

MEETINGS: 21  
NO. OF REGULAR: 20

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW  
January 10, 2021 7:00PM**

ROLL CALL: Trustee Hamernik - PR  
Trustee Ziemba - PR  
Trustee Kucewicz - PR  
Deputy Mayor Stempniak - ABS  
Mayor Peterson - PR

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Ziemba the December 27, 2021 board meeting minutes were approved.

**Public Comment Agenda Items Only:** N/A

**APPOINT FULL TIME CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Kevin Peterson, do hereby appoint

Donald Bielefeld

to the position of Full Time Code Enforcement Officer effective January 20, 2022. The rate of pay will be \$31.99 plus benefits.

The forgoing nomination was acted upon in the following manner by the Board of Trustees:

Trustee Hamernik - Y  
Trustee Ziemba - Y  
Trustee Kucewicz - Y  
Deputy Mayor Stempniak - ABS  
Mayor Peterson - Y

**SEQR Type II Determination**

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

**Whereas**, 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations) under the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) provides that certain actions identified in subdivision (c ) of that section are not subject to environmental review under the Environmental Conservation Law;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Depew hereby determines that the proposed engineers study for the comprehensive evaluation of I/I within the Sewer Collection System is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5 (C ) 1(8) which constitutes the information collection including basic data collection and engineering studies that do not commit the agency to undertake, fund or approve any Type I or Unlisted action, and is therefore not subject to review under 6 NYCRR part 617.

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

Trustee Hamernik - Y  
Trustee Ziemba - Y  
Trustee Kucewicz - Y  
Deputy Mayor Stempniak - ABS  
Mayor Peterson - Y

**Authorization for Mayor to sign Grant Agreement**

Trustee Kucewicz offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring about the Project – I&I investigation of Phase 8 (Alys East and West) and to fulfill the Village Of Depew’s obligation under the Engineering Planning Grant Agreement

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

- Trustee Hamernik - Y
- Trustee Ziembra -Y
- Trustee Kucewicz - Y
- Deputy Mayor Stempniak - ABS
- Mayor Peterson -Y

**Authorization and Appropriation of Local Match (20% Local Match)**

Trustee Ziembra offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Village of Depew Engineering Study for Phase 8 (Alys East and West). Under the Engineering Planning Grant Program the local match must be at least 20% of the total cost. The maximum local share appropriated, subject to any changes agreed to by the Mayor, shall not exceed \$20,000 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$120,000.00. The Mayor may increase this local match through the use in kind services without further approval for the Village of Depew.

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

- Trustee Hamernik - Y
- Trustee Ziembra - Y
- Trustee Kucewicz - Y
- Deputy Mayor Stempniak - ABS
- Mayor Peterson - Y

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS – N/A**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS –**

Recreation – The rink is doing great!!!! We’re at full capacity with games and practices, along with open skate!!!! The tournament lost 20 teams, but they are still going forward with it with the remaining teams.

Police Department

Our department and our officers are doing a great job. They are engaged with the community and are working hard to keep this community safe.

We have had an increase in car larcenies again. This is an issue throughout the county.

The suspects are not just stealing the property from your car, they are using garage remotes to enter your garage, and they are stealing the cars when the keys are found inside them – So, please lock your cars and take any valuables with you. This is crime of opportunity ... so don’t give them an opportunity – lock your cars, take your keys and don’t leave any valuables in your car.

Year-end report on file in office

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was yesterday, January 9. If you have a police officer as a friend or family member, it is the perfect time to show officers that you understand how difficult their job is and that you appreciate the sacrifices and risk they take each day.

DPW – the department had their first snow storm of the year. We received 9 inches by 9am that day. The guys all did a fantastic job!!!! Thank you to the Chief for the department issuing notices to plow drivers if the officers saw them plowing the snow into the street!!!

Law – Someone approached Attorney Alba about our small animal law, inquiring about exotic pets for service animals and how that should be handled. He will research the topic and come to the next board meeting with his findings.

Trustee Ziembra – NEST meetings are cancelled until March.

Trustee Kuciewicz – Nothing for this evening

Trustee Hamernik – Just a reminder to everyone about the fund raiser being held on Saturday 1/29/22 from 6-10pm for the new community center. The fund raiser is being held at the Bowmansville Fire Hall.

OEM – tests from the county were received last week. They were distributed on Saturday, in conjunction with the food truck meals. Great job to everyone who helped out. We averaged doing 4.4 cars per minute!!! 490 test kits were given out. They opened the OEM office on Thursday for the snow storm, once we learned that everything was under control, we shut it back down. Just waiting to see if the County gets more test kits so that we can distribute those as well.

Mayor Peterson offered that we only had a certain number of test kits to hand out and we hope to receive more. The County was supposed to get 400,000 and only received 40,000 so far. The plan was to give them to the libraries to hand out, but somewhere, somehow on Friday, that changed and we ended up handing them out ourselves. Hopefully with the next batch, we can get some out to local churches, food pantries and senior apartments. Maybe we'll get them in time for Audrey to hand out as parting gifts the night of the fund raiser!!!!

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS OR CONCERNS – N/A**

#### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Kuciewicz, the following claims are to be paid: \$95,543.86 General, \$23.97 Sewer Fund, \$12,808.38 Capital Projects, and \$108,376.21 was **CARRIED**.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Ziembra the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for Mr. Edward Kaczmarek who was 100 ½ years old, lifelong Depew resident & WWII Veteran, Mr. Roger Dearmyer, Long time Depew resident, former officer with the Erie County Sheriff's office and Deputy Mayor Stempniak's very close friend Lacie Dombkiewicz at 7:34 **PM**. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak  
Village Administrator