

MEETINGS: 10
NO. OF REGULAR: 10

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
August 9, 2021 7:00PM

ROLL CALL: Trustee Ziemba
Trustee Kucewicz
Trustee Hamernik
Deputy Mayor Stempniak
Mayor Peterson

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the August 9, 2021 Village Board Minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEM COMMENTS

Paul Sprada, 58 Argus Dr. – Where will the new building be built? Will it be on the spot that the current one is now? Mayor Peterson said yes, we will demolish the old building and build the new one in its spot. Deputy Mayor stated that there will be handicap parking spots, proposed walking paths and will become ADA compliant. Mr. Sprada asked if there is other grant money being used for this project and was told not at this time. Mr. Sprada asked why was a cupola put on the top of the pavilion? Deputy Mayor said to make it look nice and no real other reason.

AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

The Administrator is authorized to advertise a public hearing to discuss the local law, Dog Catcher Law to take place on August 23, 2021 at 7 PM in the Council Chambers, 85 Manitou St, Depew, NY 14043. The amendment is as follows:

§ 68-12**Enforcement.**

A.

It shall be the duty of the Dog Control Officer of the Town of Lancaster **OR TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA** to enforce the provisions of this article.

B.

The Dog Control Officer of the Town of Lancaster **OR TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA** shall have all the powers of a peace officer in enforcing the provisions of this article. In addition, the Dog Control Officer may serve any process related to any proceeding, whether criminal or civil in nature, including an appearance ticket undertaken in accord with the provisions of this article.

AND

The Administrator is authorized to advertise a public hearing to discuss the proposal to build the new Fireman's Park Pavilion / Bathrooms using American Rescue Plan funds to build it on August 23, 2021 at 7 PM in the Council Chambers, 85 Manitou St, Depew, NY 14043.

The foregoing resolutions was seconded by Deputy Mayor Stempniak and **CARRIED.**

APPROVE PAYMENT OF REFUND

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

WHEREAS, The Village of Depew Board of Trustees authorizes payment of property tax refund(s) to the Law Offices of WOLFGANG AND WEINMANN, LLP, on

behalf of its client, URBANDALE DEVELOPMENT, pursuant to a Consent Order dated October 25, 2021 which was received by the Village of Depew on or about July 7, 2021. The amount of the property tax refund is to be \$229,041.92, which covers the tax years 2014-2015; 2015-2016; 2016-2017; 2017- 2018; 2018-2019; 2019-2020; 2020-2021.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Village Administer is authorized to make the property tax refund payment.

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

Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Ziemba - Y
Trustee Kucewicz - Y
Deputy Mayor Stempniak - Y
Mayor Peterson – Y

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN CHANGE ORDER

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Peterson is authorized to sign the change order No 1 – Final in the amount of \$8,797.00 to Weaver Metal & Roofing, Inc as stated by GHD for the Municipal Facilities Improvement Project Contract.

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

Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Ziemba - Y
Trustee Kucewicz - Y
Deputy Mayor Stempniak - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS - Rec – Nathan Ziemba – Rec / DPW – Lawrence Brehm

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS - Police July 2021

Board Meeting 08/09/2021 – Kevin Ferguson – Rec Department

- **Senior center**
 - Attendance is up in the center
 - Field trips have resumed, the first Monday of the month is the casino trip with other trips to ceramic stores, etc.
- **Fireman's Park**
 - Yoga – A big success! There are classes 3 times a week with 100 or more people in attendance each week
 - Softball is going well. They have 2 weeks left
 - Lacrosse is going to continue in September on Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm
 - We have a kickball league on Saturdays 1:00pm-5:00pm in September and October.
- **Ice rink** - We are already working with the hockey organizations for their ice schedules.
 - We have a few spots of ice available, but most of the ice is already spoken for.
 - Ice contracts are starting to come in

- Marie emailed approximately 20 local high schools the available ice times
- **Pool** – The pool has been busy this summer.
 - We had lifeguard training classes at the pool for new lifeguards to be certified. We picked up 2 new lifeguards.
 - We will be having a recertification class for the lifeguards in the spring along with certification classes for new lifeguards.
 - Erie county Department of Health came in to inspect the pools. We had a couple minor items to fix. Everything has been taken care of and the health department came back for a follow up and said we pass and they will see us next summer.
- **Part time winter help** we will be advertising for a part time winter help person in September
- **Soccer Field** – St. Mary's will be using field in the fall for 14 games.
- **Volleyball** – Very popular at Fireman's Park. A second court is in the works!

