

MEETINGS: 14  
NO. OF REGULAR: 14

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW**  
**October 12, 2021 7:00PM**

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

Just to be clear Mayor Peterson explained, we're stepping back a couple of weeks ago, the minutes didn't get out properly so we are officially doing an approval of those minutes. **ON A MOTION BY**, Deputy Mayor Stempniak and seconded by Trustee Ziemba, the September 13, 2021 board meeting minutes were approved.

**ON A MOTION BY**, Deputy Mayor Stempniak and seconded by Trustee Hamernik, the September 27, 2021 board meeting minutes were approved.

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Trustee Hamernik, the September 9, 2021 Zoning board meeting minutes were accepted.

1. Shirley Krampen for a variance on property located at 48 King Ave of Chapter 260, §260-31(L)2 The pool structure and adjacent pool deck, including any adjacent walk, shall be a minimum of five feet from a rear property line or interior property line. If a rear lot line abuts a side lot line of a neighboring residential use, pool structures and adjacent pool decks, including any adjacent walks, shall be a minimum of 10 feet from the rear lot line. Pools may not encroach a required exterior side yard. Denied.
2. Kevin & Anne Mazurek for a variance on property located on 94 Jane Lane., of Chapter 260, §260-14B4(b)(1) Yards on corner lots, the exterior side yard for residential corner lots shall be as follows: Ten feet minimum when the rear lot line abuts another rear lot line. Granted with stipulation that flower bed removed.

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stempniak the October 7, 2021 Planning board meeting minutes were approved.

1. 3178 Walden, Eric Percy on behalf of Atlas Enterprises of WNY LLC, requesting site plan approval for 20x50 addition that will connect the two separate buildings. Approved.

Mayor Peterson told his secretary, Regina Grzankowski since it has been yours, his wife's and Andrew's event, to tell us about the Fall Fest. Regina stated that this is our very first Fall Fest and it will be held this Saturday, the 16th at Veteran's Park beginning at 11am. At 10am there will be Yoga with Cory, at 11am there will be Zumba. There will be music, historical tours, WNY Superhero's and lots of fun activities for the whole family.

Village of Depew  
Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday October 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Depew Village Hall Council Chambers regarding the use of Federal Community Development funds in the Village of Depew.

The Village of Depew is eligible for a Federal Community Development grant under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

The purpose of the Hearing is to provide an opportunity for citizens to express community development and housing needs and to discuss possible projects which would benefit low- and moderate-income persons in the Village of Depew, Town of Lancaster side only.

Citizens are urged to attend this meeting to make known their views and/or written proposals on the Village of Depew's selection of potential projects to be submitted for possible funding by the Federal Community Development Grant Program.

The meeting room is wheelchair accessible. Those needing special arrangements should call the Village at 683-7451 by October 5, 2020.

By order of the  
Board of Trustees  
Teresa Wachowiak

## Village Administrator

The public hearing was opened at 7:23PM by Deputy Mayor Stempniak and seconded by Trustee Hamernik: A resident began to thank whomever was working on the sewer/water lines in and around her neighborhood. The Mayor explained that at this time, the public hearing is only for the CDBG usage of funds ideas and that we would circle back around to her during public comments. He explained that this year since we put in the new all inclusive Park, we will be looking at the area around Dawson Park, Columbia and Lincoln Ave is the area that we propose installing new sidewalks to be ADA compliant and to make it easier to access the park. There is also a small portion of a walk lane entering the park that will be done. Also being proposed this year is a 600ft section of Gould Avenue, to pick up where we left off last year or the year before. Mayor Peterson told Trustee Hamernik that maybe next year, or whenever the Community Center is completed, we can use these funds to do the sidewalk by the building. He thinks it best to wait until the building is done before tearing the sidewalks up and installing new ones. Since we are planning a year out we would do the whole sidewalk there, it's certainly in the low/mod area, just like what we've been doing on Gould. The Park, ironically, is in the low/mod area, which is all done by the Census. That's why we were able to get the money to fix the park to fix the sidewalks that are over there. He knows there is another area, Administrator Wachowiak said it's not really a ramp, correct Ken? It's like a walkway into the park. Superintendent Pyc agreed.

The hearing was closed at 7:28pm by Deputy Mayor Stempniak and seconded by Trustee Hamernik.

### **APPOINT FULL TIME DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LABORER**

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

Dillion Snyder

to the position of Full Time Department of Public Works Laborer at the salary stipulated in the budget.

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

Trustee Hamernik – After careful review of the candidate, nothing further stands out to change her previous note of No.

