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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, treatment at Village water wells, the stabilization plan for the former St. Paul's School 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.

7N PARKING

The temporary pilot program for permit parking on the western side of Parking Field 7N appears to be a success. To date, 47 parking permits for Field 7N have been issued to residents of 67 Hilton Avenue. The designated spots are available to permit holders 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For the first half of last year, prior to the implementation of permit parking, the Department issued 785 tickets in the lot, compared to the second half of the year in which 1,768 tickets were issued. According to Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, the implementation of permit parking has also assisted the Department with the enforcement of two- and eight-hour parking violations. Of the 1,768 tickets issued, 380 tickets were issued for permit parking violations and 226 were issued for eight-hour parking violations.

RECYCLING

Due to a drop in scrap prices, Omni Recycling of Westbury, Inc., the company that currently accepts our recycling, advised the Village that it would have to start charging the Village for their services. Up until November 1, 2019 the Village did not incur any cost to dispose of recycling. The Village was paying \$50 (newspaper/cardboard recycling) and \$80 (commingled recycling) with Omni. It is anticipated this additional expense will cost approximately \$165,000 annually. In light of this, Village personnel began investigating other options for disposal of the Village recyclable materials. This month, the Board of Trustees authorized Grenelefe Recyclers, of Oceanside, to provide recycling services on a trial basis at the following rates:

- Newspaper/Cardboard Recycling: \$23/ton
- Commingled Recycling \$73/ton

WATER TOWER UPDATE

Work on the new steel water tower is moving along as scheduled. The base cone has been fully assembled. The next section of the tower is being assembled on the floor in preparation for the crane, which will be arriving the following week. Approximately 20 percent of the tower has been constructed, which is approximately 40 feet tall. Upon completion, the tower will measure 180 feet above ground elevation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Garden City Fire Department is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. To highlight the occasion, a parade will kick off at 5:00 p.m. from Tenth Street and culminate with a block party and festival in Parking Field 9E from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2020.

The Department's 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 the Village government. Since 1920, hundreds of resident men and women have proudly served in the ranks. Residents interested in joining the Department can email membership@gcfdny.com or visit www.gcfdny.com/recruitment.

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:

- Splice vault No. 18 began on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 on 9th Street, between Cherry Valley Avenue and Hilton Avenue
- Splice vault No. 15 began on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 on Westminster Road, south of the intersection with First Street in West Hempstead
- Trenching on Rockaway Avenue, between 3rd Street and the LIRR bridge, began on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Trenching is primarily occurring in the northbound lane. Single lane closures should be expected during this work.
- Preparation of the green "mall area" between the travel lanes of Stewart Avenue to allow for pipe fusing continues this week. No impact to traffic is expected.
- Test hole digging will continue in the areas of Cherry Valley Avenue, from 6th Street to Cathedral Avenue

The Phase 2 Environmental Management and Construction Plan is available for public inspection at the Garden City Library. More information can also be found here: www.westernnassautransmission.com. For questions or concerns, call the hotline 516-

780-0665, email info@westernnassautransmission.com or visit www.westernnassautransmission.com.

2020/21 BUDGET MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees has set the following dates for 2020/21 budget meetings. The meetings will take place in the Village Hall Board Room, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted:

- Work Session 1 – March 10, 2020
- Work Session 2 – March 12, 2020
- Work Session 3 – March 19, 2020 (6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to accommodate Board meeting)
- Work Session 4 – March 26, 2020

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