

**Minutes of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association  
Held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at Homestead School**

The monthly meeting of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association was held on Wednesday evening, April 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Homestead School.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was conducted jointly with the Western Estates Property Owners Association. The main purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation by Colleen Foley, our School Board President, Dr. Feirsen, our School Superintendent and Al Chase concerning the school budget, which will be voted on May 15, 2012. Dr. Feirsen announced that the Village had reached an agreement with the Teacher's Union which would enable the Board to avoid planned cuts. The proposed overall school budget is approximately \$105,000,000 which represents a proposed tax levy increase of 3.54%

Dr. Feirsen explained some of the details concerning the amount of school aid available from the State of New York, the limited sources of revenue (Garden City received less State aid per pupil than similar school districts) and the cost of compliance with State mandates concerning testing and staff training.

Budget drivers include pension costs, health care costs, special education costs, debt service for the 2009 school bond and contractual salary agreements with teachers and other employees of the school district.

The floor was then opened for questions and the presentation concluded at 9:30 p.m. Every citizen is urged to vote on the school budget on May 15, 2012.

Following the presentation on the school budget, the regular monthly meeting was held. The Garden City pool is being refurbished and work is contemplated to be finished well in advance of the opening date.

There is a need for four volunteers to become members of the Citizens Review Budget Committee. Christina Russo and Courtney Rosenblatt, our two representatives on this Committee for the past three years, have completed their terms of service. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Citizens Review Budget Committee should contact Present Slattery or any of the other officers of the Estates Property Owners.

Manny Velez of the Nominating Committee reported that all five directors whose terms are expiring this year have been re-nominated by the Nominating Committee.

The next meeting of the Property Owners Association will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at the Stratford School. This is our Annual Meeting for elections of officers and directors and residents of the Estates Section are urged to attend this meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Holland  
Secretary