

MEETINGS: 7
NO. OF REGULAR: 7

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
June 26, 2023 7:00 PM**

ROLL CALL: Trustee Hamernik
Trustee Ziemba
Trustee Kraft
Deputy Mayor Adolf
Mayor Peterson

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf, the minutes of the June 12, 2023 village board meeting were approved.

Public Comments for Agenda items

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

Trustee Hamernik, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Permission is hereby granted to The Depew Fire Department for Engine 6 to participate in a procession with the National EMS Memorial on Monday July 17th. The Time is yet to be determined and will not be known till the day of the event. Estimated time procession is 4 or 5pm.

Participating fire companies will be meeting at E-ONE fire apparatus at 4760 Camp Road Hamburg. Expected procession will go Camp Road to Southwestern to Transit Road through our Village and end at Russell's 6675 Transit Road.

This will be the first time in history for the National EMS Memorial to come to the Buffalo Area.

The foregoing resolutions were seconded by Trustee Kraft and **CARRIED**.

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

Trustee Ziemba, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department to take Rescue 7 to M&M U -Pull-It, 2150 William St, Buffalo NY for an auto extrication class on Saturday, June 24 at 7:30am.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf and **CARRIED**.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION – POLICE OFFICER

Trustee Hamernik, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, the resignation of Police Officer Jared Starzynski, effective June 9, 2023 accepted.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor and duly put to a roll call vote which resulted in the following:

Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Ziemba - Y
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Kraft, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, membership is hereby granted to the following in the Depew Fire Department pending the passing of his physical:

Cayuga Hose Co #3

Jeffrey Luke

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Ziembra and **CARRIED**.

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

Deputy Mayor Adolf, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department for Engine 2 & Engine 3 to participate in the Village of Lancaster 4th of July parade on July 4th, from 10:30am to approximately 2pm.

And

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department for Engine 2 to be on standby in the Village of Lancaster 4th of July fireworks display from 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Hamernik and **CARRIED**.

APPOINT SUMMER REC SEASONALS

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Kevin Peterson do hereby appoint the following for the summer employment to the Recreation Department:

Cashier:

Luke Triplet
Elizabeth Stevens
McKayla Romano

Lifeguard:

Daphne Adams
Joseph Podraza
Jonathan Wypij
Lincoln Counihan
Ava Carlon

Lifeguard Supervisor:

Marcus Huber

Summer Help

Nicolas Karynski

The forgoing nominations were acted upon in the following manner by the Board of Trustees:

Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Ziembra - Y
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

DPW GRASS CUTTING

Trustee Ziemba, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the village is encountering numerous vacant and foreclosed homes in the village and orders to remedy have been issued to the property owner on record;

WHEREAS, the high grass is a nuisance to neighbors and attracts rodents;

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is granted for the Department of Public Works to mow any property that is not mowed by the due date on the order to remedy for the 2023 year. The cost of said mowing(s) will be attached to the village tax bill for that property.

Please see attached list of properties.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Hamernik and duly put to a roll call vote which resulted in the following:

Trustee Hamernik- Y
Trustee Ziemba- Y
Trustee Kraft- Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS – Rec – Luke Triplet, Jonathan Wypij, Ava Carlon
DPW- Joseph Aquino

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS –

Don Bielefeld, Code Enforcement: Reminded residents to keep grass cut, and foundations, fence lines cleaned up. Huge issue still with unregistered vehicles. Working on getting final grading and hydroseeding on 73 Main Street. Hidden Shamrock cleaned up backside of building and put on new roof.

Ken Pyc, DPW: Did some blacktop work on West Dawson Playground to make it easier to park, waiting for dirt to settle for the geothermal. Calls about 39 Columbia, about possibly some poison hemlock and looking at way to rectify and point them in right direction.

Mayor Peterson: Hemlock is not on Village property, OEM is going to contact DEC for suggestions. Major changes to the Pavilion this week, roof is going on, dormer is up and they are putting the stone up this week. As it was mentioned, concerts start this week, have 8 great shows, every sponsor from last year came back and added a few new ones. Fire Department will be there, they have been a Gold sponsor from the start, a number of Gold Sponsors, Greg's Tree Service comes to mind. Diamond Sponsor is Casey's and Twin Village Recycling. It's a fun, family type outing, food trucks on site from 5:30 on.

