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THE MAYOR'S UPDATE

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EDGEMERE FIRE DEPARTMENT

At the October 21, 2021 Board meeting, Trustees declared an emergency to exempt from competitive bidding emergency repairs at the Edgemere Firehouse (Station No. 2) that relate to the health and safety of the firefighters assigned there. Trustees engaged Cameron Engineering for architectural and engineering services for the Edgemere Firehouse emergency repairs in the amount of \$110,500 for Phase 1.A, plus additional reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$5,500. The scope summary for Phase 1.A abatement, remediation and repairs as necessary to promote building safety and maintained operations include:

- Securing the hose tower structure and existing stairs in-place with temporary systems that may include but are not limited to bracing, exterior netting, tarping, scaffolding, or other,
- Utilizing tarps, caulking, or other temporary means to attenuate water infiltration visible throughout the building and hose tower.
- Repairing façade where major deterioration requires immediate attention,
- Replacing building electrical service and main distribution panel (MDP); local distribution to remain in-place until future phase,
- Repairing damaged windows to prevent water infiltration,
- Conducting further testing for asbestos-containing materials (ACM) and abating ACM throughout building interior and exterior,
- Mold remediation, and
- Any masonry repairs that can be done before environmental conditions prohibit such work, including repointing and brick replacement.

The remainder of the repair/reconstruction work (i.e., work that is not identified in the Proposal as “emergency” work) will be competitively bid. Cameron Engineering, which completed an extensive study of the Edgemere Firehouse in 2018, is assessing the current degree of damage in the building and recommending contractors. A minimum of three proposals will be evaluated for every contract. All contractors have worked extensively with Cameron Engineering in the past and have performed approximately 450 projects in NYC firehouses throughout the five boroughs. This week, structural, electric and civil engineers were on site assessing the scope of work and further identifying the issues, including extensive water penetration.

PUBLIC HEARING NOVEMBER 4, 2021: CANNABIS PROHIBITION

The Garden City Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 4, 2021 regarding a proposed Local Law adding Chapter 78 to the Village Code entitled, “Cannabis Prohibition.” The hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Board

Room and also via Zoom. The Zoom link will be made available on the Village website, www.gardencityny.net, the day of the hearing. To learn more about this proposed Local Law, which would prohibit the licensed sale of cannabis and/or on-site consumption sites within the boundaries of the Village of Garden City. If the Village passes this law, the State of New York will prohibit the establishment of any retail dispensary and/or on-site consumption sites by refusing to grant any such license within the Village.

The Mayor and Board of Trustees have been educating themselves on this decision facing municipalities across New York State since early April, hearing input from numerous residents. At the October 7, 2021 Board meeting, Trustees John Delany and Mary Carter Flanagan shared information from a New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) presentation. A summary of that presentation is available by clicking [here](#). Residents interested in this issue are encouraged to read the summary in order to understand the decision before the Village of Garden City. Residents are also encouraged to email the Mayor and/or their Trustee with comments and questions. Click [here](#) for a list of Board emails.

GRANT MONIES FOR AOP REMOVAL AT GARDEN CITY WELL SITES

The Village is applying for grant monies under the Federal Clean Water Infrastructure Act to offset the cost of AOP removal at Wells 7, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16. New York State enacted standards for certain emerging contaminants in the water supply of the State, including the water supply of Garden City. In order to meet those standards, Garden City will need to do treatment at the aforementioned wells. The Board has also engaged H2M Architects and Engineers to complete and submit the WIIA grant applications for each well site by the November 22, 2021 deadline.

WATER UPDATE

Water Tower: No work was performed last week. The contractor and H2M met with a neighbor who made objections about damage being caused last winter due to ice falling from the scaffolding system. The homeowner is to provide costs to the contractor to make all the repairs. An additional inspection of the homeowner's roof is expected. The contractor has secured an insulation contractor and is waiting for the schedule in order to begin the work.

Well 7 (Waterworks site): Three minor items remain on the punch list. The contractor provided change orders that were requested during construction. H2M is reviewing the same.

Wells 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue site): H2M completed performance sampling and is expecting lab results within two weeks. The Department of Health walkthrough video was conducted for Wells 8 and 12.

