

MEETINGS: 16  
NO. OF REGULAR: 16

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW**  
**November 9, 2020 7:00PM**

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

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Stempniak and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski the October 26, 2020 Village Board Minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Village of Depew  
Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday November 9, 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.

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 November 2, 2020.

By order of the  
Board of Trustees  
Teresa Wachowiak  
Village Administrator

Public Hearing Opened: by Trustee Stempniak and Trustee Voll at 7:09 PM

Public Hearing Closed with no Comment: by Trustee Stempniak and Trustee Voll at 7:12 PM

## **PERMISSION TRAINING COURSE**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted to Officer Bradley Jones to attend the Breath Analysis Operator Course on November 16 -18, 2020 at Niagara County Law Enforcement Academy, Niagara University, Marian House, 5795 Lewiston Rd, Niagara University, NY 14109. The fee is \$150.00 for the Conference. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Stempniak and **CARRIED**

## **PERMISSION WEBINARS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted to Deputy Clerk, Melissa Dabb to attend the Village Election Webinars, Part I on Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> and Part II Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. The fee is \$35 per day.

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

## **RETURN UNPAID TAXES TO COUNTY OF ERIE**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the report of the Village Administrator, showing that in accordance with Article 14, Section 1436, Paragraph 2 of the Real Property Tax Law, is returning to the County of Erie, Department of Finance the 2020-2021 unpaid Village Tax accounts together with the unpaid sewer account pursuant to verification and certification of the Board of Trustees, and also that as of November 1, 2020, has collected the sum of \$10,804,106.55 leaving a balance of \$206,413.80. In accordance with section 987 of Real Property Tax Law, the Village has imposed a fee of \$2.00 per parcel for the “Notice of Unpaid Taxes”; the Administrator has added \$548.00 to the balance, we are also adding the unpaid lawn mowing charges of \$5,493.58, thereby leaving a balance of \$212,455.38, which has been transferred to Account A440, Due from Other Governments, for further collection on the Town/County bill, is hereby accepted.

The foregoing 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

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS - N/A**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Police October 2020**

**UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS – N/A**

**PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Bob Brandon, of Senator Kennedy's office announced that a new law has been enacted to make it mandatory for any passenger riding in the back seat of a vehicle must now wear a seatbelt. The Senator was able to secure a \$500,000 grant for first responders to have more towers in the area to help with communications.

Chief Miller – see attached report

Recreation Director Kevin Ferguson – Senior Center is aware that as of now, there will be a limit to the number of people inside the facility, to a maximum of 25. The new softball diamond is being installed next week. Watching to see what transpires with youth hockey. There is a meeting at Holiday Twin Rinks tomorrow that will be very informative and we will be updated after that.

Attorney Alba – Moving along with Broadway park and solar project, should have even more information at our next meeting.

Trustee Hamernik – so far, we have collected 127 Thanksgiving turkeys at Rt. 78 and there is still time, until 11/16 to donate there. Thank you to the DPW workers for their work on picking up leaves, one time they are there and the next they're gone! Great job!!!

Trustee Jakubowski – There is going to be a N.E.S.T. meeting this week and he will report on it at the next meeting.

Trustee Voll – would like to recognize a resident and his family, John & Sherry Wasik, for supplying their "VOBID Jeep" to different events throughout the area. Passing out candy, collecting donations and over-all, bringing a little happiness to the trying times we're in.

Trustee Stepniak – Thanks to everyone who participated in the Truck n Treat this past weekend. It was a successful, fun event for everyone!

Mayor Peterson – Since we were the bad guys on Beggar's Night, it's nice to be able to say what a big success our Truck n Treat was this year. Thank you to everyone who participated. Including but not only, set up, planning, stuffing candy bags, passing out candy, etc. Our donations collected, which included non-perishable food and cash, along with some left over candy, will be delivered to St. Martha's Parish later this week. Mayor Peterson encourages everyone to stay the course, wash your hands, wear your masks and social distance whenever possible.

Public Comment – Paula Miller, congrats to Bradley Jones. Jonathan just wanted to say thanks!!!

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Stempniak and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, the following claims are to be paid: \$170,331.67 General, \$170,331.67 Capital was **CARRIED**.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Jakubowski, seconded by Trustee Voll, the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for Marie Fleck's Father In Law and Tim Schaf from the Erie County Health Dept 7:44 **PM**. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak  
Village Administrator