Kevin Ferguson: Pool opened yesterday, have 15 lifeguards on staff.

Chief Gauthier, Fire Department: Summer Concert series starting this Thursday, the Fire Department will be out there assisting the Village with the festivities, Founders' Day also the Fire Department will be out there, if anyone is looking to join, visit website at DepewFire.org, fill out the suggestion area under recruitment and they will be in touch. For the month of June, 29 calls and 179 year to date.

Captain Curr, Police Department: New academy starts July 31, hoping to have 3 recruits, there were a couple of smash and grabs, Outlet Liquor and Speedway by Patrick, just want people to be on the lookout, throughout the County these are on the increase, ask residents if you see anything suspicious, if you see something, say something, give us a call and hopefully we can prevent more of these from happening in the future.

Sam Alba, Village Attorney: Busy week, meeting on a legal matter in Executive Session, we have a Red Flag Law hearing coming up.

Trustee Ziemba: Wanted to remind residents of the Home Hazardous Waste event happening in Elma at the DPW garage, from 8:30am to 1pm. There are still reservations available for the event, you do need to call to make a reservations, accepting all types of batteries, paints, and information is on our website.

Trustee Hamernik: Wanted to say thank you for all the well wishes received and will be in Phoenix July 10 accepting her award.

Deputy Mayor Adolf: It's summertime, a lot of people are out and about, just ask residents to be cognizant of kids and people walking their dogs, so look twice before you make a move.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS: -

Elizabeth Brinkworth, Assemblymember Monica Wallace's Office: Their office hosted their annual Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony last Friday, able to highlight various women and their accomplishments throughout the district. A couple from Depew, Depew Police Department Lieutenant Rochelle Menard, PATH Director Julie Palmer, Depew Fire Department Captain Dawn Gauthier, and Fantastic Friends President Debbie Cordone. Summer Reading Challenge is back – encouraging kids to read at least 15 minutes a day for 40 days in July and August. There are Summer Reading Challenges at the following locations: Lancaster Public Library, Anna Reinstein Memorial Library, Julia Boyer Reinstein Library, Lancaster Youth Bureau, Alexander Community Center. Those can be picked up, a booklet that they get to mark off the days they read, if they complete the program, they mail back the packet to their office and get a certificate for all their hard work. Assemblymember Wallace announced last week that she was able to secure \$30,000 for the Depew/Lancaster Boys & Girls Club and this was to purchase several games like skee ball, bubble hockey, arcade basketball, an interactive white board, claw machine, X-box. In terms of legislation, the Member was hard at work this session, was able to pass 11 bills in the Assembly, 10 of which got passed in the Senate, hoping that those that passed in both will be signed into law. Wanted to highlight is on that is important to the Assemblymember and Senator Gallivan, it is Assembly bill 3052, also known as the Trooper Lakeman Bill, which essentially allows for his application that was filed with NYS Local Police and Fire Retirement System to be filled in a timely manner.

Nancy Sirianni, 91 Candance: Had concerns about Carrubba's Chicken Pit, her backyard butts up to them. Has two pods on lot that hasn't moved, wondering if they needed permits. Also, sometimes the dumpsters are left open.

Don Bielefeld, Code Enforcement Officer: Explained that Carrubba's had filed for permits for outdoor storage buildings but the company took their money and ran. They have since filed for new permits, which were approved, once they are in place, that stuff should move.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Trustee Hamernik the following claims are to be paid: \$381,177.32 General, \$1,581.54 Sewer, with a total of \$382,757.86was **CARRIED.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – in regards to a Legal matter

The executive session was opened at 7:36 PM by Deputy Mayor Adolf and seconded by Trustee Kraft

The Executive session was closed at 7:57 PM by Deputy Mayor Adolf and seconded by Trustee Kraft

There was no decision made in the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Ziembra the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Grzankowski
Village Administrator