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Garden City Central Property Owners Association

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Following a meeting with the Garden City Fire Department Chiefs last week, the CPOA board of directors voted in agreement with the Village Board of Trustees to eliminate the paid fire fighters due to the operational issues highlighted at the recent B.O.T. meeting on July 25, 2018.

* We believe there is no safety concerns related to eliminating the paid fire fighters because we have 102 well trained volunteers in the G.C. Fire Department.
* The contentious environment between the paid and volunteer firefighters has reduced the operational control of the Fire Department to respond in the most appropriate manner and maximum firefighting capabilities.
* The consistent litigious avenue of the paid firefighters has cost the Village over $1 million in legal costs. And the recent arbitration decision leaves the B.O.T. with the choice of more than doubling the number of paid firefighters or eliminating the 11 paid firefighters.
* Every other town on Long Island uses 100% volunteer department, except Garden City and Long Beach.

The letter provided by the Eastern Property owners Association provides additional details that were also important in our decision. (See below link)

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[EPOA Unanimously Supports the Resolution by the Village Board of Trustees to Terminate Paid Firefighters](https://www.gcepoa.org/index.asp?SEC=4D6EB82D-77AD-4C7C-8DA0-A7F0E09C3C84&DE=F7A74AC7-0B05-4BAA-8FC0-6FD41D7EE432&Type=B_PR)