

MEETINGS: 11
NO. OF REGULAR: 10

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
September 11, 2017 7:00PM

ROLL CALL: Trustee Jakubowski - ABS
Trustee Bukowiecki -Y
Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Peterson - Y
Mayor Nikonowicz – Y

PUBLIC COMMENT
NONE

In Attendance:

Julia – Monica Wallace’s Office
Bob Brandon – State Senator Kennedy’s Office
Matt Walter – Lancaster Town Board

ADOPT LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2017 – Four Way Stop Sign at Bloomfield Ave & Krieger St.

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

WHEREAS, there have been several minor and serious accidents at the intersection of Bloomfield Avenue and Wenona Street, and at the intersection of Argus Drive and Krieger Street, and

WHEREAS, the Village Police Department monitored traffic at those roads and found that many cars drove excessively fast on the residential street, and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has recommended that an all-way stop sign be put in place to help slow the traffic down, for the safety of the lives and property of the residents in that neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew, New York held a public hearing on August 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 85 Manitou St, Depew, NY to consider the amendment to local law Section 240, subdivision 9 of the Laws of the Village of Depew, and

WHEREAS, all persons were given an opportunity to speak for or against this local law, and the overwhelming majority of speakers were residents who expressed public safety issues and support for the all-way stop sign;

WHEREAS, the proposed local law to be amended is as follows:

- 1. Section 240 of the Laws of the Village of Depew, “Vehicle and Traffic”, subdivision 4 (B), “Through Highway” shall be amended as follows:**

(B) Bloomfield Avenue between Terrace Boulevard and Broadway is hereby designated a through highway and stop signs shall be erected on the following entrances thereto:

“Wenona Street from the north and south” shall be amended to read:

“Wenona Street from the north and south, and additionally on Bloomfield Avenue from the east and west, creating an all-way stop”.

And,

2. **Section 240 of the Laws of the Village of Depew, “Vehicle and Traffic”, subdivision 5, “Stop Intersections” shall be amended as follows:**

“Argus Drive with Kreiger Drive from the south” shall be amended to read:

“Argus Drive with Kreiger Drive from the south, and additionally Kreiger Drive with Argus Drive from the East and West, creating an all-way stop.”

3. All other portions of Section 240, subdivision 9, not affected by this amendment shall remain in full force and effect.

4. Effective date: This amendment to local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, and shall be added to the text of the Local Laws thereafter

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this amendment to local law 240, subdivision 4(B) and subdivision (5) is hereby adopted.

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

Trustee Jakubowski-ABS
Trustee Bukowiecki - Y
Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Peterson - Y
Mayor Nikonowicz – Y

RETRO WAGE PAYMENTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized to pay retroactive wage payments to the Village Administrator at the rate increase of 1.5% for June 1, 2015 – May 31, 2016 and 2% for June 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017 and 2% for June 1, 2017 – September 11, 2017. Additionally, their current salary shall be adjusted for the wage increase, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator shall be paid a one-time stipend of \$3,000.00 at the time of the retroactive wage payment, which is not to be added as a wage increase, for extra duties undertaken in 2016-17 due to the Dissolution Vote and other unforeseen added duties.

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

Trustee Jakubowski - ABS
Trustee Bukowiecki - Y
Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Peterson - Y
Mayor Nikonowicz - ABSTAINED

PERMISSION – DEPEW HIGH SCHOOL MOTORCADE

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

WHEREAS, the Depew High School Student Senate has made application for a Motorcade escort for Friday, October 13, 2017 at approximately 12 PM, and

WHEREAS, said motorcade route and traffic enforcement has been authorized by the Police Department and the Depew Fire Department will participate in the Motorcade.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that permission is granted to the Depew High School Senate to hold the above-mentioned Motorcade on Friday, October 13, 2017.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Hamernik, and **CARRIED**.

PERMISSION – DEPEW HIGH SCHOOL BONFIRE

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to the Depew High School Varsity D Club to hold their annual bonfire on Tuesday October 10, 2017 at 7:30 PM on the football practice field behind the Depew Schools bus garage. The Depew Fire Department will be present to provide fire protection with the following stipulations:

1. The Fire Marshall must meet with an adult advisor prior to 6:30 pm on the day of the event to inspect the site and review emergency procedures.
2. No flammable liquids are to be used in lighting the bonfire.
3. The Depew Fire Department will supervise the lighting of the bonfire and will remain on standby for the duration of the event.
4. The Depew Fire Department reserves the right to cancel the bonfire in the event of adverse weather conditions (high winds) or any other condition that may adversely affect public safety.

Depew Police personnel will be present to maintain order and supply necessary traffic enforcement.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Peterson, and **CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE – PT SENIOR RECREATION ATTENDANT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise for a Part Time Senior Center Recreation Attendant.

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

Trustee Jakubowski – ABS
Trustee Bukowiecki -Y
Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Peterson - Y
Mayor Nikonowicz - Y

AWARD BID- DEMOLITION OF 3322 WALDEN AVE.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the Demolition of 3322 Walden Ave. from the bid opening on August 24, 2017 in the bid amount of \$42,000 be awarded to:

GEITER DONE OF WNY, INC
300 Greene St.
Buffalo, NY 14206

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

Trustee Jakubowski – ABS
Trustee Bukowiecki – Y
Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Peterson – Y
Mayor Nikonowicz - Y

AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING NO PARKING SIGN ON PRESTON ST.

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

The Administrator is authorized to advertise a public hearing to discuss the possibility of passing a local law to have no parking sign on Preston St, both sides, the section by The Boys and Girls Club.

