines the ADRB's authority regarding major alterations to the exterior of a house visible from the street. More formal guidelines are now required to obtain ADRB approval for an extension, structural changes or major alterations that could impact the streetscape. Roof repairs, siding replacement, paint jobs, window replacements or other home improvements to the front of the property where the changes are "in kind" replacements and do not require structural changes would not require ADRB approval.

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LOCAL LAW 1-2017: AMEND CHAPTER 197 CONCERNING WATER

Amended to include new provisions governing the installation of radio-read water meters throughout the Village and the reading of manually-read water meters; enforcement; and fees and charges.

Building Department



**AUSBERTO "OZZIE"
HUERTAS, JR.**
Superintendent of Building

The Building Department is responsible for monitoring all construction that takes place on private property within the Village; the purpose of which is to ensure that the work is done in a safe, reliable and energy-efficient manner so as to protect and serve the occupants in both commercial buildings and private homes.

This is accomplished by adhering to various codes and standards including, but not limited to, the Village Zoning Code, the New York State Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical and Energy Codes, as well as other regulations and reference standards. To achieve that objective, the Department reviews plans, conducts inspections and guides applicants through pre-approval procedures that may be required. These include the Architectural Design Review Board, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Department also prepares the agendas, publishes the notices, attends the meetings and serves in an advisory capacity for these agencies.

This year, construction of commercial properties, new residential homes and all additions and alterations substantially increased again when compared to last year. The increased demand is collaborated by statistical data shown below, along with large volumes of F.O.I.L. requests and title searches processed by this Department. The Department collected permit fees totaling \$1,534,000. This translates to roughly \$77,000,000 of construction value, of which \$107,375 in fees was collected for review boards' applications. The review boards consist of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Architectural Design Review Board and Zoning Change Review Committee.

Departmental personnel consist of a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, three Inspectors, two Administrative Assistants and two Consultants. The technical staff is required to attain 24 hours / credits of continuing education training annually in order to maintain their required New York State Code Enforcement certification. We strive to make the interaction with our Department as pleasant and professional as possible. To that end, we are available to assist people through the process and offer advice when needed.



The newly renovated Girl Scouts Garden City Service Center at 110 Ring Road West

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY

Building Permits	396
Plumbing Permits	339
Mechanical Permits	417
Electrical Permits	494
Approx. No. of Inspections	3,595
Certificates of Occupancy	153
Certificates of Compliance	1,497
Letters in Lieu	17
Architectural Design Review Board	78
Planning Commission	3
Zoning Board of Appeals	107
Zoning Change Review Committee	1

Recreation and Parks Department

This year, the Garden City Recreation and Parks Department continued to contribute to the quality of life in Garden City by following its mission to enrich the lives of residents, serve as stewards of Village resources and foster a sense of community by providing diverse and valued parks, open space recreational facilities and programs.

Our recreational resources and the many programs that utilize them offer residents of all ages a broad range of leisure activities. Over 400,000 visitors participated in thousands of sports games and practices at our various facilities while utilizing 100 acres of parkland as well as the indoor facilities in the winter months. The Department's software system continues to ease the process for resident registrations, payments and invoices. Once residents register in the system they are given the option of making electronic credit card payments for programs and activities.

The Garden City Pool, in its 60th year of operation, once again offered a diverse summer program of activities. As a result over 1,463 families, about 70 percent of resident families with children, and a total of 9,365 residents joined the Pool, enjoying a most unique aquatics facility with special events, concerts, swim lessons and competitive swim teams, all included with membership. With over 75,000 visitors in the 12-week season, the Pool remained our community's flagship recreational facility. In a continuous effort to improve the "member experience" improvements to the infrastructure were completed that included the full bathhouse renovation, new shade structure, creation of the indoor dining area and installation of the handicapped access gate.

Other major recreational facilities such as the St. Paul's Recreation Complex and Community Park again

played major roles in meeting the needs of the community. In addition the Senior Center continued to service over 1,300 resident seniors per month who participate in a myriad of planned activities and programs including yoga, Zumba, meditation, Tai Chi, Mahjongg, Billiards, exercise and Ping Pong. In addition this new facility is a meeting center for many local organizations and offers daily opportunity to resident seniors to socialize. With full kitchen facilities this new resource can comfortably accommodate seating for over 130 and is available for rental.

The Senior Advisory Committee continues to be a vital resource by improving communication, assisting in the planning of day trips and placing special emphasis on promoting all the activities offered at the Senior Center. Over 160 seniors attended the "End of the Summer Barbecue" and each monthly Senior Luncheon, sponsored by the Garden City Chamber of Commerce, was filled to capacity. The Senior Center, "A Community Resource" and its diverse programs truly enriches the lives of our resident seniors.

