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## **THE MAYOR'S UPDATE**

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### **OATHS OF OFFICE**

The newly elected Mayor and Trustees, and re-elected Village Justice took their oaths of office Monday, April 5, 2021 during a brief ceremony at Village Hall. The regular meeting was also available via Zoom. Supreme Court Justice Stephen A. Bucaria administered the oath of office to Village Justice Allen S. Mathers. Matthew Flanagan, Trustee Mary Carter Flanagan's husband, administered the oaths of office to Mayor Cosmo Veneziale and Trustees Carter Flanagan, Bruce Chester, Terry Digan and Tom O'Brien.

Mayor Veneziale has lived in Garden City since 1993 and is representing the Western section. He is the principal of Cosmo Veneziale, ARCHITECT, P.L.L.C. an award-winning architectural firm, and is a registered architect in the states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Mayor Veneziale has been a designer, project architect and associate with several award-winning architectural firms. Mayor Veneziale said he seeks to restore transparency and resident involvement to Village government, as well as provide referendums on Village issues involving the expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

"I would like to offer my congratulations to all the new Trustees and our Village Justice. I also wish to thank the existing, sitting Trustees. With their help we will address the issues the residents are most concerned with," he said. "I look forward to working with everyone involved to preserve and improve the institutions that make Garden City a great place to live and work."

Trustee Chester has lived in the Estates section for more than 20 years. He is an insurance professional with 45 years' experience. After graduating from Villanova University, Trustee Chester began his career working for The Travelers Insurance Co. in New York City. After several years, he joined The Chester Insurance Agency in Carle Place and became its president in 1990. Trustee Chester is a founding member of the resident group, Resident Voters Against Monster Poles (ReVAMP), comprised of residents living near the third track installation who are challenging the MTA/LIRR to take down the poles along the Main Line.

Trustee Digan, a longtime resident of the Central section, has enjoyed a successful career on Wall Street. He began his career in the bond markets at RMJ Securities, followed by an Equity Sales position in the Program Trading/Derivative unit of Bear Stearns. He has spent the last 15 years working for ALPS, a subsidiary of SS&C Technologies, as the Director of Institutional Sales for the Sector SPDRs. Trustee Digan believes a fresh perspective is needed in addressing the issues that affect the Village. This would include initiating voter referendums on major capital expenditures and the use of citizen committees to help steer the issues.

Trustee Carter Flanagan, who is representing the Western section, has lived in the Village for 43 years. After graduating from Garden City High School in 1986, she attended the University of Virginia and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1990. She then went on to attend St. John's University School of Law, where she served as Publications Editor of the Journal of Legal Commentary before graduating with a Juris Doctor degree. Since 2012, she has served as an Administrative Law Judge for the New York State Workers' Compensation Board, where she presides over hearings addressing all issues related to workers' compensation cases.

Trustee O'Brien, a lifelong resident of the Village, is representing the Eastern section. He has had a long career as a Global Business Development Executive in the consulting/professional services industry, successfully providing Business Advisory and Information Technology solutions to Fortune 1000 companies. Currently, Trustee O'Brien is a Managing Director for Caserta Concepts, a leading data analytics consulting firm serving organizations across the U.S.

The newly elected Mayor and Trustees join sitting Trustees Colleen Foley, Louis Minuto and John Delany. To see pictures from the swearing-in ceremony, visit [www.gardencityny.net](http://www.gardencityny.net).

### **WATER UPDATE**

Work is progressing at all of Garden City's Water Well sites. Below is an update of activities at each site:

#### **Well No. 7 (Waterworks Site)**

##### **Work Performed:**

- Received approval to run Well No. 7 to system. Flushed Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) vessels to lower existing effluent 1,4-Dioxane level to less than 1 parts per billion (ppb).

##### **Future Schedule:**

- Well will be in service with Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP) treatment this week. Village will continue sampling in accordance with the NYS Department of Health's approval letter.

#### **Well Nos. 8 and 12 (Rockaway Avenue Site/Garden City Golf Club)**

##### **Work Performed:**

- AOP/GAC treatment plant will be placed at the Village's Waterworks site.
- Water Mains for Well Nos. 8 and 12 were designed to transmit water through the Garden City Golf Club to the new treatment plant location.
- Design of interim treatment system plans and specifications were completed.
- Water transmission mains sending raw water from Well Nos. 8 and 12 within the Garden City Golf Club to the Waterworks site have been installed.
- Foundations for treatment equipment have been placed.
- GAC vessels for both wells were installed on March 30, 2021.

**Future Schedule:**

- AOP enclosures and UV reactors will be installed on April 8, 2021.
- All piping and electrical work continues.
- It is expected that performance testing for Well No. 12 will occur in May 2021.
- Once the Health Dept. approves the system, Well No. 12 will run through AOP treatment and blend with Well No. 8 raw water.
- Well No. 8 performance testing will commence after Well No. 12 is approved, depending on the system demand for Well No. 8.

**Well Nos. 10 and 11 (Clinton Road Site)****Work Performed:**

- Received approval to run Well No. 11 to system.
- Well No. 10 was rehabilitated and cleaned, and the well seal was raised to the appropriate elevation. Well No. 10 well pump and motor were installed.

**Future Schedule:**

- Well No. 11 will be in service with AOP treatment this week.
- Village will continue sampling in accordance with NYSDOH's approval letter.
- Well No. 10 electrical work and piping work will continue and be completed by the end of April.
- Once Well No. 10 is activated, sampling for Well No. 10's treatment train will commence. Upon receiving satisfactory sampling results, the Village will request permission to run Well No. 10 to system. We expect to run Well No. 10 to system in May 2021.
- Brick work and exterior finish work on the treatment building will continue. Well No. 11 and new electric service will not commence until the Fall of 2021.