Code – Sept 8th there will be a Homeland Security Hazmat Mitigation webinar from 6 pm – 8 pm. The building dept was awarded the Archive Grant and will be moving forward with the inventory to archive. I will be advertising for vacancy in the Building Dept.

Police – Body cameras are in and we will be starting the training process for them. The officers will start wearing them in September. There were 3 new officers hired, two are in the academy and will be done by the end of December. The other officer is out in the field as he had already been through the Academy.

DPW – Milling and Paving is continuing. We are working with the rec dept to dig another volleyball court. We are working with the Tree Board to plant flowering trees in the area by Burger King to revitalize that area, there are too many weeds and it looks terrible. We had a nice meeting with Casella and took care of some details that were confusing to residents. There are to be no bags outside of the totes. Casella will not take them. Casella uses separate trucks for bulk items, they come around with those trucks in the late afternoon / evenings. Please wait until the following day to call if your items were not picked up.

Mayor Peterson -Thank you to the Fire Departments for their help during the Summer Concert Series. It was wonderful to see the kids walking around with the Pink and Black helmets and interacting with our public service departments. Thank you to Chief Todd, Chief John Gauthier and Chief Musielak for all your hard work in arranging the trucks each week. The new Fireman's Park pavilion will have new bathrooms and a brand-new pavilion. The current pavilion is over 50 years old and needs to be updated badly.

Trustee Ziembra – I am not related to Nathan Ziembra that works in the Rec Department.

Trustee Hamernik – This Saturday the food truck will be here at 9 AM for anyone in need of food.

Deputy Mayor Stempniak – We had one response for the tree inventory. That will start in a month or so. They are going to inventory Village of Depew owned trees. Please be safe with regards to the Delta Variant of Covid-19.

Trustee Kucewicz- Enjoy this nice weather.

Community Development Coordinator – Andrew Adolf – Presented a presentation about a possible Fall Fest in Veterans Park on October 16, 2021. It would be an all-day family friendly festival from 11 AM – 8 PM. It would have Zumba and Yoga in the park for the early risers, Pumpkin carving contest, chili cookoff with the firehall members, historical tours using the Senior Van. Movies, crafts, food trucks and many more fun ideas for families. Was looking for input from the board. We will also be starting up the Community Meetings at the firehalls again to meet and greet Village board members and heads of various departments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR CONCERNS:

Carl Janis – 281 Rehm Rd – Filed a complaint against his neighbor at 273 Rehm Rd because of 5 unregistered vehicles and junk all over the yard. Mr. Janis had brought photos about it to a previous board meeting to show that there was a problem. The problem was not taken care of. Mr. Janis states that neighbor is amassing more junk that he is hiding behind the unregistered cars. Tony from Code said the resident at 273 Rehm is an ongoing problem and his office has sent violation notices. Mr. Janis also states that the neighbor is using 2 pickup trucks and a Prius to store junk in. Mr. Janis called the police because the neighbor had a tent in the street and was working on cars. The police responded but the tent was taken down but the officer did have a discussion with the resident. Tony will find out who owns the property and go through the proper procedure.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Kucewicz and seconded by Trustee Hamernik, the following claims are to be paid: \$725,003.74 General, \$1,344.22 Sewer Fund, \$45,635.75 Capital Projects Building Reno, \$771,983.71 Capital was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Kucewicz the meeting was adjourned A moment of silence for Captain Norek's Father In Law, Zachary Michael Hackett – Son of Doyle Fire Department Assistant Chief, Ellen Wanat, Mother of Janelle Kraft at 7:48 PM. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dabb
Deputy Clerk
Village Of Depew