This past year the Department began the implementation of facility improvements projected in Phase I of the Strategic Plan. This multi-year capital investment program contains four major goals: 1. Bring fields and facilities to the high standards residents expect. 2. Upgrade and enhance our field and facilities management and maintenance program to maximize utilization and

enjoyment of all recreational assets while protecting capital investments. 3. Review all programs currently offered by the Department with an aim to assure that the broad range of community needs are being met while matching resources to interest and demand. 4. Source funds necessary to fuel the capital investment program by optimizing revenues derived from field and facility rentals, programs and other user fees. Dramatic improvements within Community Park included the completion of the full renovation of Fields 3 and 4 and the installation of the full size lighted multi-sport turf field. Grove Park playground was replaced, irrigation was installed in all parks, the cinder track was removed from St. Paul's and the Field House and Cluett Hall were fully renovated, including new flooring, paint and LED lighting. In addition four neighborhood park ball fields were totally renovated.

The Department continued working with our local sports organizations maximizing the use of all of its athletic fields, the St. Paul's Field House and Cluett Hall for thousands of local youths participating in intramural and travel



KEVIN E. OCKER
Chairman,
Board of Commissioners of
Cultural and Recreational
Affairs



The Summer Concert Series on the Village Green



New playground equipment at Grove Park

Recreation and Parks Department



New flooring in the St. Paul's Field House

soccer (1,750), baseball (940), lacrosse (675) and basketball (1,045). With summer sports camps again filled to capacity with resident sports enthusiasts, we continued expanding offerings to children with interests other than sports. Recreational camps in science, yoga, theater, the environment and computers were all well attended. In an effort to reduce operational costs, several more summer camps were contracted out to U.S. Sports Institute Inc., which provided multi-sport soccer and field hockey camps that were also filled to capacity.

At the height of the summer, our neighborhood parks program was again very well attended by resident children in first through eighth grades participating in organized sporting activities, playground games, arts and crafts and special supervised day trips to Adventureland and Splish Splash Water Park.



The fully lighted, multi-sport turf field at Community Park

Cultural opportunities in the form of the Summer Concert Series on the Village Green and dance instruction for adults and children, including classes in ballet, stretch, jazz and modern dance, were offered again this year. The Department's 119 Dance Company students performed with great enthusiasm to a packed house of family and friends during the "Annual Student Showcase" at Adelphi University's Olmsted Theatre. Great choreography by Recreation Staff, combined with the students' hard work, resulted in a special evening for the art of dance.

Garden City's beautiful tree-lined streets and its urban forest containing 12,211 trees are the result of a comprehensive Tree Management Program and continued guidance from the Arbor Restoration Plan developed in 2013. Each year after careful inspection approximately 80 trees are removed from inventory and replaced

with new cultivars offering interesting characteristics and increased biodiversity. Under the guidance of the Village's certified arborist, the Village was once again awarded the designation of "Tree City USA" by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. This special designation is awarded to municipalities who have established tree management plans within their communities and have placed special importance on the education of youth with respect to the important role trees play in our environment.

In an effort to continue to obtain increased efficiencies, the Department reduced its staffing level through normal attrition and continued to outsource the cutting and trimming of 90 acres of open space to the private sector resulting in net operational savings. This outsourcing continues to allow for the redeployment of Parks personnel tasked to raise the level of maintenance and continue the reconstruction of other athletic fields. Special horticultural services included the planting of over 30,000 spring flowering bulbs and 22,000 annual flowers. Horticultural Staff will be working with the Village's Beautification



The Dance Company's Annual Student Showcase at Adelphi University's Olmsted Theatre



A party for seniors at the renovated Senior Center on Golf Club Lane

Committee to enhance our streetscapes throughout the Village with seasonal plantings and displays.

Our Recreation and Parks Administration and Staff, together with members of the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs, will continue to work together to develop new programs for residents, including those with special needs, monitor the use of facilities, obtain efficiencies and provide sound stewardship of facilities and resources. Of special importance will be the continued administration of a significant number of facility improvement projects outlined in Phase I of the Department's Strategic Plan and a beginning look at Phase II of the plan.

New Faces of the Executive Staff



DARCIA PALMER
Deputy Village Treasurer

Darcia Palmer began working for the Village in a consulting role prior to joining the Village in the official capacity of Deputy Village Treasurer in August 2016.

She brings over 19 years of extensive experience in various financial roles, such as Senior Accountant, Finance Manager and Audit Manager. She has held positions in the Retail, Banking and Government industries. She earned an Accounting & Management Studies degree from the University of the West Indies, and has attained the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) certification.

Over the past year, Ms. Palmer has assisted Village Treasurer Irene Woo in overseeing the banking functions for the Village's numerous accounts, the month-end close process, assisting with the annual budget, fiscal year-end close and the year-end audit processes.

