

**Minutes of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association Annual Meeting
Held On Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Stratford School at 8:00 P.M.**

The Annual Meeting of the Garden City estates Property Owners' Association was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Stratford School Cafeteria.

Outgoing President Senken opened the meeting by introducing and turning the meeting over to newly elected President Abrusci. Vice President Bommarito announced the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee for Directors, each of whom is currently serving as a Director. By unanimous vote, Betsy Andromidas, Colleen Foley, Philip Gullo, Greg Senken and Thomas Stenson were reelected to a 3-year term ending in 2018. The meeting continued with Committee reports.

Library Report

Randy Colahan, Library Trustee, reported that the Library would resume regular hours on Tuesday and Thursday as of June 1, 2015. The Library also expects to accomplish a number goals this year, including refurbishment of the elevator, installation of a special needs ramp, a 1% increase to the materials budget, conducting a needs study with outside assistance, and the purchase of iPad and Chrome tablets with a \$15,000 state grant.

Recreation Committee

Kristina Russo reported on springtime work being performed by the Recreation and Parks Department, including completion of repairs to the Stuart Hall steps. She noted that applications for the Garden City pool and Department's summer camps are now available, and that community garden parcels are also available for residents. In response to a question, Trustee DeMaro indicated that the Village was in the process of interviewing independent contractors to determine whether artificial or natural turf was best for fields at Community Park.

Traffic Committee

Doug Singer indicated there was no report. President Abrusci noted the upcoming Nassau County Board of Transportation meeting on May 14, 2015 concerning proposed improvements to the intersection of Clinton Road and Stuart Avenue, and a brief discussion took place among those present regarding the proposal.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Courtney Rosenblatt reported on the state of the POA's bank account, the increase in membership by 110 new members over the prior year, and the two \$500 scholarships that had been awarded to Estates section residents.

The meeting continued with President Abrusci introducing Dr. Robert Fiersen, Superintendent of the Garden City School District.

School Board

Dr. Fiersen addressed those present about the upcoming vote on the school budget on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. He gave a summary of the budget to those present, and encouraged residents to approve it.

Trustees' Report

Trustees Brian Daughney and John Demaro reported on the following:

- the 2016 tax cap being set at 1.2%;
- the outsourced Village prosecutor role now being filled by independent contractors;
- new items under consideration by the Village, including GPS in village vehicles and engineering advise relevant to the turf field issue;
- progress being made by the Village with its union negotiations;
- the issuance of new bonds for roadwork and the demolition of Ellis Hall; and
- the RFP process for the Senior Center and the Firehouse.

Trustee Daughney also noted that, at the request of former Mayor Watras, he and Trustee DeMara had met with an individual looking to construct an indoor turf field facility in the Village.

The next meeting will be held at the Stratford School on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Colby Allsbrook
Secretary