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

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN JUSTICE COURT GRANT APPLICATION

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

WHEREAS, the State of New York Unified Court System is offering a Justice Court Assistance Program with grants available up to \$30,000 and Judge Willis would like to apply for this program,

BE IT RESOLVED, Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz and the Board of Trustees hereby approve this application and Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz is authorized to sign the Justice Court Assistance Program Grant Application.

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

Trustee Jakubowski - ABS
Trustee Bukowiecki -Y
Trustee Hamernik - Y
Trustee Peterson - Y
Mayor Nikonowicz - Y

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department Central Hose #4 to use the Northside Fire Station on April 14, 2018, for their Annual Installation Banquet from 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM.

And

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department to use the Southside Fire Station on September 16, 2017, for all three companies to have a joint dinner.

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

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

NONE

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Peterson, seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, the following claims are to be paid: \$51,524.59 General, \$99,319.65 Community Development, \$171.00 Sewer, \$76,370.43 Capital Projects, \$228,385.67 Capital was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hamernik, seconded by Trustee Peterson, the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for the anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks at **7:19 PM**. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Dabb
Deputy Clerk

Village of Depew Tax Relief Task Force

Meeting #5 July 17th, 2017 @ 7:00PM

Attendance:

Kevin J. Peterson, Trustee

Karl Bukowiecki, Trustee

Cheektowaga-side of Village Members:

Thomas E. Wiesmore

Paul Liedkie

Mary Jane Hughes

Erica Stempniak

Scott Wegst

Lancaster-side of Village Members:

Andy Johnson

Judith Michaels

Koreen L. Scalfaro

The meeting began at 7:00PM.

The beginning of the meeting included a discussion of the re-worded / re-written "Mission Statement" / goals of the Tax Relief Task Force document. A number of the Task Force members submitted changes/additions and suggestions for deletions to the original January 2017 document. These changes were made and the revised document was discussed. The members of both Committees were satisfied with the new document and it was accepted.

The members then separated into their respective Committees for discussion.

Lancaster-side of Village:

There was a review of the questions that were sent to the Town of Lancaster officials (Johanna Coleman and David Brown) and a discussion among the members of the Committee if they had any additional questions to ask them.

The residents The residents that are volunteering their time to serve on the Village of Depew Tax Relief Task Force / Town of Lancaster Committee would like some insight on how the actually tax rate for the Village of Depew residents on the Lancaster side is created?

We believe that Lancaster does not just make up a random number and use that to tax the residents. Therefore it would be helpful if we could gather any explanation or details on how that number is created.

The members of this Committee would also like an explanation on the services they are paying for in their tax bill that they receive from the Town of Lancaster.

We understand that the Village of Depew does not provide each and every service, and we also understand shared services such as the Town of Lancaster lending employees or equipment in order for the Village of Depew to be successful. However, we would like a better understanding of all the services such as those previously mentioned and any that maybe the Village of Depew residents don't see or realize that the Town of Lancaster provides for example: dog warden

There were some additional discussion as to what actions they would take in the future.

It was a short Lancaster-Side meeting as they were awaiting the responses from the Lancaster officials.

Cheektowaga-side of the Village:

A few of the general questions that our members came up with while reviewing the 2017 Town of Cheektowaga Budget were the following and these were the questions that were emailed to the Town of Cheektowaga Supervisor's office for answers:

Replacing Trees:

It was brought up in Committee meetings by resident members that it appears that there are Village of Depew residents that have asked for trees to be planted in the right of ways in front of their homes...some have placed their requests a couple of years ago. It

appears that we pay for this service but wonder why there have been no new trees planted in these locations? Can you provide an explanation of why that is?

Cost of Garbage Totes:

It was mentioned at one of our Tax Relief Task Force meetings that when the Town of Cheektowaga began using garbage totes (2012 or 2013 perhaps), was the cost of the totes an expense that ALL residents of the Town had to deal with in their tax bill? There were some members that seem to remember that the cost was the responsibility of all Town residents, even those in the Village of Depew. Can you explain this for us?

Budget Breakdown:

We were interested in understanding how the Village of Depew tax rate in the Budget is arrived at? What is the breakdown of the amount of taxes that Village of Depew residents pay to the Town of Cheektowaga?

Services Breakdown:

We were interested in understanding exactly what the services are that the Town of Cheektowaga provides to the Village of Depew residents?

Recreation Department:

The Town of Cheektowaga has some very fine recreational facilities. The ice rink, the pools and the parks throughout the Town are all excellent. The Village also has an ice rink, a pool and a number of parks.

Our question is this: How many Village of Depew residents make use of the Town of Cheektowaga facilities? We think that you will be able to give us an idea of that number by telling us how many Village residents have been issued Town of Cheektowaga Recreation cards? How many Village residents have reserved shelters in Town parks? How many Village of Depew residents make use of the Town of Cheektowaga Senior Center?

Credit Issued:

Over the years, the Village residents have been told that the Village receives a credit (or check or a rebate) from the Town of Cheektowaga. Can you explain what that credit is for, how is it given to the Village and how is the dollar amount arrived at every year?

Dates of the Town of Lancaster and Town of Cheektowaga Board Meetings and upcoming Village of Depew Board Meeting were presented to the Committees.

Next meeting is Monday September 18th, 2017 @ 7:00PM.

Last Committee Meeting ended at 8:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin J. Peterson
Chairman of Cheektowaga-side Committee
Trustee, Village of Depew

Karl Bukowiecki
Chairman of Lancaster-side Committee
Trustee, Village of Depew