

MEETINGS: 23
NO. OF REGULAR: 22

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
MARCH 23, 2015**

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

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Kucewicz, and seconded by Trustee Pecora, the March 9, 2015 Village Board Minutes were approved.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hammer, and seconded by Trustee Nolder, the March 19, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Dan Beutler- 26 Tyler –local law does the Mayor have a figure. Mayor stated his tentative budget is at 1.68%. Mr. Beutler stated the Administrator was leaving us. Regarding #4 – when is the hearing. Mr. Beutler was told April 13.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL LAW 1 of 2015 – TAX CAP OVERRIDE

Irv Reinig – 380 Columbia – asked what the amount of the tentative budget is. Mayor explained his tentative budget was at 1.68% which is the tax cap. Trustee Nolder explained this board has been under the cap for 3 of the 4 years.

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Pecora, seconded by Trustee Hammer, the public hearing was closed at 7:04 pm.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION – VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the resignation of Elizabeth Melock, as Village Administrator, effective April 18, 2015 is accepted.

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

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

ACCEPT RESIGNATION – RECREATION DIRECTOR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the resignation of Kevin Ferguson, as Recreation Director, effective April 5, 2015 is accepted.

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

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

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**AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING FOR
THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2015/2016**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator is authorized to advertise for a public hearing on the Tentative Budget for the Year 2015/2016, to be held on April 13, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Village of Depew Council Chambers.

The following resolution was seconded by Trustee Pecora, and **CARRIED**.

PERMISSION SEMINAR – BUILDING DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to Tony Fischione and Matt Fischione to attend the New York State Dept of State Building Standards and Codes Seminars on Building Science – Residential Code at the Dunkirk Training Grounds on April 9, 2015 from 8 am until noon and the Gray Water Course on June 11, 2015 from 11 am till noon at the Chautauqua Training Grounds. There is no fee for the seminars and use of the village vehicle is authorized.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Pecora, 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 FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPLORER

Alan S. Wojciehowicz 760 D Lancer Ct. Depew NY 14043

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

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

TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL:

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS: DPW- Kenneth Chase, Andrew Mrozek, Recreation – Sarah Bzibziak

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS : None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Irv Reinig – 380 Columbia Ave – Resident of Depew that is very vocal on a lot of different things. He has found the Administrator very professional, truthful, helpful and loyal to the people at the Village Hall.

Dan Beutler – 26 Tyler – worked on things with Liz and even though they did not always see eye to eye she convinced him to come over to the right side.

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Trustee Linda Hammer – thanked the guys on the board that took her into their party, they are a professional group. She applauded them, will miss them all and will miss Liz most of all.

Trustee Mike Nolder – came in four years ago as non-political and will walk away with his head held high, everything is on the village web page, enjoyed his four years and was glad to have the board on the same page. Feels most for Liz and Sue.

Trustee Jules Pecora – pleasure serving everyone, will miss his colleagues and he was always available. He is leaving a lot of experience behind. Hopes the new administration will put their heart and soul into this and focus on the taxpayers.

Mayor Steve Hoffman – grew up in the village, was involved in the recreation program as he was a jock, police officer for 28 years in Depew and Mayor for 4 years. He has served the village well. Opponents are our friends and we kept it clean. His only issue with the campaign was the other party did not do the same. He thanked Linda Hammer for her hard work for the Village. He thanked Mike Nolder for being very vocal especially on the Cheektowaga side of town. He thanked Jules Pecora for all his behind the scenes work and being the PR guy. He thanked Mark Aquino for only having the village at heart. He thanked Liz Melock for being the most influential person in his life and it was tough to convince her but 19 out of 20 times she was right. Mayor Hoffman stated the voters have spoken but only 1189 came out to vote out of more than 10,000 registered voters. It was great serving everyone for four years. There is a ton on the plate in the future and the Village is better now than four years ago. He told Karl, Kevin and Jesse God Bless them and that he expects the Village to be better off in another four years.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Nolder, the following claims are to be paid: Sewer \$1,758.09, General \$202,646.56, Capital \$22,483.50. **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Nolder, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm saying good luck and God bless and wishing everyone a Happy Easter. The motion was **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth C. Melock
Village Administrator