

MEETINGS: 7
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**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
June 22, 2020 7:00PM**

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

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Voll and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski the June 8, 2020 Village Board Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ashley Dukat thanked the board for having her and letting her speak. Her family is looking to buy 3 hen chickens to keep at their home as pets and to retrieve a few eggs from weekly. They have spoken and received signatures from all but 2 neighbors who have been very supportive of them. They are still trying to get into contact with the last two. Their yard is large enough and the coop would be kept in the backyard, against the wall of their home to keep them further from their neighbors. No roosters will be there. Mayor Peterson said that if her neighbors don't mind, it may help her cause. Trustee Voll inquired about the eggs and if they were planning on selling them. Ms. Dukat replied absolutely not. She thanked the board again.

APPOINT PT LABORER - RECREATION

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

David Thompson

His duties would include sanitizing the playgrounds and bathrooms and monitoring the social distancing during the Depew / Lancaster Little League games. He will also cover vacations when needed.

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

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

DPW GRASS CUTTING

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

WHEREAS, the village is encountering numerous vacant and foreclosed homes in the village and orders to remedy have been issued to the property owner on record;

WHEREAS, the high grass is a nuisance to neighbors and attracts rodents;

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is granted for the Department of Public Works to mow any village property that is not mowed by the due date on the order to remedy for the 2020 year. The cost of said mowing(s) will be attached to the village tax bill for that property.

Please see attached list of properties.

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 - ABS
Trustee Stempniak - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO KEEP CHICKENS

Trustee Jakubowski, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption: I MAKE THE MOTION TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ashley Dukat, 209 Claudette Ct, Depew has applied for a permit to keep no more than 3 chickens in her backyard. If approved there would be stipulations of no roosters, the coup must be maintained so not to create an odor for the neighbors and village code must be followed regarding noise and property maintenance. And if the neighbors file any complaints, they will be evaluated and the special use permit will be voided.

BE IT RESOLVED, a special use permit is hereby APPROVED to Ashley Dukat, 209 Claudette Ct, Depew, to keep chickens on the premises for the period of one (1) year with a fee of \$150.00.

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

Trustee Jakubowski – Y to Table
Trustee Voll – Thank you Mrs. Dukat – Y to Table
Trustee Hamernik - ABS
Trustee Stempniak – Y – Not a no – just more discussions needed. Yes to Table
Mayor Peterson – Y Yes to Table

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN ALLIED ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew would like to utilize Allied Environmental Services of NY, LLC for the Test Pitting, Depew Landfill, 4229 Broadway St. Depew, NY 14043. The cost to perform the test pitting services is \$3,100 per day, but not to exceed 10,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Kevin Peterson is authorized to sign the Services Contract.

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 - ABS
Trustee Stempniak - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

APPOINT FULL TIME DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MECHANIC

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

Christopher Dailey

to the position of Full Time Department of Public Works Mechanic with salary per budgeted amount.

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

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

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS – N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS - Building May 2020

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS - N/A

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Bob Brandon from Senator Tim Kennedy's office let everyone know that their office is still open and that the Administrative Assistant is taking messages. Tuesday, 6/23 is Primary Day and he urged everyone to get out to vote. There has been some confusion about the election, it was postponed, absentee ballots are being used, and voting in person is also available. The Election Inspectors have to abide by all COVID-19 requirements that are in place such as social distancing, wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, etc. As he listened to the pre-board meeting it sounds like the Village is all set and has done a good job in preparing for this. Some changes are taking place in the Senate that people may notice, such as the repeal of 50-a for police departments.

Chief Miller read his bi-weekly report. Chief wanted to remind everyone that firecrackers are illegal. Only sparklers are allowed and still must be disposed of properly. They are ready to enforce this law when needed.

Chief Rzeszutek also read his bi-weekly report.

OEM Coordinator let everyone know that Assistant OEM Purpura is recouping nicely at home and hopes to be back in a couple of weeks. There is information on the OEM website for a sanitizer that may be contaminated so he urged everyone to take a look at it.

DPW Superintendent Mazurek said the crew is busy doing stumps removal, will be sprucing up around them next week, Veteran's Park has been cleaned and spruced up very nicely, only to see the accident take place last Friday. But we are working through that as well. They will be starting on the mowing list tomorrow and patching next week.

Attorney Alba – there are a couple projects he is working on and hopefully in a couple of weeks he will be able to share some very exciting updates for the residents of the Village.

Rec Director Ferguson said Fireman's park is open, sanitized and ready for people to enjoy. Roller blading, basketball are up along with the swings. No Volleyball is allowed as of yet. Last Saturday was the first yoga class and it was a hit, 31 people took advantage of it and using the front of the park was fantastic.

Code Enforcement Officer Fischione reported that time of sale inspections are now being conducted again so just call the office for an appointment. Dollar General on Walden is finally being worked on and hopefully we'll see it opening soon.

Trustee Jakubowski said he has not heard from the County about the hazardous waste drop off but as soon as he does he will let everyone know the details.

Trustee Voll thanked Chief Miller for working on getting the Safe Trading worked out and set up at the Village Hall. He knows there were many hoops to get through to be able to have them here and that other municipalities are doing the same thing. Warned all residents to please be careful when using fireworks.

Trustee Stempniak participated in the yoga in the park Saturday and congratulated the Rec department for doing a great job. Everything was in compliance with social distancing and hand sanitizers were there to be used. Masks also were worn.

Mayor Peterson asked Chief Miller to get pictures of the damaged Gazebo over to the editor at the Bee. He asked the Chief to give an update on the Gazebo incident which the Chief did.

A resident commented that the board should get moving on the lot at the corner of Transit and Gould which looks terrible. CEO Fischione said they are on the grass cutting list.

Another resident comment was thank you for the Safe Trade Zone at Village Hall. Her other comment was people are out of control with the firecrackers in the Village.

A question was asked of Chief Miller if his police officers have been asked to patrol or called to the mall. He replied only once to assist Cheektowaga police. What are

you going to do if we have protestors at the Village Hall? The department is well prepared and trained to react to such an event. Protocol is in place and procedures will be followed.

If someone filled out an application to have a tree removed from their residence, will those be getting addressed? DPW Superintendent Mazurek replied that yes, we are preparing to begin doing those as well.

Mayor Peterson thanks Father Baker for staying on live with us for the entire board meeting!!

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Stempniak and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, the following claims are to be paid: \$266,547.60 General, \$6032.75 Community Development, \$800.00 Sewer, \$11,200.80 Capital Projects, \$1,314.50 CP Building Reno, \$385,895.65 Capital was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Jakubowski, seconded by Trustee Voll, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 **PM**. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak
Village Administrator