

MEETINGS: 8
NO. OF REGULAR: 8

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
July 11, 2022 7:06 PM**

ROLL CALL: Trustee Adolf - PR
Trustee Ziembra - PR
Trustee Kucewicz - PR
Deputy Mayor Hamernik - PR
Mayor Peterson – PR -

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Ziembra and seconded by Trustee Adolf the June 27, 2022 board meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment Agenda Items Only:

ACCEPT RESIGNATION – ASSISTANT CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the resignation of Craig Blanchard, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer effective July 1, 2022 is accepted.

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

Trustee Adolf - Y
Trustee Ziembra - Y
Trustee Kucewicz - Y
Deputy Mayor Hamernik - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Depew Board of Trustees does hereby authorize Mayor Kevin Peterson to execute and submit the Fireman’s Park grant application to the State of New York for park improvement funds not to exceed \$352,000, further

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Depew will provide matching project funds as required of the grant program of an amount not to exceed \$352,000.

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

Trustee Adolf - Y
Trustee Ziembra - Y
Trustee Kucewicz - Y
Deputy Mayor Hamernik - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

AUTHORIZE FOUNDERS DAY

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to hold the Depew Founders Day Celebration in the Village of Depew on Friday, July 22, 2022 & Saturday July 23, 2022. Terrace Blvd will be closed from Friday July 22 at 6:00 AM until Sunday July 24, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

MUSIC – Permission is hereby granted to The Nerds Gone Wild Band and the Depew High School Alumni to use the event stage on Friday July 22, 2022 as a part of the Celebration of the Incorporation of the Village/ Founder’s Day Event.

And

Permission is hereby granted to The Noblemen, The Street Kingz, and The Hit N Run Band to use the event stage on Saturday July 23, 2022 as a part of the Celebration of the Incorporation of the Village/ Founder’s Day Event, as well as various activities including Depew History tours.

FOOD – There will be a variety of food trucks and local area restaurants.

Permission is also granted for use of restrooms at the Southside Fire Station.

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

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

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS Village Hall Ronnie Youngman, John Gauthier Jr.
Rec – Jenna Grazen, Nathan Ziemba, Matthew Sheremeta, Ashley Beresniewicz

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS –

Bob Brandon – Senator Tim Kennedy’s Office – The Senator has been out of town and very busy. He was at the White House at the invitation of President Biden. He and Ms. Eberhart, the mother of Zaire, a victim of the Tops shooting. He was invited to watch the signing of the gun bill by President Biden. It was a historical moment, and he was glad to be there. He was also present and invited to watch Governor Hochel sign the legislative passed gun law last week. This is all in response to the Supreme Court concealed carry law. The Governor, the Assembly and the Senate felt the application process needed to be improved and some sensitive places they thought concealed weapons should not be there. It passed. Ms. Eberhart has been asked by many people what can we do to help after the Tops shooting and she always said “there needs to be more understanding about black history, kids need to know more about black history and maybe racism won’t be prevalent as it is”. She would like more books about black history. He got thousands of books on black history and her house is full of books. We took the books from her house and we are going to sort them and distribute them among different facilities. Mayor asked about an update on the covering of the 33 expressway. There will be a public hearing coming up. I don’t have any update.

Captain Curr-Police Dept – 1001 complaints of those 111 were criminal complaints, 29 property damage accidents. 5 injury accidents one involving a pedestrian. 230 traffic summonses. We just put on our Facebook page; the Erie County Civil Service has released the police entrance exam. The test will take place Sept 17, 2022. The applications need to be postmarked by July 27, 2022. The link for the exam is on our The Depew Police Dept's Facebook Page. You can print the application and submit to Civil Service. We also have a study guide link on the Facebook Page. We urge people to take it. Law Enforcement needs people to step up. The Mayor asked if the college requirement is 60 hours and Captain Curr said he believes it always has been, but did not have the exam announcement. The application fee is \$30 and all the information is on the announcement on the link.

Chief Gauthier – Fire Dept – 11 calls month of June. Year to Date 142

RJ – Emergency Management – Working on the action plans for the events and Founders Day. I am working on more details in the EAP's. The Mayor asked him to explain what an action plan is. RJ explained that what to do if anything comes up or happens during the event. I work closely with the Fire Chief and Police Capt. We have the phone numbers of anyone that is associated with the event. We are pre planning anything that could happen.

Kevin Ferguson – Rec Director – Pool update – re drilled the shaft and put a new seal on it. I had a plumber come in with a camera because we thought there might be blockage in the lines. There is no blockage. Next step is impeller. My pool pump guy said we don't need one, but two other guys said we do. We ordered it today so hopefully with a week to 10 days. The 18 lifeguards will be paid and will be able to be used and come back to work when the pool opens. Sending letters to swim lesson and pool pass residents regarding the pool situation. Thank you to Chief Gauthier to bringing us two back boards for the pool. 16 softball teams, 6 kickball teams, 6 volleyball teams, Lacrosse 3 days a week, Yoga 3 days a week. St. Mary's soccer and Lacrosse just signed up to use the fields in the fall.

