MEETINGS: 14
NO. OF REGULAR: 13

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
October 23, 2017 7:00PM

ROLL CALL: Trustee Jakubowski - Y
Trustee Bukowiecki - Y
Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Peterson - Y
Mayor Nikonowicz – Y

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Jakubowski , and seconded by Trustee Hamernik, the board meeting minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting was approved.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Peterson, and seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, the zoning board meeting minutes of the October 12, 2017 meeting was approved.

1. Jessica Raimondo - 34 Anthony Dr. Retaining wall and fence - Approved with Stipulations
2. Zsolt Viadra - 159 Kiefer Ave. - Shed near the property line – approved with stipulations.
4. Justin & Nicole Rosinski for the property at 290 Columbia Ave. - Extend driveway 2 feet to the neighbors side – Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE

PUBLIC HEARING
No Comment

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hamernik , and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, the public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant was closed at 7:06PM.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Depew desires to enter into a contract with Erie County Community Block Grant Program (ECCDBG) for the following projects listed in order of their ranking of priority by the Depew Village Board:
1. 2018-2019 Manitou, Hawro, and Terrace Sidewalk Rehabilitation $120,000
2. 2018-2019 Cloyes, Bryant and Miller Sanitary Sewers and Manhole Remediation $170,000

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Depew deems it in the public interest to authorize the Mayor of the Village of Depew to sign, submit and execute contracts with Erie County for CDBG funded projects upon approval of the CDBG for the aforementioned projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Depew hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Village of Depew to sign, submit and execute contracts with Erie County for CDBG funded projects upon approval of CDBG for the following projects, listed in order of their ranking priority:
1. 2018-2019 Manitou, Hawro, and Terrace Sidewalk Rehabilitation $120,000
2. 2018-2019 Cloyes, Bryant and Miller Sanitary Sewers and Manhole Remediation $170,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator forward a certified copy of this resolution to ECCDBG, Erie County Consortium.

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

Trustee Jakubowski - Y
Trustee Bukowiecki - Y
Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Peterson - Y
Mayor Nikonowicz - Y
APPOINT PT WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz do hereby appoint the following to the summer recreation program

See attached List

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

Trustee Jakubowski - Y
Trustee Bukowiecki-Y
Trustee Hamernik-Y
Trustee Peterson-Y
Mayor Nikonowicz- Y

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Authorization for Mayor to Sign Community Projects Appropriation Grant

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with The State of New York, Department of State and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring a $5,000 grant for Village building security upgrades.

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

Trustee Jakubowski- Y
Trustee Bukowiecki-Y
Trustee Hamernik-Y
Trustee Peterson-Y
Mayor Nikonowicz – Y

SEEN ENOUGH TOBACCO DAY

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

WHEREAS, the average age of a new smoker is just 13 years old; and
WHEREAS, 90 percent of adult smokers say they first tried smoking by age 18; and
WHEREAS, stores near schools contain nearly three times the amount of tobacco advertisements compared to other stores in the same community; and
WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Surgeon General, advertising and promotional activities by tobacco companies have been shown to cause the onset and continuation of smoking among adolescents and young adults; and
WHEREAS, annual tobacco industry marketing expenditures nationwide total $9.5 billion, and the estimated portion spent in New York State marketing is $206.4 million each year;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew, do hereby proclaim that October 13, 2017 was Seen Enough Tobacco Day in the Village of Depew to help raise awareness and encourage community members to stand up against the tobacco industry marketing and its impact on this community’s youth and adolescents.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Jakubowski and CARRIED.
PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Bukowiecki, 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 their physical:

WEST END HOSE CO #6
Amanda Curr – 34 Hyland Ave., Depew, NY 14043

AETNA HOSE CO.
Terrance Cullen – 60 Saint James, Depew, NY 14043

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

Trustee Jakubowski - Y
Trustee Bukowiecki - Y
Trustee Hamernik –Y
Trustee Peterson -Y
Mayor Nikonowicz - Y

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT SHELTER

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

Permission is hereby granted to the Northside Fire Hall to build a shelter at 112 Brewster St. Depew, NY 14043 to be used for their events.