She has recently taken on additional responsibilities within the Finance Department in managing the Village's Payroll, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Water Billings and Collections functions as well as managing the staff associated with those areas.

Her accounting and auditing expertise have been instrumental in implementing process improvements within all aspects of the Finance Department. In addition, she is a key member of the Finance Department involved in the Finance Capital Plan in upgrading and improving our financial systems.



JOSEPH DiFRANCISCO
Superintendent of Public Works

Joseph DiFrancisco was first appointed Secretary to the Board of Trustees in September 2016. In this role Mr. DiFrancisco operated as the Deputy Village Administrator, supporting Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi in his role as the Village built its succession planning program.

In March 2017 Mr. DiFrancisco was appointed to the role of Superintendent of Public Works taking on responsibility for all Street Maintenance, Sanitation & Recycling, the Water & Sewer Departments, the Central Garage and the Engineering Department. In addition Mr. DiFrancisco maintains his role as Deputy Village Administrator and will continue to support the Village Administrator.

Mr. DiFrancisco comes to the Village most recently from Bank of America where he served as Vice President, Senior Operations Manager of Vault Services. He brings with him over 20 years of expertise in managing large Corporate operations.

Mr. DiFrancisco is a member of the Village's Environmental Advisory Board, 3rd Track Committee, Traffic Commission, Safety Committee, Deferred Compensation Committee and Dental Committee.



COURTNEY ROSENBLATT
Village Auditor

Courtney Rosenblatt, a resident of Garden City, was appointed to the role of Village Auditor in July 2016. Ms. Rosenblatt utilizes her experiences and knowledge gained as a member of the Village's Citizen's Budget Review Advisory Committee, as well as from over 15 years of varied finance and management experience as a senior level Finance Executive, within private industry.

Throughout her career, she was responsible for preparing and filing complex financial statements, implementing varied business software solutions and being the client lead on independent company audits. She is well versed in all aspects of operational and accounting procedure.

The Village Auditor will serve as a member of the management team conducting independent regular reviews of the departments, through the observation of the operation of internal controls and procedures. These reviews and related reports are intended to assist the Village in assessing the effectiveness and efficiencies of the various departments and developing recommendations to improve performance.

The Village Auditor role has been expanded over the past year to align the goals of the office with those of the Village by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes.

Police Department



KENNETH O. JACKSON
Police Commissioner

The Garden City Police Department prides itself on being a highly professional, service-oriented, proactive police agency. To achieve these goals, the Department emphasizes a policy of omnipresence and preventative patrols in order to deter crime and protect the community.

The enforcement of vehicle and traffic laws, and quality of life violations, has been proven to have a direct impact on criminal activity. Therefore the Department has continued its policy of constant and consistent traffic enforcement, and strict enforcement of the Village Code. This resulted in the issuance of 10,539 traffic citations and 95

Village Code appearance tickets.

In addition to everyday traffic law enforcement, the Department regularly conducts commercial vehicle safety inspections, aggressive driving operations and seat belt checkpoints throughout the Village. In 2016, 212 commercial vehicles were inspected, 1,578 tickets were issued, 122 trucks were placed out of service, 98 vehicles were overweight and 37 were cited for hazardous material violations.



A Police Aide conducting traffic

An area of paramount importance to the Department is the removal of motorists from roadways who pose a danger to residents by operating their vehicles while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. As a result, 42 drivers were arrested for D.W.I. related offenses. There is no doubt that many lives were saved as a result of this effort. M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) recognized the Department's efforts in this area by presenting the Garden City Police Department with its Distinguished Agency Award; an individual Garden City Police Officer was also presented with the M.A.D.D. Achievement Award.

The Parking Enforcement Program contributes to an image of omnipresence and a sense of order and provides a safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. In addition to the police officers on patrol issuing parking tickets, uniformed civilian police aides in conspicuously marked vehicles patrol the many crowded parking fields within the Village. In 2016, 18,990 parking tickets were issued.



Officer John Russell receiving the Nassau County Municipal Police Chiefs Distinguished Service Award

In terms of general police service, the Department documented 11,063 calls for service. These calls included 1,340 calls to assist the injured, the sick and others who were in need because of physical or mental disabilities. In addition, officers responded to 1,340 auto accidents with an additional 311 persons in need of medical attention.

Police Department

In order to improve the ability to provide exemplary service, the Department continues to incorporate technical advances, training and equipment. To offset the costs of these necessary items the Department continually seeks grant opportunities and in 2016 those efforts were rewarded with



A Police vehicle on patrol

receipt of more than \$37,000 in state and local grants. These grants, along with asset forfeiture funds, were utilized to purchase a license plate reader, ballistic protective gear, active shooter equipment, Tasers and carbon monoxide detectors as well as Vehicle and Traffic Law enforcement initiatives including Aggressive Driving, Pedestrian Safety, Seatbelt and D.W.I. campaigns.

