# Minutes of the Property Owners' Association of Garden City Estates Held on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at Stratford School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

The monthly meeting of the Property Owners' Association of Garden City Estates was held on Wednesday evening, June 9, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at the Stratford School. President John DeMaro opened by leading the small number of attendees (inclement weather likely prevented a larger turnaround) in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Committee Reports**

Randy Colahan of our Library Committee reported on the increasing number of residents using the Library. There are certain maintenance issues in the building which was constructed in 1973. Given the current budget constraints, the Library is trying to maintain the current level of service and has reduced hours for part time employees. The Library is also closing on holiday weekends such as Labor Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Memorial Day in order to conserve assets. The issue with the patron who was causing problems at the Library has been resolved with the patron being denied the use of the Library.

### **Citizens Budget Review Committee**

The Citizens Budget Review Committee received commendations from the Trustees for their work throughout the year and will do interim reporting with a timely analysis of how things are going in the Village Budget. They also intend to conduct a review of the insurance requirements of the Village. They will also look into having Adelphi students do some data analysis and leg work which will assist both the students and the Citizens Budget Review Committee. They also intend to market the work of the Recreation Department to show that the facilities are available for use by the Town residents.

### **School Budget**

The School Budget revote is set for June 15, 2010.

#### **Trustee Comments**

Brian Daughney, our Village Trustee, entered on several issues of interest in the Village. Next G is dealing with Verizon and there is no final decision on where Next G will go. The bond issue for construction projects has been issued and we will be spending approximately \$4.7 million to repave streets, lighting, parking fields, Newmarket Road repairs, *etc.* Three new police officers have been added and they will be in place by September. This will cut down on overtime payable to current Garden City officers. All

of the three officers previously had experience with the New York City Police Department. The developer of the 555 Stewart Project, which calls for the construction of twenty-five townhouses, has requested an extension of time until to September to file plans.

#### **Village Contracts**

The Police Union has advised that they are at an impasse with the Village. It is likely there will be mediation and thereafter binding arbitration in order to resolve the issues.

#### **Belmont Festival**

Both Mayor Rothschild and Trustee Daughney reported that the Belmont Festival was extremely successful this year with a large number of residents turning to partake in the festivities.

The business portion of the meeting was concluded at 8:50 p.m.

There will be no meetings in July and August and monthly meetings with resume in September, 2010.

The next meeting of the Property Owners is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at the Stratford School Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Holland Secretary