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

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT SHED

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

Permission is hereby granted to Carson Kistner to build a shed at 112 Brewster St. Depew, NY 14043 for his Eagle Scout Project. The Village will waive the permit fee.

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

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS
REC DEPT – Arcadio Alfaro, Melissa Green, Jayden Zajac, Emily Sierk, Michaela Sugg, Zachary Bridges

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Bukowiecki, and seconded by Trustee Peterson, Building Department September 2017, Fire Report September 2017, Police Report September 2017 were accepted.

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Judy Michaels – 6 Park Place – Resident & Tax Task Force Member – clarify any concerns on what the task force does. Group allows residents to have a say on what the task force does. Review Village and both Towns Budgets. Learn how they determine tax rates. Great group of people who work well together. She read the objective of the task force.
Erica Stemniak – 215 Terrace Blvd – What Depew doesn’t provide Cheektowaga will. Was under impression when tree comes down a new one gets put up by the town. This is not the case.

Edwin Voll – 273 Canton St. – Disappointed from Town of Cheektowaga – under represented and over financed. There is duplication of service – we are taxed the same rate as those that for the shelters, same with senior and recreation. Cheektowaga has not answered questions. They feel the relief will come to the village residents, but cause an issue for the town. Wants tax relief.

Scott Wegst – 925 Sherwood Ct. – Happy to be a part of the tax force. Wants to speak about $440,000 tax credit to Cheektowaga residents. Meeting with the Town Supervisor, no show. A town council person mentioned mutual aid. Requested the town to break down a list, they said it would take a lot of work. Our funds help balance their budget. Offended and sad about meeting with Cheektowaga. Hammer bashed Senior Center & Recreation during the meeting.

Police Chief – Cheektowaga has mutual aided 55 time, we have mutual aided them 57 times. He asked how much Cheektowaga bills West Seneca Amherst and other for the mutual aid. He spoke about Cheektowaga’s calculations relating to this issue being flawed. Depew provided police service. He spoke about issues with the bike club- Hamburg, State Sheriff, and other municipalities cars were here for us, that is mutual aid. Cheektowaga uses our resident’s tax money to pad their budget and he would arrest them for stealing if he could.

Jose Maguire – 12 Karen Ln.-Properties are deplorable. Spoke with someone on the concerns, she filled out the form. 21 Karen Ln – house is falling apart. 41 Caroline Ln – Fire Hazard. Something needs to be done about the rats. North Creek & Barnabas – people driving too quickly. Mayor to follow up on rats. She submitted for complaint forms.

Ted Morton – 11 Calloway Cheektowaga – Has been in involved. He also did a calculation of officers per thousand to support that the residents are over taxed by Cheektowaga.

Ted Morton Legislator – 92 Franklin St. Buffalo – They just got the budget. Disappointed, 7500 for Tri County Food, 7500 for Boys & Girls Club. Both were taken out of budget, but all areas are getting it, frustrating. Worked with school food drive. 4,000 lbs of food collected. Thanked Trustee Hamernik.

Cindy Hagen – 409 N. Creek Dr. – Sanitary Sewer issues and trees are falling in creek. Afraid of flooding again. Mayor noted the sanitary are Cheektowaga’s and Storms are Village. DPW will come look at it.

Daniel Brewster – 4755 Broadway – Ed & Lind Knoble – Repeatedly harassed & threatened by Tony Fischione. He walked on freshly painted porch. Has to come to get proper permits. Property is distressed, difficult time with this issue. Code enforces when he wants to enforce. They said Tony mentioned needing to visit neighbor. Claims Tony did not see next door. Mayor- Tony has a right to do a stop work order.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Peterson, seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, the following claims are to be paid: $233,210.31 General, $2,164.54.00 Sewer, $17,639.28 Capital Projects $253,014.13 Capital was CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Jakubowski, seconded by Trustee Hamernik, the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for Officer Craig Lehner – Buffalo Police Officer at 8:03 PM. The motion was CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas
Village Administrator