In addition the Department received, at no cost to the Village, specialized Sex Offender Investigations training provided by U.S. Marshals, as well as Advanced Mobile Device Investigations training provided by the U.S. Secret Service.

Today's law enforcement environment as well as national security concerns requires a Police Department to be prepared to respond to numerous types of incidents that may threaten the health and safety of the community. To obtain this goal, the Department maintains close working relationships and intelligence sharing with the Department of Homeland Security as well as federal and local police agencies. The Department has also had the full support, cooperation and encouragement of the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Board of Police Commissioners, the Village Administrator and various Village agencies. This has enabled the Police Department to provide the high level of service and dedication to duty the residents of Garden City have come to expect and deserve.

SPECIAL POLICE

The Garden City Special Police, under the Police Commissioner's direction, is comprised of volunteers of the community who provide invaluable assistance to the Garden City Police Department during community events, parades, concerts, street fairs, traffic details and emergency situations such as severe weather events.



The Garden City Special Police receiving the American Legion Law and Order Award

Fire Department

The Garden City Fire Department is a unique Department within our Village government in its rich heritage of public service by members of our own community. The rich heritage is rooted with the independent volunteer fire companies that began to form in the Village in 1899 after a devastating fire at The Garden City Hotel. Then, in 1920, in order to be more organized and bring these independent companies together, 31 local residents became “charter” members of the Garden City Fire Department, Inc., formally organizing the Volunteer Fire Department. Soon after, the Department was integrated into Village government. Since 1920, more than 500 resident men and women have proudly served in the ranks of the Volunteer Fire Service in Garden City.



BRIAN G. GALLO
Chief of Department



Firefighters train weekly to ensure their readiness

Under the direction of Volunteer Fire Chief Brian Gallo and his three Volunteer Assistant Chiefs, the Department utilizes a three-tier approach to providing its vital services: quality training and equipment, quick response and comprehensive fire inspection and prevention programs. All Firefighters in the Department train weekly to ensure their readiness for the various emergencies that may present themselves including fires, motor vehicle accidents, carbon monoxide incidents, hazardous materials incidents, electrical emergencies, severe weather response and more. In addition, throughout the year Firefighters attend various courses and live fire burn training at the Nassau County Fire Service Academy.

In support of response, the Department has a fleet of apparatus that include four certified pumpers, two certified ladder trucks and a heavy rescue truck. Within the fleet of apparatus, the Department incorporates

state-of-the-art technology including thermal imaging cameras, hazardous gas monitoring equipment, mobile computers and hydraulic rescue equipment. The Department also provides a comprehensive fire inspection and prevention program to the Village. Program enhancements include computer database pre-plans of area occupancies, rigorous fire inspections of schools, businesses and multi-family dwellings and a devotion to public fire safety education through the Department’s Fire Prevention and Education



A fully engulfed Stanley Steamer truck in the Estates section

Fire Department



Volunteer Firefighters working the scene of an auto accident

Program. Each year, the Department educates thousands of students and residents through in-house safety classes, its annual Fire Prevention Week Program and fire safety lectures throughout the community including Adelphi University, area apartment buildings and local businesses.

The Department is always looking for new members and has a year-round open enrollment. Some regard being a volunteer firefighter as being one of the highest forms of community service. It is a great opportunity for residents to give

back to their fellow neighbors in their time of need. Some of the benefits that come with being a volunteer firefighter include free tuition at Nassau Community College as sponsored by the County of Nassau, real estate property tax reductions, great camaraderie, lasting friendships and more. If a resident is interested in joining the Department, they may visit www.gcfndny.com.



Volunteer Firefighters paying their respects during the Department's annual September 11, 2001 Remembrance Ceremony

Department of Public Works



JOSEPH DiFRANCISCO
Superintendent of Public Works

INTRODUCTION

The Public Works Department manages the infrastructure system of Garden City. This includes such duties as maintaining the streets, removing leaves and clearing them of snow; maintenance of storm drains, the sanitary sewer system; garbage and rubbish collection; recycling, and designing and installing traffic-control systems and maintaining the street lighting system. The Director of Public Works heads six divisions that provide these services.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Each year, Engineering personnel work on many projects. On some projects, such as the replacement of curbs and sidewalks, Engineering provides the plans and specifications and performs daily inspection of the actual construction. Engineering also provides plans and specifications for all water main projects and also coordinates utility and road/sidewalk opening permits.

