

MEETINGS: 14
NO. OF REGULAR: 14

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
October 13, 2020 7:00PM**

ROLL CALL: Trustee Jakubowski – ABS
Trustee Voll - Pr
Trustee Stempniak - Pr
Trustee Hamernik - Pr
Mayor Peterson– Pr

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Stempniak the September 28, 2020 Village Board Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

Village of Depew
Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday October 13, 2020 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 & Town of Cheektowaga.

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

Public Hearing Opened: by Trustee Stempniak and Trustee Voll at 7:11PM

Pastor Hurley spoke at the Public Hearing and she explained her thoughts on using the CDBG funds to renovate the Dom Pulski building into a Community Center. All of the Depew residents would be able to utilize this new facility for gatherings, social visits, use it for the food pantry, etc. And it is within walking distance for many of the residents in Depew. Mathew's Table and the Tri-Community Food Pantry would also be able to be held in this new community center. Tom Sweeney who is part of the developing team and told everyone that the building is old, but structurally sound!

There were no other comments during the public hearing.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT 2020

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Kevin Peterson, is authorized to sign, submit, and execute a contract with the Community Development Block Grant, for Erie County, for the following project(s) upon approval of ECCDBG-Project Ranked:

Depew Community Center Renovation Project

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

Trustee Jakubowski – Abs
Trustee Stempniak - Y
Trustee Hamernik -Y
Trustee Voll - Y
Mayor Peterson – Y

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT 2020

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Kevin Peterson, is authorized to sign, submit, and execute a contract with the Community Development Block Grant, for Erie County, for the following project(s) upon approval of CDBG:

Senior Van Replacement; Senior Services

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

Trustee Jakubowski – Y
Trustee Stempniak -Y
Trustee Hamernik -Y
Trustee Voll - Y
Mayor Peterson – Y

APPOINT PART TIME COURT OFFICER

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

Colin Rieman

to the position of Part Time Court Officer at the pay rate of \$14.00 effective October 14, 2020.

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

Trustee Jakubowski -ABS
Trustee Voll – Y
Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Stempniak - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST

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

WHEREAS, Kenneth Menard, Part Time Code Enforcement Officer has requested a leave of absence due to medical necessity for a period of (3) months without pay, after all accumulated paid time is exhausted.

WHEREAS, Village Administrator Terry Wachowiak, recommends the approval of this request;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board approves the period of unpaid leave stated above; after all paid time off has been depleted.

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

Trustee Jakubowski - Y
Trustee Voll - Y
Trustee Hamernik- Y
Trustee Stempniak -Y
Mayor Peterson -Y

BEGGAR’S NIGHT CANCELLED

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

BE IT RESOLVED, Beggars Night, a tradition in the Barnabas area and the Evane/Enez Area of the Village, usually held the night before Halloween on October 30th, 2020, shall be cancelled within the Village of Depew this year, due the Covid-19 Health Crisis. This event typically brings between 4,000 and 5,000 people and we feel that this would pose an unsafe environment during this pandemic.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Voll, and **CARRIED**

TRUCK N TREAT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, The Village of Depew will hold a Truck N Treat event with several trucks distributing candy to only those trick or treaters in vehicles while driving through a lineup of trucks from Depew Fire Department, Depew Police Department and other department vehicles at Fireman’s Park, 90 Gould Ave, Depew,

NY 14043 on October 31, 2020 from 6:00 – 8:00. This is a family friendly, community event with all Covid-19 guidelines being adhered to. Please note that there will not be any candy distribution to walk ups. All trick or treaters must be in vehicles.

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

PROCLAIM OCTOBER 31, 2020 AS OFFICIAL TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Trustee Stempniak, 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 Saturday, October 31, 2020 between the hours of 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

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

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS - N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Building & Police September 2020

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS – N/A

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Fire Dept – Please see attached report.

Police Dept – Please see attached report

OEM – Rj does not have much to report at this time. The County is no longer offering PPE so he will placing a large order for the Village soon.

Code – the department is busy with inspections and permits. \$ General looking good. The Planning Board will meet again to review some requests. Tony also reiterated the need for residents to obtain CO and smoke detectors, as did the Fire Chief. These can be a matter of life and death. Spend the money and go out and buy ones that last 10 years! There is a new Vaping store moving into our area on Terrace Blvd.

DPW – Guys are working on their normal fall work. He asked residents to please separate animal feces from their yard waste.

Legal – All projects are going along very well at this time.

Trustee Hamernik – At last Saturday’s food truck give out, 125 families were taken care of. This is the last one now until January 21, 2021.

Trustee Voll – He agrees 100% with the decision to cancel Beggar’s Night. Not a good decision to allow it with the pandemic right now.

Trustee Stempniak – Arbor Day celebration will be October 24 from 12-1 and there will be a press release on October 17th.

Questions from the public were directed to the Mayor regarding the cancellation of Beggar's Night. Some residents do not understand why he is choosing this option when it's been done for years in that neighborhood. After hearing the questions, the Mayor explained why he and the board decided on this. The area that this event takes place is .16 square miles. To allow 4-5,000 people to converge here for any length of time is just asking for problems. We are in a pandemic, it is not safe to allow this many people into such a small area. He is looking out for the Village's and the resident's best interest. The entire board is and the entire board made this decision, not just the Mayor. All residents in that area will be receiving letters from his office stating the same. Residents will be allowed to park on the street, but know that the Police Department will be running license plates to check if the vehicle belongs to the homeowner.

We are offering a safe alternative to Halloween, which is not cancelled, which will be our Truck N Treat at Fireman's Park on Saturday, October 31st from 6-8pm. It will be a drive through and no individual trick or treating will be allowed, you cannot walk up to a vehicle for a treat, you must remain in your vehicle. Residents are allowed to dress up if they want as well.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Voll, the following claims are to be paid: \$404,212.38 General, \$2.00 Sewer Fund, Capital Project \$46,554.20, \$450,768.58 Capital was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Stempniak, seconded by Trustee Hamernik, the meeting was adjourned asking to keep Part Time Code Enforcement Officer Ken Menard in prayer 8:22 **PM**. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak
Village Administrator