

**Minutes of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association
Held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at Stratford School**

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

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

Financial

In the absence of Treasurer Matthew Abrusci, President Slattery reported on the current state of the Property Owners' treasury. There is approximately a \$25,000 balance in the checking account for Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association. The expenses of conducting the run-off election on January 31, 2012 were approximately \$3,500, although this number is being finalized.

President Slattery thanked everyone for their participation in making sure that the run-off election ran smoothly and that there were no contentious issues at the polls. A formal letter thanking the participants in the election will be published in this week's GardenCityPatch and Garden City News.

Trustee Matters

Brian Daughney, our Village Trustee, reported on the progress with respect to the additional services being rendered to the seniors in the Village. A survey is being planned and will go out to the senior citizens in Garden City seeking their views on additional recreation facilities and activities. It is estimated that the cost of increasing the size of the Senior Citizen Center at Golf Club Lane would be in the area of \$600,000 to \$700,000.

Trustee Daughney also reported that while there was a plan to install a turf infield on one of the ball fields behind the tennis bubble at Community Park, the estimates were too high and the turf infield will not be installed at the present time. The minimum bid was \$150,000 which was approximately double the amount that had been allocated for this project.

Municipal Services

Trustee John DeMaro reported that the light snow fall to date may result in some overtime savings for the Village. The Park Department employees have been moved from the Department of Public Works to Recreational Department. The pool renovations

are ahead of schedule due to the mild weather this winter. There is no planned increase in dues for the Garden City pool this summer.

Trustee DeMaro reported that there will be a public hearing held in the near future with respect to the 2% tax cap.

There was a discussion about health insurance premiums paid by Village employees. Trustee DeMaro stated that under the union contracts with fire and police officers, no health insurance premiums are paid by these officers for their medical care or that of their family.

There will be a meeting held on February 27, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at The Garden City Library to discuss the issues of airport noise. Trustee Larry Quinn from the Western section is spearheading the Village's efforts in this regards.

President Slattery then reported that two scholarships are being offered this year to high school seniors whose parents reside the Estates Section of Garden City and who are dues paying members of the Property Owners Association. The Directors are contemplating raising the amount of the scholarship from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 and opening the opportunity to apply for these scholarships to non-public high school seniors. Further details will be discussed among the Directors and announced at the next Property Owners meeting.

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

The next meeting of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 8:00 at Stratford School.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Holland
Secretary