Trustee Ziembra - N

Trustee Kucewicz –ABS

Deputy Mayor Stempniak - Y

Mayor Peterson – Y

Not approved. Mayor Peterson told Superintendent Pyc that we will come back to that.

### **AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR SPECIAL MEETING**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise for a special meeting to be held on Monday November 1, 2021 at 7:00PM to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

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

### **AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG**

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

The Administrator is authorized to advertise a public hearing to discuss the Community Development Block Grant for the Cheektowaga Side of the Village of Depew at the Monday October 25, 2021 board meeting.

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

#### **APPROVE PAYMENT OF INTEREST**

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

**WHEREAS**, The Village of Depew Board of Trustees authorizes payment of property tax refund(s) to the Law Offices of WOLFGANG AND WEINMANN, LLP, on behalf of its client, URBANDALE DEVELOPMENT, pursuant to a Consent Order dated October 25, 2020 which was received by the Village of Depew on or about July 7, 2021. The amount of the interest is to be \$11,149.46.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Village Administer is authorized to make the interest payment to Wolfgang and Weinmann, LLP.

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

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

#### **PERMISSION TRAINING SCHOOL**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted to Kenneth Pyc, Department of Public Works Superintendent, to attend the Public Works Training School, at The Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 on October 18, 2021 through October 20, 2021. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

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

#### **PERMISSION TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Hodgson Russ LLP is hereby appointed Bond Counsel for the Village's sewer system capital improvements project (generally referred to as Phase 5, as supplemented), as authorized by a bond resolution adopted on March 22, 2021, as amended by an amending and restating bond resolution adopted on September 13, 2021, pursuant to the terms set forth in the engagement letter as presented.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Kevin Peterson is authorized to sign the engagement letter with Hodgson Russ, LLP.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Ziembra, and **CARRIED.**

#### **APPROVE AUCTION RESULTS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the results from Auctions International online auction ending 9/29/2021 totaling \$18,194.50 are approved

Lot 1 - 2011 Ford E350 Diamond Coach Shuttle Bus	busandcars	\$15,100.00
Lot 2 – 6 Drawer Tennsco Metal File Cabinets	mowerman	\$42.50
Lot 3 – HP & Epson Toner Cartridges	msingh123	\$31.00
Lot 4 – Panasonic Ultra-Pro Upright Vacuum & Supplies	msingh123	\$11.00
Lot 5 – 1999 Chevy 3500 Truck Frame & Parts	Stopbi	\$310.00
Lot 7 – Reloading Equipment, Supplies & More	vetteracerx	\$2,700.00

The following 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 Kucewicz - ABS  
Deputy Mayor Stempniak - Y  
Mayor Peterson - Y

**PROCLAIM OCTOBER 31, 2021 AS OFFICIAL TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Official Trick or Treat Night in the Village of Depew, in conjunction with the Town and Village of Lancaster and the Town of Cheektowaga, is hereby designated as Sunday, October 31, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Stempniak, and **CARRIED**.

**PERMISSION – DEPEW HIGH SCHOOL MOTORCADE**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Depew High School Student Senate has made application for a Motorcade escort for Friday October 22, 2021 at approximately 12 PM, and

**WHEREAS**, said motorcade route and traffic enforcement has been authorized by the Police Department and the Depew Fire Department will participate in the Motorcade.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that permission is granted to the Depew High School Senate to hold the above-mentioned Motorcade on Friday October 22, 2021.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Ziemba, and **CARRIED**.

**PERMISSION – DEPEW HIGH SCHOOL BONFIRE**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted to the Depew High School Varsity D Club to hold their annual bonfire on Tuesday October 19, 2021 at 7:15 PM on the football practice field behind the Depew Schools bus garage. The Depew Fire Department will be present to provide fire protection with the following stipulations:

1. The Fire Marshall must meet with an adult advisor prior to 6:30 pm on the day of the event to inspect the site and review emergency procedures.
2. No flammable liquids are to be used in lighting the bonfire.

3. The Depew Fire Department will supervise the lighting of the bonfire and will remain on standby for the duration of the event.

4. The Depew Fire Department reserves the right to cancel the bonfire in the event of adverse weather conditions (high winds) or any other condition that may adversely affect public safety.

Depew Police personnel will be present to maintain order and supply necessary traffic enforcement.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Hamernik, and **CARRIED**.