Don Bielefeld – Code Enforcement – Slow week because of the July 4, 2022 Holiday. We are getting caught up. We are interviewing for some replacement people in the office.

Sam – Legal – The solar lease is moving along. The attorneys are negotiating and keeping me informed. There is an issue with the building permit for upper parcel. I will have some follow up emails with Don and the lawyer for the solar company. Hope to see that project to come fruition soon. Mayor Peterson asked about the dust issue. Code Enforcement answered with he spoke to the project manager, and he assured me on Friday that they would be addressing it, watering the road to help keep it down. We now have mud coming down on the road. I will make sure they are cleaning it up. Sam touched upon the chicken law. Working on a cheat sheet guide for the residents with all the important information, ie enforcement, application processes. Want to complain about nondomestic animals or own nondomestic animals.

Trustee Kucewicz – Nothing on my end.

Trustee Adolf – Next board meeting we are hoping to have Laurie from Davey Tree to present Depew's Tree Management Plan during the board meeting. The plan will be available for viewing during the meeting also.

Trustee Ziemba – Nothing

Deputy Mayor Hamernik – Saturday at the food truck we serviced over 150 families. The bowling alley at the community center will be coming down Wednesday morning.

Mayor Peterson – The West Dawson All-inclusive playground park had the ribbon cutting on two Saturdays ago. I have seen people there steadily ever since. We got good PR on tv. Assembly member Wallace, Erie County Legislature Todaro, Members of the County Executives office were all in attendance. In Fireman's Park, The Fitness Court will start to take shape next week, probably mid-week. We will reach out to the local people who own zumba, pilates, weight training and yoga they will be trained on the fitness court and help us. The idea is have the opening in early August.

Mayor Peterson gave an update for DPW. Paving is starting. Streets that are on the list are 10 years without being re paved. The streets are on the website and Facebook Page. Please be patient. It is weather related as far as getting it done.

Deputy Mayor Hamernik – Stated that there were many wonderful comments regarding Dawson field playground on social media. Thank you for a great job.

Mayor Peterson stated that there were DPW employees that worked on the playground were at the opening of Dawson Park. They put a lot of time into the creation of the park. They are all very particular about how the park was completed. Mr. Jeff Morgan Sr. headed up the project and he is also the head of Fitness Court project. Mr. Morgan will be recognized as an employee of the year as well as other employees. The ceremony is this Friday at the dinner at St. John's Lutheran Church and being catered by Smokin's Little Diner.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR CONCERNS –

Paul Sprada – 58 Argus Dr. – Thank you Mayor Peterson for giving Ken Kowalski that accommodation at the last concert. He is the head of the Carnival Kids. It is well deserved. He retired from teaching last year, but wanted to stay on and teach the new person. Mayor Peterson stated that it will be Mr. K day when the Carnival Kids play. This weekend is the Lancaster Garden Walk. There are maps available at various locations throughout the Village of Lancaster. Is the repaving of the tennis courts, going to incorporate pickleball courts with the tennis courts. Mayor Peterson stated that Rec wouldn't know that, but yes there is some thought about that. Mr. Sprada stated he goes to the Lancaster concerts in Lancaster and there are always people on those pickleball courts. The seniors have a morning time on the pickleball courts and even into the evening there are a lot of people playing pickleball. Their courts are interchangeable for pickleball and tennis. He asked Sam about the chicken law, stating that someone in the Village of Lancaster is raising tortoises, it has become a rat problem because of tortoise waste. Transit Rd between Genesee and French Rd, new sidewalks are going in on both sides of Transit Rd. What is New York State's thought about that when I have been complaining about the viaducts? Mayor Peterson said their cheaper. How many kids walk to Hillview school to use the sidewalks? It was stated that they are building across from Hillview. Discussed the payment of the sidewalks. Widening the turning lanes. This has been discussed and Mayor Peterson stated that this was something that we knew was going to happen. A resident did ask about the trash that was left by Northfolk Southern Railroad. A complaint was written and someone from Northfolk Southern says it will be gone by the end of the month.a1

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Ziembra and seconded by Trustee Kucewicz the following claims are to be paid: \$122,710.84 General, \$1,865.93 Community Development, \$272.59 Sewer Fund, \$22,599.89 Capital Projects, \$147,449.25 Capital was **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:39 PM Deputy Mayor Hamernik made a motion to enter into executive session, Trustee Kucewicz.

At 10:25 PM Deputy Mayor Hamernik made a motion to exit out of executive session, Trustee Kucewicz seconded.

No decisions were made

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Adolf and seconded by Trustee Ziembra the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for 2 charter members of West End since 1968 and a Hook and Ladder Charter Member at 10:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Wachowiak
Village Administrator