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NO. OF REGULARS: 17

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW  
JANUARY 13, 2014**

ROLL CALL: Trustee Hammer  
Trustee Nolder  
Trustee Pecora  
Trustee Kucewicz  
Mayor Hoffman

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Kucewicz, and seconded by Trustee Pecora, the December 9, 2013 Village Board Minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None

**ACCEPT FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION RESULTS**

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

**WHEREAS**, on December 27, 2013 the Depew Fire Department held a Fire Department Chiefs Election with the following results

Fire Chief	Joseph Whipkey	Depew Hose Company #1
1st Assistant Chief	Scott Wegst	Central Hose Company #4
2nd Assistant Chief	Jamie Nusall	Depew Hook & Ladder #1
3 <sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief	Todd Rzeszutek	Aetna Hose Co #2
4 <sup>th</sup> Assistant Chief	Ryan Paoella	Cayuga Hose #3
5 <sup>th</sup> Assistant Chief	Keith Wesolek	Depew West End #6

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves the above election results and congratulates the elected Chief and Assistant Chiefs.

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

**PERMISSION SEMINAR**

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

Permission is hereby granted to Liz Melock to attend the NYS Government Finance Officers' Association Annual Conference April 1-April 4, 2014 at the Albany Marriott Hotel, Albany NY at a cost of \$1047.00 for the conference and hotel.

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

**PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, membership is hereby granted to the following in the Depew Fire Department pending the passing of their physicals:

**DEPEW HOSE #1**

Matthew White 161 Argus Dr Depew NY 14043

**CENTRAL HOSE CO #4**

Patrick Keller 304 Wayside Dr Depew NY 14043

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

Trustee Hammer – Yes  
Trustee Nolder – Yes  
Trustee Pecora – Yes  
Trustee Kucewicz – Yes  
Mayor Hoffman – Yes

**TREE/TRIMMING REMOVAL:**

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS:**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** Building Dept – Dec 2013

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Pecora, seconded by Trustee Nolder, the department head report was accepted as presented.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS –**

**PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS –**

Paul Sprada – 58 Argus – abandoned house at 47 Argus. Has been vacant for a year and a half. Birds are going in the home, mold all over, what can be done.

Today Village Attorney Aquino provided an extensive list to the Board at the pre-meeting of the properties scheduled for the In Rem Sale by Erie County in Oct 14. This property was not on there. CEO Fischione can look at the property to assess if Chapter 81 can be used on it.

CEO Fischione – every time he has contacted the bank on a violation on this property they have taken care of it. They have not done anything with the overhang, which is where the birds are coming in.

Terry Mescall – 36 Susan – wanted to thank the DPW and Police for the great job they did during the storm.

Catherine Betzig – 26 Warner – complained of flooding in her finished basement from the storm in Dec before Christmas. Pump was put out late. Pump was removed because of a disgruntled employee. For 15 years pumps have been out. Need a permanent solution.

Susan Machniak – 21 Warner – smoke testing – what happened with that.

Mayor said smoke testing was being done and the issue is the infiltration of clean water into the sanitary sewers by homes that have their floor drains, run off and sump pumps piped to the sanitary sewers.

John Betzig – 26 Warner – wanted a list of the properties that failed the smoke testing. He wanted assurance that the pumps will be out.

CEO Fischione – explained if you don't have a sump pump you are contributing to the problem as your storm water is going into the sanitary sewer. He explained that the only time the CEO can come in to check the connections is when the house is being sold.

Jerry – 21 Warner – has been in the home seven years and has had flooding 5 times. Everyone just sits on their hands.

Village Administrator spoke that DPW has the pumps out, watches the mains and has completed quite a bit of sewer work in the last few years. They have root cut lines, filmed them, cleaned them, relined sewers and replaced sewers. The main issue in a lot of the village is the infiltration and inflow of ground and run off water into the sanitary sewer system. Getting homeowners to disconnect their drains from the sanitary sewer is a problem as the homeowner does not want to pay for the repairs. Pumps are put when needed. The DPW staff does a great job. Mayor spoke about the establishing a building department that was efficient. He also said we would look at our policy on the pumps.

Paul Sprada – 58 Argus – wanted to know how Zurbrick faired during the storm and what is going on with it. Also inquired as to why there are 90 degree angles in the creek now.

Village Administrator – said creek design was from the DEC with remediation of lead. Area was fine during the storm and Town of Cheektowaga engineering is working on design of road.

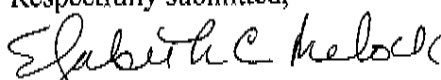
**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Kucewicz, seconded by Trustee Pecora, the following claims are to be paid: General \$504,238.42, Sewer \$515.88, Capital \$568.00, the motion was **CARRIED**.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Nolder, seconded by Trustee Pecora, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth C. Melock  
Village Administrator