

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 28, 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) and in person on May 28, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Ralph V. Suozzi, Village Administrator (via Zoom)
Karen M. Altman, Village Clerk
Joseph DiFrancisco, Superintendent of Public Works
Giuseppe Giovanniello, Superintendent of Building Department
Peter A. Bee, Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP
Ariel Ronneburger, Cullen and Dykman, LLP (via Zoom)
A.T. Levin, Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. (via Zoom)
Robert Benrubi, Village's Fair Housing Consultant (via Zoom)
Anthony LaPinta, Fair Housing Compliance Officer (via Zoom)

Attendance: Approximately 7

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

Mayor Trouvé called upon the following who spoke about the Village's Membership in the Nassau County Urban Consortium; Counsel Ronneburger, Counsel LaPinta, Mr. Benrubi, Counsel Levin and Counsel Bee.

On motion of Trustee Delany the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 82-2020

A Resolution authorizing the Village of Garden City to notify Nassau County of the termination of the Cooperation Agreement between the Village of Garden City and Nassau County dated April 16, 2015 regarding the Nassau County Urban Consortium at the end of the current qualification period (September 30, 2020).

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2014, the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York (Judge Arthur D. Spatt) entered a Final Judgment in the action entitled *MHANY Management Inc. v. Village of Garden City et al.*, 05-cv-2301(ADS)(ARL) (the "Final Judgment");

WHEREAS, the Final Judgment required the Village of Garden City to apply to become a member of the Nassau County Urban Consortium if Nassau County did not announce, within one year of the date of the Final Judgment, that it intended to sell the Social Services Site;

WHEREAS, Nassau County did not announce that the Social Services Site was for sale within one year of the date of the Final Judgment;

WHEREAS, on or about April 16, 2015, the Village of Garden City entered into the Cooperation Agreement with the County of Nassau (the "Cooperation Agreement"), for the purpose of becoming a member of the Nassau County Urban Consortium, as required by the Final Judgment;

WHEREAS, the Village of Garden City's membership in the Nassau County Urban Consortium commenced on September 1, 2016;

WHEREAS, the Final Judgment set forth that the Village of Garden City's obligations related to joining the Consortium expired five years after the date of the Final Judgment, to wit, April 22, 2019;

WHEREAS, the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York (Judge Arthur D. Spatt) extended the Village of Garden City's obligation to join the Consortium from April 22, 2019, to September 1, 2020 by oral order dated June 17, 2016;

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid June 17, 2016 order, the Village of Garden City renewed its membership in the Consortium effective September 30, 2017 through September 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, at the expiration of its membership in the Consortium on September 30, 2020, the Village of Garden City will have fulfilled its obligations regarding Consortium membership under the terms of the Final Judgment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby find and concludes as follows:

1. On or before June 7, 2020, the date specified in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Urban County Qualification Notice dated May 4, 2020, the Village of Garden City will notify Nassau County in writing that the Village of Garden City intends to, and hereby does, terminate the Cooperation Agreement at the end of the current qualification period (September 30, 2020);
2. The Village of Garden City will continue to cooperate with the Nassau County Urban Consortium and remains dedicated to fostering the goal of creating a diverse community and assuring equal housing opportunities and nondiscrimination in its zoning and other land use processes.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYES: 8

NOES: 0

The resolution was declared adopted.

On motion of Trustee Delany, the Board recessed to executive session at 3:21 p.m. for the advice of Counsel and personnel matters. The Board reconvened at 4:29 p.m.

There being no further business, on motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.