

**Minutes of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association Meeting  
Held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at Stratford School at 8:00 p.m.**

**Electors' Meeting**

The Electors' Meeting of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. in the Stratford School auditorium. After President Slattery led residents in the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was turned over to Manny Velez who ran the Electors' Meeting in the absence of John Skramko. The Nominating Committee announced that Brian Daughney, a sitting Village Trustee, was the candidate selected by the Nominating Committee as its candidate for Village Trustee. In accordance with the by-laws of the Property Owners' Association, a petition signed by more than fifteen residents of the Property Owners' Association submitted a challenge to the Nominating Committee's candidate, with Michele Harrington, a Director of the Property Owners' Association, challenging Brian Daughney. In accordance with the by-laws, a runoff election will be held on January 31, 2012. Further details as to the particulars of the election will be provided shortly.

**Property Owners' Association Meeting of January 17, 2012**

Following the Electors' Meeting, President Slattery conducted the regular monthly meeting of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association.

**Library**

Randy Colahan, our Library Trustee, was recently nominated for his sixth term as Chairman. Randy pointed out the improvements that are going to be made to the Library. There is a problem with a leaking roof and the masonry work on this forty year old structure. Randy also reported that the Library Trustees have been working hard to ensure that the Library could remain open on Sundays with a combination of full time and part time Library staff.

**School Board**

Colleen Foley, our representative on the School Board and the President of the School Board, reported on recent developments. Colleen pointed that SAT scores for Garden City High School students have improved some ten points since 2008 and that 61% of the seniors take AP courses, one of the top numbers in the States. All contracts with school unions have now been closed. The Board has been able to negotiate contracts which are satisfactory and which will result in new hires paying for a portion of their own medical and dental care. The contract with the Garden City Teachers' Union expires in June of 2013.

Repairs to the High School, Middle School and Grammar School are on schedule and below budget and should be completed this summer. Colleen urged that the residents look at the website for the Board of Education to see how the 2% cap affects school operations.

### **Citizens Review Budget Committee**

Kristina Russo reported that the first meeting to discuss the capital budget for the upcoming year will be held on Saturday morning, January 21, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend.

### **Recreation Committee**

Pat Manley, our representative on the Recreation Committee, advised that the pool project is on schedule, concrete has been poured and the goal is to finish the pool renovations by mid-May. In the five year capital budget schedule, the Recreation Committee has plans to renovate the roller rink as well as the senior recreation center.

### **Trustees' Report**

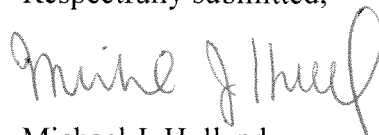
John Demaro and Brian Daughney our Village Trustees, reported on recent developments in the Village. John Demaro pointed out that a number of parking lots had been repaved and relined. There have been some recent issues of the Traffic Commission concerning the possible placement of a stop sign on Wellington Avenue and South Street.

Following the report by Trustees Daughney and Demaro, President Slattery opened the floor to questions or concerns by any residents. Betsy Andromidas advised that there will a fund raiser on April 28, 2012 to benefit projects which would include the senior center. A website and Facebook page will be set up and more publicity concerning the fund raiser will be distributed in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned by President Slattery at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association will be held on February 8, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at Stratford School.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Holland  
Secretary