STREET DIVISION

The Street Division is primarily responsible for maintaining the Village's 74 miles of streets and 17 miles of parking lots. The Street Division performs ongoing maintenance programs including street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, construction, repair and maintenance of storm drainage lines and road repairs.

During the fall, the Street Division joins forces with the Parks Division to remove 21,000 cubic yards of leaves. At the Village Yard, leaves are turned into mulch and are available cost free for use by residents and landscapers. This recycling of leaves saves the Village \$1,850,000 annually in disposal costs.

The winter saw four plowing events and five salting only events. We used 1,570 tons of salt during these events and in some cases up to 66 vehicles were used for each event along with up to 80 employees involved in the operation per event, including employees from every Department of Public Works Department, the Water Department as well as the Department of Recreation and Parks.

TRAFFIC AND STREET LIGHTING

The Traffic and Street Lighting Division is responsible for the maintenance of more than 7,400 traffic signs in the Village. Each year during spring, summer and fall, Village personnel repaint all of the crosswalks, Stop lines, arrows and lane markings. This Division, in conjunction with a private contractor, maintains the Village's 2,284 streetlights and underground wiring. The street lighting crew is responsible for the lighting system, and working in conjunction with our street lighting contractor and directional drilling contractor. Eighty percent of the Village's street lighting has been converted to energy efficient LED fixtures; the remaining fixtures will be converted in 2018.

WATER AND SEWER

The water system has 104 miles of mains (pipe) and 10 wells. There are five tanks above ground with 5,000,000 gallons of water storage; 12 buildings housing the motors, auxiliary engines, pumps, treatment equipment and system controls, plus more than 1,000 fire hydrants.



Catch basin installation



The Village is converting its streetlights from conventional bulbs to LED fixtures

Department of Public Works

In 2016-2017, the Water Department replaced 14 hydrants, repaired 19 water main breaks and repaired 11 water valves while continuing its annual leak detection survey to locate and repair leaks in the system. There were 4,000 radio read meters installed.

The Sewer Division rodded and flushed 136 miles of sewer mains. The program of applying root inhibitors continued and 16,000 feet of sewer mains were treated. The Village supervised our contractor in conducting video inspection of 12.3 miles of sewer main.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING

The Sanitation Division collected 14,092 tons of household garbage, rubbish and bulk, as well as 231 tons of yard waste collected separately.

During the year, the Recycling Program collected 2,273 tons of bottles, cans, plastics and newspapers from commercial and residential locations. The Division also recycled 38 tons of metal bulk. The total weight of items recycled was 2,311 tons and represents a savings of \$163,873 in tipping fees. We also collected 66 tons of e-waste in the past year. This was an additional savings of \$4,680 in tipping fees.



The Street Division joins forces with the Parks Division to remove over 21,000 cubic yards of leaves



Road, sidewalk and curb paving program

DPW CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Capital Improvement Program is a well-structured plan integral to the upkeep of the Village's infrastructure and a means to enable the continuous improvement of services.

Equipment replacement is a major segment of the Capital Improvement Program. Items are purchased in scheduled periods during the year to ensure the performance and reliability of equipment when needed. A total of \$1.4 million of Department of Public Works equipment was replaced. This included, among other things, a new garbage truck, a backhoe, a large and medium dump truck with street sanders and a valve exercise machine for the Water Department.

Other projects included:

- \$2.15 million road, sidewalk and curb paving program which included 14.7 (lane) miles of roads paved
- Replacement of a sewer grinder pump at the Cedar Valley sewer pumping station

CENTRAL GARAGE

The Central Garage plays a vital role in the delivery of essential municipal services. This includes managing the Villages fleet of over 175 vehicles, including pay loaders, dump trucks, garbage trucks and the entire fleet of Police vehicles, plus all the equipment ranging from lawn mowers, chain saws and weed-whackers to the generators that support our facilities.

Our mechanics are also skilled at building and fabricating many structures in-house, enabling them to support all the Departments in need throughout the Village. In addition the mechanics are essential during extreme weather events such as snowstorms and nor'easters as they work throughout these events to keep the fleets running and on the road.

Preventative maintenance is essential in operating a dependable, trouble-free fleet. Last year all vehicles were serviced according to a regular schedule, taking into account the vehicle type and operating conditions.

The Garden City Public Library



LISA PAULO
Library Director

The Garden City Public Library is an important information and cultural resource for the community.

The Library offers opportunities for children, tweens, young adults and adults alike to learn and grow by providing access to information, technology and lifelong learning. The Library offers books, periodicals, eBooks and audiobooks, music CDs and DVDs, and workshops for every age and interest. Residents can access computers and specialized electronic resources, borrow museum passes and receive suggestions as to books they might enjoy.

