

**Minutes of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association  
Held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at Stratford School**

The monthly meeting of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association was held on Wednesday evening, March 13, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. the Stratford School cafeteria.

The meeting opened with President William Slattery leading the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes for the February meeting were approved and introductions were made of the Directors and Committee Representatives present.

Pat Manley, the representative on the Recreational Committee, advised as to progress being made with respect to the Garden City pool. Concrete walls are being poured, additional shade structures are being planned and more step entrances into the adult pool are being added. All of the work is on schedule. A mailing has been sent out to all Village residents with an application for pool membership.

Trustee Brian Daughney then reported on the state of the budget. The Village budget for next year will be approximately \$54,619,000 and provides for a 2% surplus. Additional increased expenses are for roads and infrastructures. The budget will be presented for final approval on April 2, 2012. The budget includes such items as rebuilding the hockey rink and retaining certain art programs during the summer months.

School Board President Colleen Foley then gave a video presentation highlighting the accomplishments of recent Garden City High School graduates and indicating how the High School had benefited them. The School budget for next year will be approximately \$104,900,000, which represents a 4.25% increase over this year. Contractual obligations such as pension contributions make up a good portion of the increase. There is an additional \$800,000 increase for special education requirements. This budget maintains class size, does not change the district's transportation policy, does not change A.P. program and allows all current sport teams to remain in place. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 8.2 staff reductions, with staff reductions contemplated at the Middle School and possibly at one or more of the primary schools.

There will be a public hearing on the School budget on May 8, 2012 with a vote on the School Budget scheduled for May 15, 2012. Colleen Foley will be making a detailed presentation at the next Property Owners meeting on April 18, 2012 concerning the School budget. The meeting will be conducted jointly with the Western Property Owners Association.

Colleen Foley also announced eight citizens who were appointed to newly formed committees to assist the School Board. This includes budgetary committees, insurance committee and a facilities committee.

Trustee Daughney reported on the need for residents to participate on various committees in the Village such as the Planning Commission, Environmental Advisory Board, Architectural Design Review Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs. Anyone interested in serving on such a committee should submit their resume to the Officers of the Property Owners Association indicating their desire to serve.

Trustee Daughney also briefed the attendees on the recent decision in *MHANY Management Inc. v. Incorporated Village of Garden City*, a case pending in the Federal District Court and claiming discrimination by the Village of Garden City in rezoning certain property located within the confines of the Village. The opinion is 101 pages and has been posted on our website for viewing by anyone interested in doing so.

President Slattery reminded everyone that the Village elections are to be conducted on March 20, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association will be held on April 18, 2012 at Stratford School auditorium

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Holland  
Secretary