Well No 9 (Wilson Street site): The Nassau County Health Department endorsed engineering report has been sent to the New York State Department of Health. A soil investigation was conducted. The report is currently under review and will be submitted to the Village.

Wells 10 and 11 (Clinton Road site): Well No. 11 was pulled and the well was videoed. A project meeting was held to discuss work items to be completed. H2M is working on plans for the blower replacement and enclosure at Well 11.

Wells 13 and 14 (Garden City Country Club site): Received approval from the New York State Department of Health to operate wells with treatment to system. Wells 13 and 14 are able to run to system through treatment. Well 13 is currently running to system without treatment. Design has started on the GAC Building and associated site work. The Village will introduce Well 14 through the treatment system. Once Well 14 is stable, Well 13 will be sent through treatment to system.

Wells 15 and 16 Hilton Park site): Crews began installing electrical cabinets, cabins for site drainage and siding around the air stripping tower. Crews also installed the packed tower aeration blower. Well cleanings will be performed. Crews will also construct the roof of the hydrogen peroxide canopy and pour the concrete for the stairs in front of the building.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Village Treasurer Irene Woo presented a summary of Fiscal Year 2020-21 and Q1 for Fiscal Year 2021-22 during the October 21, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting. Overall, for Fiscal Year 2020-21, revenues were favorable to budget by approximately \$432,000 in the General Fund as a result of several favorable variances that totaled \$4 million. The majority (\$2.7 million) was the result of Building Department fees from two large projects – \$1.9 million in building permit fees for the project at 1111 Franklin Avenue, the former home of Sears, and more than anticipated fees for the 555 Stewart Avenue project. This project had a change in scope and therefore the fees came in \$400,000 more than anticipated. As a result of Tropical Storm Isaias and COVID, the Village recorded approximately \$1.3 million in FEMA reimbursements. Favorable variances were partially offset by lower revenues totaling \$3.6 million, the majority of which came from the deferred Business District paving project (\$1.9 million in reimbursements). Additionally, the Village performed less road paving and more paving of parking lots and was therefore ineligible for CHIP (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program) funding. Village Administrator Ralph Suozzi, however, confirmed with New York State that the Village is eligible for CHIPS funding once the roadway portion of the paving work is completed. Further, the Village received approximately \$355,000 less in sidewalk reimbursements. To view the full Report, please visit the Village website at www.gardencityny.net.

THIRD TRACK WORK

Beginning in late October, crews will install transmission lines east and west of the Denton Avenue Bridge. Residents will notice crews working both during the week and on weekends to progress this project. Work will occur on the project element overnight for approximately one week. During the weekend of October 30-31, crews will work on transmission lines between Nassau Boulevard and Herricks Road, on the north side of the tracks. Double track outages have also been scheduled for the Main Line for October 30-31. To reduce the overall project schedule, the project team will use these double-track

outages to complete other activities in proximity to the tracks. During the weekend, residents will likely notice increased activity along the right-of-way. To ensure restoration of rail service by Monday mornings, crews will be working through the overnight hours.

PICKLEBALL RETURNS

Recreation Commissioner Paul Blake announces that Pickleball has returned to the St. Paul's Fieldhouse. Two morning sessions are offered Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Play is drop in and rotate is on a first come, first serve basis for Village of Garden City residents only. At this time no guests are allowed. The fee is \$6 per person, per session. Check or Credit Card only. Discount passes – a five pack for \$25 - are available at the Recreation Office, 108 Rockaway Avenue. For more information, call 465-4075.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Halloween is supposed to be a time of wholesome fun. However, this year not everyone may feel comfortable with trick-or-treating due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. As such, the Police Department will continue its program started last year by preparing green and red signs to place in windows, or visible areas, for trick-or-treaters to identify whether residents are welcoming them or not.

STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR VILLAGE

Want to stay connected to the Village and its activities? Sign up for email alerts through an online portal on Garden City's homepage. The link is located on the bottom right side of the Village website, www.gardencityny.net. All you'll need to do is provide your name and a valid email address to immediately begin receiving non-emergency updates about local meetings and events, upcoming festivals, Village Hall holiday hours, approved solicitations and road closures, to name a few. Follow the Village on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as well for daily updates.