In order to accommodate more patrons needing a study area, we installed a much-needed quiet area behind Reference. Attractive new tables and chairs give a more modern feel to the Library. Two new carrels have also been installed for patron usage. Beautiful new modern tables with colorful chairs have brightened the Children's Department.

Library Director Lisa Paulo and the Library Board of Trustees are committed to enriching the lives of the residents of Garden City with what the Library offers. Members of the Library Board are: J. Randolph Colahan, Chair (Auditing Committee) from the Estates section; Gloria Weinrich, Vice Chair (Community Relations and Policy Committees) from the Western section; Peter D'Antonio, (Budget Committee), at large; Charles J. Murphy (Building Committee) from the Eastern section; and Lola Nouryan (Personnel Committee) from the Central section.



Library Board Chairman and former Centennial President J. Randolph Colahan, Mrs. Jenn Costa, book club kids and children's librarian Donna Furey.



Young Adults participate in the Locked in the Library Halloween party.

Through the generosity of the Friends of the Garden City Public Library, the Library offers free museum passes to 10 museums. The Friends have been funding museum passes to the Cradle of Aviation, the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, the Guggenheim Museum, Old Westbury Gardens, the Nassau County Museum of Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Four new passes added to the program and funded by the Friends are the Long Island Children's Museum, MOMA (Museum of Modern Art), the New York Historical Society and the Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium.

The Adult Reference Department serves as an information center by providing up-to-date print and online resources with expert assistance from experienced librarians. The Reference Department is working to enhance and modernize its non-fiction collection to meet the community's changing and information needs. This year the Department offered a wide range of informative and entertaining programs such as meditation, Medicare, AARP, cooking, musicals and art lectures. The Reference Department also celebrated its 11th anniversary of Cozy Up with a Book, the popular celebration of its adult reading club. The Library also has a "Books in a Bag" program for discussion groups.



The Reference Department celebrated its 11th anniversary of Cozy Up with a Book, the popular celebration of its adult reading club.

The Garden City Public Library

Book clubs provide a forum for the community to talk about books and share their reading experiences. This year the Adult Reference Department hosted their ever-popular Coffee and Tea by the Book discussions on newly published and popular books.



Teens reading to tots at the Garden City Pool.

The Young Adult Department provides books, programs and access to computers and other resources to assist middle and high school students with school assignments and college preparation. Workshops on financial aid and the college admissions process are held each year. In addition, special programs incorporating science and technology are offered. Some of the newer programs that were featured this past year were a Star Wars Day, a Harry Potter Day and a Locked in the Library Halloween party. In addition, the ever-popular Teens and Tots program whereby teens read to younger children at the Garden City Pool was also held. The summer reading club theme was "Get in the Game - Read" and 65 tweens and teens participated.

Children from six months old through fifth grade attended story times and interactive programs offered by the Children's Department. The department also hosted book discussions, class visits, science and craft programs and outreach programs at schools to introduce preschool and school aged children to the magic of reading and the world of learning opportunities available through the Library. This year the Library hosted "Parents as Reading Partners" in conjunction with the Garden City elementary schools. The Children's Department also held a holiday family cooking workshop whereby each family made a gingerbread house. In addition, 1,041 children participated in the summer reading program with 43 programs offered over the summer season.



The Parents as Reading Partners Program was well attended.

The Library has had a very successful year with many innovations, increased usage of materials and an increased number of patrons using our facility.



The Adult Reference Department's ever popular Coffee and Tea by the Book discussions on newly published and popular books.



(top, from left) Trustee Peter D'Antonio, Chair J. Randolph Colahan, Trustee Charles J. Murphy (bottom, from left) Vice-Chair Gloria Weinrich and Trustee Lola Nouryan

Finance Department

Garden City's Chief Fiscal Officer is the Village Treasurer, Irene Woo, who leads the Finance Department. The Finance Department is responsible for the day-to-day financial operations of the Village. These functional areas include Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Payroll, Purchasing, Tax Billings and Assessments, Water Billings and Collections, Audit, Compliance, etc.



IRENE WOO
Village Treasurer

The Village Treasurer, with collaboration from the Board of Trustees and the Village's Executive Staff, manages the annual Budget Process, as well as the ongoing monitoring of expense and revenue trends through financial reporting and analysis. In addition, the Finance Department works closely with our independent auditors in the completion of the year-end audit, and with our fiscal advisors in managing and issuing debt.

This past fiscal year we welcomed the addition of Darcia Palmer, who joined us as Deputy Village Treasurer. She brings extensive accounting and auditing experience to her role. In addition, Darcia will be assisting in implementing process improvements, including working on the Finance Department Capital Plan in upgrading and improving our financial systems.