### **VILLAGE OF DEPEW EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE DAYS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Christmas Eve Day 2021 and New Year's Eve Day 2021 are on Fridays and Christmas Day 2021 and New Year's Day 2022 are on Saturdays. Employees covered by the White Collar Collective Bargaining Agreement and all non-union employees working in Village Hall will observe these holidays as follows and Village Hall will be closed on the following days:

	Falls on	Observing
• Christmas Eve Day 2021	12/24/2021	Thursday, 12/23/21
• Christmas Day 2021	12/25/2021	Friday, 12/24/21
• New Year's Eve Day 2021	12/31/2021	Thursday, 12/30/21
• New Year's Day 2022	01/01/2022	Friday, 12/31/2021

Employees covered by the Blue Collar Collective Bargaining Agreement and all non-union employees working at the Department of Public Works will observe the following holidays on the following dates:

	Falls on	Observing
• Christmas Day 2021	12/25/2021	Friday, 12/24/21
• Day After Christmas 2021	12/27/2021	Monday, 12/27/21
• New Year's Eve Day 2021	12/31/2021	Friday, 12/31/2021
• New Year's Day 2022	01/01/2022	Monday, 01/03/2022

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

### **APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST**

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

**WHEREAS**, Andrew Silveri, Full Time DPW Laborer II is a newly hired employee and was not yet eligible for any paid time off under the CBA. His wife recently gave birth. He is requesting permission to take an unpaid leave of absence from September 13, 2021 until September 17, 2021 to assist his wife and care for my baby upon return home from the hospital.

**WHEREAS**, Teresa Wachowiak, recommends the approval of this request;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Board approves the period of unpaid leave stated above.

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

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

**PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT**

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

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department Aetna Hose Co to hold their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party at Ripa’s Restaurant, 4218 Walden Ave, Lancaster, NY on Saturday October 23, 2021 from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM.

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

**AUTHORIZATION EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR**

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

**WHEREAS**, in response to two collapsing sewer lines one on George Urban Blvd and one on Harvard Ave. The sewers are being repaired as part of an emergency order with E & R General Construction Inc. The emergency work being done will be at no expense to the Village once reimbursement has been paid.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the work is authorized to be completed as per the proposal from E & R General Construction.

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

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

**PERMISSION – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department to take Ladder #5 to attend the Interior Firefighting Operations Course at the Erie County Fire Academy, 3359 Broadway in Cheektowaga on October 17, 2021 from 8am – 12pm.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** The above 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 -ABS
- Deputy Mayor Stempniak -Y
- Mayor Peterson - Y

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN SANTORA SIGN AGREEMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Depew would like to utilize Santoro Signs to provide work on the Village of Depew Gateway signs at Walden Ave and Burlington Ave, Broadway St and Borden Rd, and Walden Ave and Dick Rd. The cost of the work being done is \$1,695 per sign.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Kevin Peterson is authorized to sign the Santoro Sign agreement.

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

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

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS** – Rec – Natalie Witt

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS** - Building – September 2021

**PUBLIC COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

Liz Brinkworth of Assemblywoman Monica Wallace's office informed the board that there are a number of bills that she sponsored that have now become law. All of them will be on their website for reference. There is also a Senior event happening at the Cheektowaga Senior Center on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am, it will be a presentation for information on various subjects. Again, this information is on the website.

Trustee Ziemba just wanted to apologize he has his hands in front of his mouth, his string broke, so he was not being disrespectful to anyone.

Trustee Hamernik told the board and audience that they are moving forward on their community center and a lot of nice things to come.

Deputy Mayor Stempniak told everyone that we are working at getting our tree inventory done, possibly at the end of October, early November we will get our contract signed and will be having our kick-off meeting to see what they need from us what their workload looks like.

Mayor Peterson reminded everyone of our upcoming E-Waste right here in front in the parking lot on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am until 2pm. This this is being coordinated by our new garbage contractor, which is Casella in cooperation with Buffalo Computer Recycling. It is available to Village of Depew residents only and Village of Depew taxpayers. So there will be a little bit of checking for ID such as driver's license, if need be we will be checking the tax rolls to verify that they are actually a tax payer in the Village of Depew. We anticipate a lot of people showing up in those 5 hours. We'll be lined up on Gould Ave in the parking lot and drive through it. Buffalo Computer Recycling will charge for tube TV's and CRT monitors, they'll collect \$50.00 for each of these and they also collect \$20 for any flat screened TV that is being dropped off. There is a list of items on their website which is [www.buffalocomputerrecycling.com](http://www.buffalocomputerrecycling.com), they list everything that they take. Again, that's on the 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-2pm.

