

MEETINGS: 6  
NO. OF REGULAR: 6

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW  
June 8, 2020 7:00PM**

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

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Voll the May 26, 2020 Village Board Minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – N/A

**APPOINT PT SEASONAL DPW**

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

to the position of Seasonal Laborer Part Time at the Department of Public Works.

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

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

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN PENFLEX AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR  
2019 SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Kevin Peterson and Board of Trustees are authorized to sign the 2019 Service Award Program Administration Form and after the 30 day period forward to Penflex, Inc for the purpose of administering the 2019 Service Award Program for Depew Firefighters.

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

**REJECT BIDS FOR THE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Trustee Stempniak, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:  
WHEREAS, September 9, 2019, the Village Board by Resolution Number's seven (7) and eight (8) authorized and directed the Village Administrator to publish the Bond Resolutions for the Municipal Facilities Improvements Project for Bid; and

WHEREAS, the bids were due by April 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. for three Contracts entitled 2020-1G – General, 2020-1M- Mechanical, 2020-1R- Roofing)

WHEREAS, three (3) bids were received for Contact 2020-1G –General, five (5) Bids were received for Contract 2020-1M- Mechanical, and seven (7) bids were received by the due date for Contract 2020-1R-Roofing; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has determined that the bids submitted were over the budget allocated for this project; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew reserves the right to reject any and all bids/proposals as not being in the best interest of the Village; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that based upon the review and assessment of the bids provided by GHD, that the Village of Depew hereby rejects all bids for the municipal Facilities Improvement Project as not being in the best interest of the Village.

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

**PERMISSION – CRUISE NIGHTS**

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

Permission is hereby granted to the Polish Falcons of Depew to hold cruise nights on the following Thursday nights PROVIDED that the Organization is granted permission to Open under whatever NY FORWARD Phase that New York State deems this type of activity/event in (is) considered AND that the Polish Falcons of Depew follows ALL of the proper COVID-19 guidelines for operation/running of this activity/event.

June 18, 2020  
June 25, 2020  
July 2, 2020  
July 9, 2020  
July 16, 2020  
July 23, 2020  
July 30, 2020  
August 6, 2020  
August 13,2020  
August 20, 2020  
August 27, 2020

September 3, 2020  
September 10, 2020  
September 17, 2020

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

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

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS** – Rec – Andrew Garbacz,Carolynn Steffens, Christopher Krull, Haley Leach, Michael Steffens, Robert Heine, Andres Pyc

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS -** Police May 2020

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

**PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Elizabeth from Assemblywoman Wallace’s office joined the meeting and told everyone that their District office and the Albany office are both open. They are working with residents on a number of issues, including unemployment and upcoming voting. The Governor has extended the date to mail in absentee ballots for the school votes until June 16.

Trustee Stempniak wanted to thank the Assemblywoman for helping us get the Autism signs. She saw them on A Street while out walking the other day and they look very nice!

Chief Miller gave his board meeting report

Fire Chief Todd Rzuszutek also gave his report

Emergency Manager Nieman asked everyone to keep Galen Purpura in their prayers while he has a medical procedure done.

Park Director Ferguson reported that the only activity this summer at Fireman’s Park will be Yoga, which he expects to have a very good turn-out. The Rec Dep’t staff will be making the grass with “X’s” to denote 6ft apart. Hand sanitizer will be on every picnic table for the attendees to use. Mayor Peterson said that the Governor gave the ok for basketball and tennis, but not little league baseball. If anything changes, which it does almost daily, he will keep everyone informed.

DPW Superintendent Mazurek told everyone that his entire crew is back and they are busily working to clean up the streets, picking up brush, stump grinding, they cleaned up a fallen tree on Zurbrick and that the DI’s are being cleaned out as well.

CEO Fischione told residents that although the Clerk’s office is open to take tax payments, the Village Hall is not open yet for his department. Should you need anything from his department, the drive through window is still working out very well. Anyone with vacant property next to their home are asked to please not cut the lawn. We will get to the lawn and get it cut, but please just give us a day or two to make the homeowner aware they are in violation.

Attorney Alba reported that he has some good news on the landfill issue, he just can't reveal too much of that news at this time. And also there is more good news with Blue Wireless as well.

Trustee Jakubowski told residents to take a look at the Village's website for the next Household Hazardous Waste event. This event will require an appointment.

Trustee Hamernik wanted to let everyone know that this coming Saturday is the Tri Community Food Pantry beginning at 9am. She attended the fire department's drive through chicken bbq and it was delicious! Very well run by the department.

Trustee Voll is taking on the task of getting the "Welcome to Depew" signs as per the Mayor's direction. An employee and spouse donated money to help this cause, thank you very much!

Trustee Stempniak said that in 4-6 weeks we should be receiving a rendition of drawings from the architecture who is working on updating Fireman's Park. At that time, a virtual public meeting will be held for everyone to see his drawings and to give their input on ideas.

Comments from Facebook included a resident saying everyone was doing an outstanding job. Thanks to the police department for their dedication and hard work.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Stempniak, pursuant to Open Meeting Law Section 105 we adjourn to executive session to discuss a litigation matter. The motion was seconded by Trustee Voll.

The Executive Session Began: 7:44 PM and was adjourned with the meeting being called back to order by Mayor Peterson at 8:07 PM

### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Stempniak and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski the following claims are to be paid: \$794,274.99 General, \$902.80 Capital Project, \$36,425.00 Capital for equipment - DPW and \$831,602.79 Capital was **CARRIED**.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Jakubowski, seconded by Trustee Hamernik, the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for Russel Arena & Pasquale Cipolla at 8:09 PM. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak  
Village Administrator