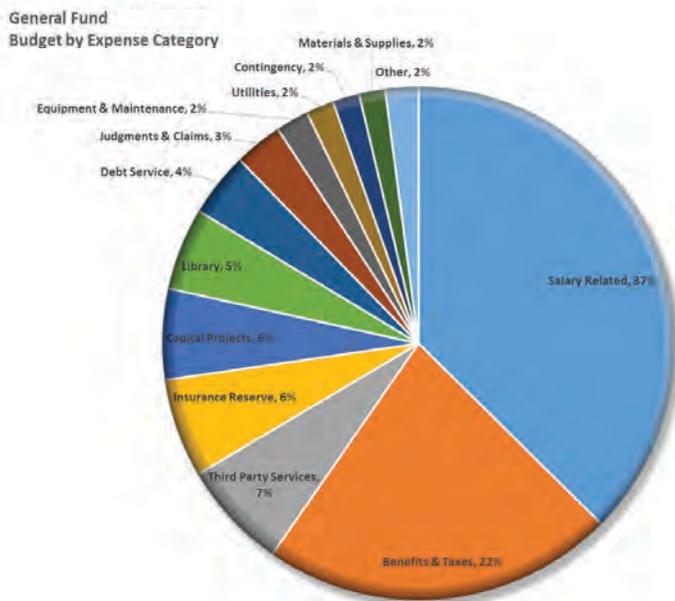
Financial Overview:

The State of New York requires municipalities to prepare and adopt balanced budgets where applied surplus, anticipated revenue and taxes raised cover all expenditures. The Adopted Village Budget is the culmination of a coordinated effort by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Staff to maintain the highest level of affordable municipal services while striving to keep property tax increases under the level imposed by the State Tax Cap.

Manner In Which Budgets Were Balanced:

General Fund	2016-2017	2017-2018	Increase (Decrease)
Current Surplus Appropriated	\$ 1,271,452	\$ 1,798,591	\$ 527,139
Estimated Revenues	\$ 7,671,234	\$ 7,808,769	\$ 137,535
Tax Levy	\$ 49,000,509	\$ 49,564,239	\$ 563,730
Appropriated Reserve		\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000
Total	\$ 57,943,195	\$ 60,071,599	\$ 2,128,404

The 2016-17 Budget was successfully adopted with a tax levy increase of 0.12%, which is within the tax limit imposed by the tax cap law.



Additional Self-Sustaining Budgets:

The Village has three Enterprise Funds that operate like a business in that the revenues generated from services provided are meant to cover all operating expenditures. Residents who benefit from the services provided by the Water Fund, Swimming Pool Fund, and the Tennis Fund pay for the operations, including capital improvements, via memberships, program services or other fees. There is no tax support for these operations, as user charges are the only source of revenues.

Enterprise Fund	2017-2018 Expense Budget	2017-2018 Revenue Budget
Swimming Pool	\$1,438,884	\$1,503,056
Indoor Tennis	\$427,675	\$478,950
Water Department	\$5,773,712	\$6,692,236

Budget Comparison

		2016-2017 B U D G E T	2017-2018 B U D G E T
ADMINISTRATION	Board of Trustees	\$ 9,200	\$ \$4,300
	Village Justice	348,234	358,980
	Clerk Treasurer	1,460,165	1,339,528
	Purchasing	215,312	234,694
	Assessment	47,400	46,300
	Personnel	143,547	137,756
	Elections	3,925	2,991
	Publicity	39,000	32,000
	Historian	1,500	1,500
	Central Data Processing	174,549	230,711
	SUB TOTAL - ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,442,832	\$ 2,388,760
PUBLIC SAFETY	Police	10,005,620	10,115,629
	Fire	3,045,218	2,985,570
	Safety Inspection	826,400	782,829
	SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 13,877,238	\$ 13,884,028
PUBLIC WORKS	Engineering	256,395	330,718
	Building	304,845	283,655
	Central Garage	759,051	775,784
	Streets	1,778,091	1,929,714
	Snow Removal	512,153	365,500
	Street Light & Traffic Control Sanitary	724,167	659,197
	Sewers	361,723	395,067
	Storm Sewers	135,112	139,337
	Refuse and Garbage	3,375,353	3,306,949
	Sanitation Recycling	277,294	283,203
	SUB TOTAL - PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 8,484,184	\$ 8,469,124
RECREATION	Parks	1,957,675	1,846,356
	Playgrounds & Recreation Centers	2,711,264	2,759,367
	St. Paul's Building	10,000	10,000
	SUB TOTAL - RECREATION	\$ 4,678,939	\$ 4,615,723
LIBRARY	Contribution to Library	\$ 3,060,508	\$ 3,060,508
GENERAL	NYS Employees Retirement System	1,766,762	1,651,420
	NYS Police & Fire Retirement System	2,517,506	2,629,968
	Social Security	1,620,000	1,667,728
	MTA Payroll Tax	75,000	75,103
	Health & Dental Insurance	6,479,636	7,186,759
	Capital Projects	2,560,000	3,376,000
	Unallocated Insurance	3,681,074	3,681,074
	Judgements and Claims	2,200,000	1,800,000
	Law	1,247,000	1,168,000
	Contingent Account	979,451	1,002,764
	Debt Service	2,155,565	2,409,640
	Miscellaneous	117,500	105,000
SUB TOTAL - GENERAL		\$ 25,399,494	\$ 26,753,456
APPROPRIATION TO RESERVE		\$ 0	\$ 900,000
TOTAL BUDGET		\$ 57,943,195	\$ 60,071,599