**Well Nos. 13 and 14 (Country Club Site)****Work Performed:**

- Engineering Report and Interim Treatment plans and specifications were submitted to the New York State Department of Health and Nassau County Department of Health.
- Interim construction work on treatment systems was completed. GAC vessel piping manifolds were replaced and granular activated carbon was replaced.
- AOP treatment system was checked and verified by manufacturer and engineer.

**Future Schedule:**

- Performance testing of both wells will take place this month.
- Pending Health Department approvals, we expect to receive permission to operate to system in May 2021.
- Site work will continue.
- Design of permanent construction, including a new building enclosure for the GAV vessels, automatic blow-offs at each well and well rehabilitations and/or restaging, will continue and is expected to be complete in June 2021.
- Permanent building construction is expected to be complete by March 2022 (well rehabilitations cannot be performed until October 2021 after the peak pumping season).

### **Well Nos. 15 and 16 (Hilton Park Site)**

#### **Work Performed:**

- Construction on new AOP/GAC and packed tower aeration treatment plant commenced.
- Building foundation, clearwell walls and roof have been constructed.

#### **Future Schedule:**

- Construction will continue with completion of concrete work.
- The GAC vessels, packed tower aerator and UV equipment are expected to be installed in May 2021.
- Completion of the building is expected in June 2021.
- Performance testing of AOP equipment is expected in June 2021.
- A plan for using Well No. 16 without the AOP treatment system will be established for emergency summer use if the treatment system does not receive Health Department approval.

### **Well No. 9 (Wilson Street Site)**

#### **Work Performed:**

- Engineering report for treatment at Well No. 9 was finalized.

#### **Future Schedule:**

- Engineering report will be submitted to the New York State Department of Health and Nassau County Health Department this month.
- Plans and specifications for a treatment facility at Well No. 9 will be prepared in case the levels of 1,4-Dioxane or perfluorinated compounds increase.

### **SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

The Board of Trustees is actively seeking residents to volunteer to be on the following BOT Committees, Boards and Commissions:

1. St Paul's Main Building Committee
2. Mobility Impaired Committee
3. Village Fire Safety Committee
4. Third Track Committee
5. Village Government Citizen Oversight Committee
6. Architectural Design Review Board
7. Planning Commission
8. Zoning Board of Appeals
9. Environmental Advisory Board
10. Board of Ethics

Interested residents should send their resume and a brief letter of interest to Karen Altman, Village Clerk, at 351 Stewart Avenue or via email at [kaltman@gardencityny.net](mailto:kaltman@gardencityny.net). Please be advised the proposed new committees will be charged with specific goals, have a designated Chairperson, a set number of members with experience in various disciplines and a specific schedule. Each committee will report to the Board of Trustees.

### **BUDGET HEARING TO RESUME APRIL 22**

The April 5, 2021 budget hearing on the tentative 2021-22 Village Budget was adjourned and will continue at the next Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2021. The newly elected Mayor and Trustees need more time to evaluate the proposed budget and provide final comments. Citizens will have an opportunity at the April 22, 2021 meeting to comment on any possible changes made to the proposed budget before it is finalized.

### **LED REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The remaining LED replacement lights for Community Park will be delivered the week of April 19th and installed beginning the week of April 26th. This will complete the conversion to LED lights at Community Park. The final lights are being installed at the roller hockey rink and mini golf course. These lights have remote capability, Recreation Commissioner Paul Blake noted. “We can turn them off and on and even dim illumination levels,” he said. “When we get to the end of an evening we can dim lights down to approximately 20 percent and still have plenty of light for folks to walk out but save a little coin. We’re really happy that’s going to happen. We conserve anywhere we can.”

### **555 STEWART AVENUE**

The Garden City Building Department issued a building permit to Southern Land Co., a Tennessee-based real estate developer for 555 Stewart Avenue, on April 1, according to Superintendent Giuseppe Giovanniello. Ground breaking is expected this week. The 150-unit residence, which will include two four-story buildings, inclusive of 15 affordable housing units, received final site plan approval in July 2020. The residence will consist of 66 one-bedroom units, 72 two-bedroom units and 12 three-bedroom units. All equipment and materials should be self-contained at the site, which is fully fenced in, Mr. Giovanniello said. Expected completion is the summer of 2022.

### **UPCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS**

Trustees approved the following regular Board meetings for 2021-22. Please note these meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. Zoom meeting links will be available on the Village website for anyone interested. Please note that the links will no longer be made available to the public at large if anyone calls in and is disrespectful, vulgar and/or abusive in any.

#### **2021**

- April 22, 2021
- May 6, 2021
- May 20, 2021
- June 3, 2021
- June 17, 2021
- July 15, 2021
- August 19, 2021
- September 16, 2021
- October 7, 2021
- October 21, 2021

- November 4, 2021
- November 18, 2021
- December 9, 2021

## **2022**

- January 13, 2022
- February 3, 2022
- February 15, 2022 (Tuesday is also the Grievance Day Hearing)
- March 3, 2022
- March 17 2022
- April 4, 2022

### **SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ALERTS**

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](http://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, even Village Hall holiday hours, approved solicitations and road closures. Follow our Facebook page as well for daily updates, <https://www.facebook.com/VillageofGC>.