CEO Fischione just a reminder, since we had that storm last week, quite a few basements have flooded. There's been an uptick in those big green Waste Management bags in between the sidewalk and the road, just a reminder, those are private pick up, the Village does not touch those. You have to go online with the tag that's on the bag for a private pick up. Just make sure these things are not migrating into the road, because if the plow catches them, they'll drag them all the way down the road. Technically they're not supposed to be between the sidewalk and the road anyway. Mayor Peterson said they can't be in the Right Of Way correct? Yes, they should be placed on their property. Mayor Peterson asked what was a length of time if it's not picked up, a week? CEO said possibly a week, could be a month Mayor Peterson said. Tony said if it's too long, he'll send them a letter. There are a few that have been out there for months. If you aren't going to have them picked up, we will, and we'll send you a bill for it. The bags can be picked up at Home Depot or Lowes, he believes they are rated at 3,000 lbs and the minimum charge is \$150

Attorney Alba said small developments with the old reclamation landfill solar site, our bids didn't come in where we expected them, they were a bit higher so we are likely to re-bid the project. Also the solar company reached out to us about leasing the lower parcel, they would pay to lease that and put more solar panels there. There may be a Notice to Proceed on the next agenda which would be them getting in touch with the

utility company to make sure it is a viable site. It does not commit us to anything. It's just them doing their due diligence. If anyone has any questions on the interest payment, he is happy to answer them but it is a lawsuit long before he has been here. Now we are putting in appearance notices on all of these to object. Most Village's don't do this since they don't have a say. We are trying to avoid this in the future.

Superintendent of Public Works – we're making progress at West Dawson playground. Did the emergency repairs on George Urban and Harvard. All the parking signs that were passed are up. Will be trenching with the electric department for electric at Fireman's Park and Veteran's Park. Just a little for the trustees, we are low on guys, we put in a request for somebody. One of the guys we put in for has plumbing and HVAC experience. One of the things they were given this week is to look at replacing all the valves in the senior center, Terry got a price of \$12,000 to make them all touchless, if our guys do it in house, we could save over \$6,000. At some point we have to get some of the guys that can do this work, some of our guys are older, Ron and myself. These are the reasons we're choosing guys. We have a hot water tank that we have to put in our garage, that's \$3,000 to replace that, if our guys do it, it would be free. We have a water line going in. These are the things we are looking at when trying to hire instead of just putting a name out there.

Captain Curr – we've had a building renovation going on over there, so the PD is getting facelift. They're looking really good and they're moving along pretty well. We have the month end report for September, 967 complaints for the month, 29 arrests, 328 summons' were issued last month. With Fall Fest this weekend, you're going to have a bike patrol out there to do some community policing and getting out with the public. A couple of officer's will be working with the Depew Spirit Week with the motorcade, to help manage the crowd and a normal event for the bonfire as well.

Mayor Peterson explained that he got an email from Chief Miller, he's been out for a little bit, and this sort of tags off of what Superintendent of Public Works Ken Pyc said:

Mayor:

We have worked very hard to break away from undue influence of hiring, from the political parties. This agency has struggled for years with employees that were hired because of influence from some political leader or associates. This has straddled this department for years and are often stuck with a bad employee for 20 years or more. I believe we have finally turned the corner and hire and promote only the best candidates with little or no political influence.

We need to continue our professional hiring process, and continue hiring the best people for this agency. We owe it to all our current staff and the public as they will be affected by a poor hiring process.

I would like to discuss this issue with the trustees individually, but would like to have your support before I begin. - Or you can just share these thoughts with them at the meeting tomorrow. I just do not understand why they think that their influence on hiring, would be better for this village. I believe our experience, is better suited for these types of decisions than someone not familiar with our department.

Thanks

*Chief Miller*

So, my opinion, you've heard it before and I'm going to state it here publicly once again. Since he's become Mayor in 2019 I have empowered the department heads in this Village to make the decisions on who gets hired in this Village, outside of any outside influence. They know what's best for their departments, they know what will fit within their departments, they know what needs, need to be in their departments as Superintendent Pyc has pointed out. This is NOT the place to put political patrons jobs. The Village of Depew has 15,178 people, if you want to limit yourself to only 15,178 people, and most those people aren't available for hire on most particular jobs, you are severely limiting yourself to perhaps the not best qualified individual. It's going to take an awful lot then tonight to change me and my thinking. These people work their department for 20, 30, 30 more years. They know what's needed. When was the last time any of us, including you Trustee Ziemba, Trustee Hamernik, Deputy Mayor Stempniak or Trustee Kucewicz,



when was the last time one of us hired a DPW laborer to fill a position? I've never, I don't know why my opinion would be taken over the person that's in that position. So I guess we're going to beat this one around I guess and then you want to get to a point where I'm just gonna wind up caving for it, I'm not! I'm here at least another year and a half, that's the program. These department heads agreed to the program and that's the way it's going to be.