Directory

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Brian C. Daughney (2010)
Mayor

John A. DeMaro (2011)
Deputy Mayor
Commissioner of Building and Planning

Theresa A. Trouvé (2014)
Deputy Mayor
Commissioner of Police Department

Robert A. Bolebruch (2013)
Commissioner of Fire Department

Stephen S. Makrinos (2015)
Commissioner of Finance

John M. Delany (2015)
Environmental Advisory Board

Louis M. Minuto (2017)
Commissioner of Building and Planning

Mark A. Hyer (2017)
Chairman, Traffic Commission

JUSTICE COURT

Allen S. Mathers (1988)
Village Justice

Brian T. Deveney (1989)
Associate Village Justice

Merril S. Biscone (2000)
Associate Village Justice

VILLAGE COUNSEL

Peter A. Bee (2014)
Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP

Terry O'Neil (2014)
Bond Schoenek & King, PLLC

SPECIAL POLICE

David B. Carpentier, *Captain* (1994)

John Koch, *Lieutenant* (2004)

Terry Vafeas, *Honorary Sergeant* (1999)

VILLAGE HISTORIAN

William A. Bellmer (2015)

ADMINISTRATION

Ralph V. Suozzi (2014)
Village Administrator

Kenneth O. Jackson (1985)
Police Commissioner

Joseph DiFrancisco (2016)
Superintendent of Public Works

Karen M. Altman (1995)
Village Clerk

Kevin E. Ocker (2003)
Chairman, Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs

Lisa Paulo (2014)
Library Director

Irene Woo (2015)
Village Treasurer

Darcia Plamer (2016)
Deputy Village Treasurer

Ausberto Huertas, Jr. (2015)
Superintendent of Building

Courtney Rosenblatt (2016)
Village Auditor

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHIEFS:

Brian G. Gallo, *Chief* (1991)

Thomas Strysko, *1st Assistant Chief* (2005)

Robert Horvath, *2nd Assistant Chief* (2006)

Devyn F. Moody, *3rd Assistant Chief* (2010)

LINE OFFICERS:

Joseph W. Ewashkow, *Captain, Engine Co.* (2010)

Russell Fincher, *1st Lieutenant, Engine Co.* (2010)

Jonathan Parrella, *2nd Lieutenant Engine Co.* (2015)

James R. Taunton, *Captain, Truck Co.* (2012)

Matthew F. Pearn, *1st Lieutenant, Truck Co.* (2009)

Kristian A. Sorensen, *2nd Lieutenant Truck Co.* (2006)

Michael Reale, *Secretary* (2009)

Gregory Barton, *Assistant Secretary* (2013)

Gerard F. Whalen, *Treasurer* (2002)

Robert F. Kalb, *Assistant Treasurer* (1987)

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Tom Mastanduono
Mark Mehlman
Barbara Moore
Mike Nagler
Tom Nappi
Robert Schoelle
Jennifer Sullivan
Theodore Ucinski



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★ KEY PHONE NUMBERS ★

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

- POLICE Emergency911 Non-Emergency 465-4100
- FIRE Emergency746-2800 Non-Emergency 746-1301
- POISON CONTROL..... 1-800-222-1222

VILLAGE HALL

- Business Office:
 - Main Office 465-4000
 - Village-Related Tax Questions..... 465-4156
 - (Town and School Tax Questions)..... 489-5000)*
 - Water Billing Questions 465-4160
- Departments:
 - Administrator/Mayor/Clerk 465-4051
 - Building 465-4040
 - Justice Court 465-4080
 - Public Works..... 465-4003
 - Recreation and Parks (Monday-Friday)..... 465-4075
 - Water and Sewer 465-4020
- Library 742-8405
- Municipal Service Yard 465-4031
- Pool (Seasonal)..... 483-1714

OTHER PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST

- Garden City Chamber of Commerce..... 746-7724
- Garden City School District..... 478-1000
- Nassau County:
 - Department of Health 227-9697
 - Government Offices..... 571-3000
- Town of Hempstead..... 489-5000