

March 8, 2023

2023-24 TENTATIVE OPERATING BUDGET

Work sessions to discuss the proposed \$69.194 million Operating Budget kicked off March 9. Four budget work sessions are scheduled this month, followed by a budget hearing on April 3. Work sessions will take place in person in the Village Hall Board Room and via Zoom, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. The Board will hear from Village Treasurer Irene Woo, as well as the Village Department Heads. Here is the full schedule:

- Work Session I - Thursday, March 9, 2023
 - Budget Overview
 - Building Department
 - Fire Department
 - Library
- Work Session II - Tuesday, March 14, 2023
 - Department of Public Works and Water Fund
 - Administration
 - Finance Department
 - Other Unallocated Expenses and Revenues
- Work Session III - Thursday, March 23, 2023
 - Police Department
 - Recreation, Pool and Tennis Funds
- Work Session IV - Thursday, March 30, 2023
 - Presentation of Changes/Final Budget
- Budget Hearing - Monday, April 3, 2023
 - Budget Hearing and Adoption

GCFD TRAINING FACILITY

The GCFD Training Facility project is well into the design phase and is progressing in both the site preparation and layout of the physical structure. There have been numerous meetings with the Chiefs, GCFD whose input was sought and they requested changes to the facility layout. These changes are in the process of being implemented. Once the design changes are made, DPW will request another review with the GCFD Chiefs to determine if any further adjustments are needed prior to the finalization of the construction / design plans. An estimate for the projected cost for this facility has been provided to the Board of Trustees and the project will be reviewed during budget presentations.

2023 VILLAGE ELECTION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The General Village Election for 2023 will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. The polls will be open from 12 Noon to 9:00 p.m. in the evening and will be held at the St. Paul's Field House. The names of all those who are running for Village office is as follows:

Unity and Common Sense Party

Trustee 2 Years

Edward Finneran

Community Agreement Party

Mayor Two-Year Term

Judy Courtney

Trustee Two-Year Term

Michele Harrington

Trustee Two-Year Term

Cosmo Veneziale

For A Better Garden City Party

Mayor Two-Year Term

Mary Carter Flanagan

Trustee Two-Year Term

Richard A. Williams

Trustee Two-Year Term

Bruce J. Chester

Trustee Two-Year Term

Michael J. Sullivan

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Residents are reminded that absentee ballot applications are available on the Village website and outside the Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall for those residents who will be out of the Village or are unable to vote in person due to a disability or illness. Please note that the Village has been advised that fear of contracting COVID is no longer a valid reason to get an absentee ballot.

ST. PAUL'S TOWN HALL

The St. Paul's Committee cordially invites all Garden City residents to attend the 6th St. Paul's Committee Town Hall, to be held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on Monday, March 13th at Cluett Hall. The Committee will review and summarize the results of its 15-month effort regarding St. Pauls. Most importantly, the Committee will present the preliminary cost estimates as determined by Westerman Construction, Co. Westerman studied the various options for the use of the St. Paul's buildings and campus, as requested by our Committee and the Board of Trustees. Questions and comments will be encouraged.

SECOND BRIDGE JACKING THIS WEEKEND

The raising of the Cherry Valley Train Trestle is occurring over three consecutive weekends. The first bridge jacking took place March 3-5. The second bridge jacking weekend is March 10 - 13. Cherry Valley Avenue will be closed again from approximately 9:00 p.m. on March 10 to 4:00 a.m. on March 13. There will be a full shutdown of train service on the Hempstead branch. Buses will run in their stead. Customers are encouraged to check the [LIRR website](#) and app for travel information. Detour signs will be in place no later than two days before the start of any work.

RECONSTRUCTION OF CLINTON ROAD

Members of the Board of Trustees, along with residents, met with Nassau County Public Works personnel Monday evening to review the status of the Clinton Road Engineering Study. Christopher Paggi, P.E., a Chief Civil Engineer for Nassau County, presented four design alternatives for Clinton Road, between Commercial Avenue and Meadow Street to help the County and Village come to a consensus on one alternative. Project goals include:

- Resurfacing of Clinton Road within the project limits
- Establishing a new storm water flow line profile from north to south on Clinton Road
- Evaluating and modifying the intersecting roadway profiles as required to flatten the crown elevations to match the proposed flow line at Clinton Road
- Replacing and/or upgrading existing drainage infrastructure within the project limits
- Replacing and/or upgrading existing traffic signal infrastructure within the project limits
- Improving the overall safety and riding surface of Clinton Road with upgraded pavement markings and signing

SENIOR CENTER REPAIRS

Belfor Restorations has been on site for the past several days at the Senior Center with Village engineering staff and Recreation maintenance personnel for a thorough investigation of the building, gathering information and taking measurements. Trustees engaged Belfor to do repairs inside the Golf Club Lane building, which was damaged due to a burst fire suppression system pipe. Repairs to the kitchen, meeting rooms and floors throughout the building need to be made. Work is expected to begin this week. Recreation Commissioner Paul Blake is hopeful to have the building back in service in a few weeks. As previously noted, new flooring in the meeting room and front hallway is finished, as is the work to install the new HVAC system. An insurance payout is greatly offsetting the cost of repairs, which are approximately \$284,000.

LIBRARY DELAYED OPENING

During the week of March 13, 2023 the Garden City Public Library will have a delayed opening at 10:00 a.m. for 3-5 days for furniture deliveries to use the main entrance. The Library will open sooner if able to do so. These changes may be subject to change based on circumstances. Please watch for further announcements on the Library website, www.gardencitypl.org, or call the Library, 516-742-8405.