Trustee Ziemba asked Mayor Peterson if he's looking for a response because he is prepared to respond. Mayor Peterson told him to go right ahead.

He said he will respond to the residents, he will not respond to the DPW Head or the Mayor because they've already gotten his response on this matter ok? I am very familiar with DPW workers and what it takes to do that job because I represent them all over Western New York so the accusation that someone else might know better, he thinks he's qualified to make that judgement. And I will always stand with the residents of this Village first because I feel they are equally qualified as another candidate from outside this Village so to suggest I am doing anything political, is insulting. Thank you residents.

Any public comment? Questions for Liz Brinkworth? You want to continue from where you were before Mary? Mary Momot, of 4 South Wenona wanted to give kudos to your guys or whoever worked on the water/sewer lines. DPW Superintendent told her it was contracted out by the EC Water Authority. She thinks they were great!! No swearing, no garbage, they were great. Mayor Peterson appreciates that because he got a comment from someone on the other side of Transit, first of all they thought it was our guys tossing a football or something, but he checked with Ken and it wasn't our guys.

She does have a serious safety issue on her street that is very, very narrow. Emerald Heating & Cooling is on the corner of Broadway and Transit. She has spoken with the owner there many times and they have a good rapport, but his business is growing by leaps and bounds, which is a wonderful thing. Last year they just redid their parking lot, but now they have more employees and their cars, she believes their employees take their cars home with them. This morning was a nightmare, the employee's vehicles, about 15 Emerald vehicles up and down my street, going down Short Street, almost around Kokomo Street. She watched 2 school buses try to make that corner and they had to pull in, back up, pull in, back up and so on until they could finally he could go around her corner. Her and her husband were watching this thinking, there was a person who died because a fire truck couldn't get down his street, if we have an emergency, they couldn't get down her street because there is parking on both sides. You're lucky if you can get one car down there. She knows it will go away with the no parking ban in November, but it's just going to start up in the Spring. The street being so narrow is a problem, the parking is a problem and she's thinking of how to solve this problem. She wants to address it but doesn't know how, maybe Magruders or Dairy Queen's parking lot can be used if they get an agreement for that. Mayor Peterson asked if there was a meeting there this morning and she said it could be, but it's happening more and more often. Captain Curr said he's sees the vehicles there as they are loading and unloading.

Mayor Peterson said that she has come to the right place because this is where these kinds of solutions, like Ken was talking about with the street signs that we put up start with a conversation such as this. Then it goes to PD and they'll take a look at traffic patterns and what else is happening. We just put 13 signs up across Transit going to Fireman's Park because they are very similar to your street in that they are very narrow and if you have parking on both sides of the street, you're not getting Rescue 7 or the ladder truck down there. There's gonna be one of those days, like the guy on South Kokomo there that passed away because we just can't get down that street, and you don't ever want that to happen. Sort of like Beggar's night in the Barnabus area when you get parking on both sides on those streets, it becomes that hazard again. So what we've done is put up no parking signs on one side of the street so that it opens it up for emergency vehicles to come down. She has the trucks parking on the sidewalks too, they're all over the sidewalks.

CEO Fischione told everyone that part of their ability to put up that garage and do the parking lot was to get those commercial vehicles off of the sidewalk. He will pull out the minutes to see what exactly was approved for that area, if we can get PD to monitor that area, especially in the mornings, then he will make contact with the owner to see if they can come up with a solution with the neighbor to see if he can have his crews park there

in the morning. He will reach out to him to see if they can come up with a solution before we get into legal's and one side parking and everything.

No one had any further questions or comments.

Administrator Wachowiak asked the Mayor if she could have a minute and said that she too will re-voice my opinion on the hiring of the DPW laborer. There is no other man more abler to choose whom they want to hire then the Superintendent of Public Works, Ken Pyc. He runs the department, he knows what he has as far as staff, he knows what he needs. The person he is recommending, has those needs that he wants filled and none of the other candidates did. So this is the man who has the most knowledge out of however much you all think you have...he's got more.

#### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Ziembra and seconded by Trustee Hamernik, the following claims are to be paid: \$125,439.63 General, \$190.40 Community Development, \$181.54 Sewer Fund, \$27,435.11 Capital Projects, \$67,118.40 Capital Project Building Reno and \$220,364.08 was **CARRIED**.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Deputy Mayor Stempniak the meeting was adjourned A moment of silence for Carol Moore, Wife of Ron Moore, West End #6 member and Terry Mescal, Zoning Board Member at 8:13 **PM**. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak  
Village Administrator