

MEETINGS: 8
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**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
July 13, 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 Jakubowski and seconded by Trustee Voll the June 22, 2020 Village Board Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT from Facebook, a question from Amanda about why her sealed bid on Buchanan was turned down. She said she did not get return phone calls and no return calls from the Village Attorney. Attorney Alba responded that all sealed bids were reviewed and that everyone had the opportunity to place a bid for the properties on the Auction International website. There were auction signs on each property. Amanda questioned how they could sell them with the sewer issue that they have? Attorney Alba directed her to get her contact information in and that a specific question like that would have to be given to CEO Fischione to research and respond.

APPOINT PT LABORER - RECREATION

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

Michael Steffens

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 -Y
Trustee Voll - Y
Mayor Peterson – Y

**AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS –
SIDEWALKS**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the Sidewalk Improvement Project, the following streets will be in the bid:

Lancaster Section

Replacement of sidewalks on Terrace Boulevard, Argus Drive, and Warsaw Street in the Village of Depew.

Cheektowaga Section

Replacement of sidewalks on Bryant Street in the Village of Depew.

Date will be set once the bid package is completed.

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

APPROVE AUCTION RESULTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the results from the Village of Depew auctioning off two paper street properties totaling \$13,900.00 is to be approved for the following properties that were auctioned:

Bissell Sherwood - \$6,500.00
Bissell Buchanan - \$7,400.00

The following 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 - Y

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS – Village Hall – Tyler Lucas, Rec – Michael Steffens

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS - Police and Building – June 2020

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS - N/A

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

The guests were invited to speak first tonight, and Elizabeth from Monica Wallace's office offered they are still following up with unemployment claims and helping people get the benefits they are entitled to. If anyone is still struggling with this, feel free to reach out to them again. They are also working with the DMV to resolve

Bob Brandon said that Senator Kennedy has been busy working on the same issues as Assemblywoman Wallace is. DMV issues that have backlogged there as well. They have not been in session but are working closely with gov't agencies on the reopening of schools. The Census returns have been rather disappointing. He encourages everyone to please complete their Census and return it as those numbers are the numbers that drive funding amounts to their communities. Cheektowaga and Depew have very, very good response percentages at approximately 85-86% return rate. Others are extremely low.

Attorney Alba wanted to interrupt the meeting at this time due to comments being made on Facebook. The Village did not, in any way, ignore anyone. We responded to each sealed bid. All had the opportunity to bid on the two paper streets at auction. Signs were placed in their yards indicating the auction. He is obligated to sell the properties for the best value. The auction amounts drew well over what the sealed bids had been submitted, except for one, which was accepted. They did not even cover the cost of getting them ready to bid out.

Captain Kaczmarek (in for Chief Miller) said that the towing contract has just been renewed for another year. Same tow companies we've used for years. 2 cameras have been installed so that the zone in the parking lot is fully visible to the dispatchers. He is working with the Cheektowaga PD to learn what they are doing and paying, etc for body cameras. He will give the Chief his update. St. James Church approached them for traffic support for their bbq on 8/15. Mayor Peterson advised him to get with Tony to be sure they have everything they need as far as permits go.

Fire Chief Rzeszutek gave went over his report since our last meeting.

OEM Director Nieman said there wasn't too much new to report, which is a good thing that it seems to be settling down now. He is planning on getting more details on what the Governor has released while he was on vacation.

Superintendent of PW Mazurek reported that the guys are very busy and all mowing has been caught up. They are working on drain intake repair and milling and paving will be taking place on 7/29 and 7/30. Working on a sink hole on Darwin and Gould in approximately 2 weeks. Our new mechanic is working out very, very well.

Attorney Alba will have some exciting developments to share with everyone, possibly by the next meeting.

Trustee Voll was reporting for Rec Director Ferguson that the little league started and along with yoga, got rained out. But the yoga turnout is fantastic and there were quite a few people for little league baseball. Everyone followed the rules and there were no issues.

Trustee Jakubowski took his grandkids to Fireman's Park and what a great atmosphere. The kids had a great time on the slides and it was good to see young people playing sports rather than being somewhere else. Park looks fantastic. Good job to Kevin Ferguson and his entire crew! A resident told him that the DPW had fixed a sink hole by him and what a great job they did! Thank you to George for taking care of the flag at Fireman's Park so quickly!

Trustee Hamernik let everyone know that on 28th the 914th Airborn division will be outside the Police Department here for them to honor all the participants who donated to them while they were away. Each will receive a flag with their gratitude.

Mathew's table will take place on Tuesday the 28th as a drive through and hamburgers with salad will be served. The last time over 150 families were fed and our Senior bus driver actually delivered some of the meals directly to our seniors.

Trustee Voll is working on the sign project for signs coming in to the Village that are in need of repair. He will be giving a synopsis to the Mayor when he has his information completed.

Trustee Stempniak said to stay tuned as we are meeting with the architect on Fireman's Park on 7/15 and we are hoping to get something together virtually to include the public for their input on it as well.

A question from the public was asked if the smaller area parks will open and noted that they are in desperate need of some TLC. Mayor Peterson said the swings are up and that he will get in touch with Rec Director Ferguson to address the cutting of the lawns.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Stempniak and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, the following claims are to be paid: \$287,358.12 General, \$3,207.00 Community Development, \$1,241.12 Sewer, \$451,180.55 Capital Projects, \$651.50 CP Building Reno, \$743,638.59 Capital was **CARRIED**.

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: 8:00 PM and was adjourned with the meeting being called back to order by Mayor Peterson at 8:11 PM

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Jakubowski, seconded by Trustee Hamernik, the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for Richard Basher, a 45-year member of Depew Fire Dept. Central Hose #4 and a Village Planning Board Member at 8:12 PM. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak
Village Administrator