

MEETINGS TO DATE 23
NO. OF REGULARS: 22

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
MARCH 26, 2012**

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

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Pecora, and seconded by Trustee Nikonowicz, the March 12, 2012 Village Board Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

PUBLIC HEARING TENTATIVE BUDGET

Village Administrator read the legal notice regarding the public hearing for the tentative budget and Mayor Hoffman opened the hearing.

Tony Markut 61 Center – No funding for the basketball program. Thanked Trustee Nikonowicz for coming to the program. He was the only elected or appointed person to come. Members presented a program that has an \$8000 cost. Need to control costs, apply market share approach. Questioned why uniform allowance increased \$1200, shade trees increased \$143,000. Funding for program is very minimal.

William Manhard 46 Claude – wants program kept for the kids. Planning Board wages increased, uniforms at rec increased, parks had an increase \$5000-\$7500, chemicals increased, pool labor increased to \$61,613. Very important to go over the figures.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Nikonowicz the public hearing was closed at 7:05 pm.

APPOINT POLICE ATTENDANT PT

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Steven Hoffman, do hereby appoint Joanne Schiappa, 612 Harris Hill Rd. Lancaster NY 14086 to the position of Police Attendants PT, on an on call basis only, effective immediately, at a salary of \$14.00 per hour.

The forgoing nomination was acted upon in the following manner by the Village Board of Trustees:

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

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AMENDED NYCLASS PROGRAM AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew is currently a participant of the NYCLASS program;

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew has been notified of an amendment to the Cooperation Agreement governing NYCLASS which reflects that the Village of Potsdam will become the new Lead Participant and provides for changes to the Investment Advisor from time to time as determined by the Governing Board of NYCLASS (the form of such Amendment which is attached hereto);

WHEREAS, the Village Administrator recommends that the Mayor and Board of Trustees approve an Amendment to the Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System Municipal Cooperation Agreement, in which certain terms are modified to reflect the change in the Lead Participant and Investment Advisor for the program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Trustees of the Village of Depew do hereby authorize the Steve Hoffman, Mayor to execute the amendment.

**VILLAGE OF DEPEW
MARCH 26, 2012**

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

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

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – MAZZA MECHANICAL

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew is currently utilizing Mazza Mechanical Services, Inc, 2360 Sweet Home Rd. Amherst NY 14228 for the maintenance of the heating and air conditioning units in the Village of Depew facilities;

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew would like to upgrade the maintenance program to the Guaranteed Professional Maintenance Program for \$35,500 per year starting April 1, 2012 and end March 31, 2013.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven Hoffman is authorized to sign the Guaranteed Professional Maintenance Program Contract.

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

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

AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Administrator is authorized to make the following transfer of funds as per attached chart in the amount of \$293,978.

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 Nikonowicz – Yes
Mayor Hoffman – Yes

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department for:

Aetna Hose Company to use the Southside Fire Hall for their annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday June 2, 2012 from 8 am until 10 pm. Beer and wine will be sold.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Nikonowicz, and
CARRIED.

TREE/TRIMMING REMOVAL:

MARCH 26, 2012
VILLAGE OF DEPEW

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS: Recreation – Rebecca Scheiter, Justin Crawley, Kevin Stevens;
DPW – Arthur Leonard

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Police Dept Feb 2012

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Nikonowicz, seconded by Trustee Nolder, the department head reports were accepted as presented.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY

No Report

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ENGINEER

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS –

None

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS –

Dave Burkhardt – 5 Autumn Lee – senior center contractual – what is in there, fees for swimming pool are they being increased. Vil. Admin. stated the increase in the senior center is for the trips costs.

Bailey Moskal – 878 Falcon – basic and advanced skills are learned, learn to play as a team, please bring the program back.

Ms. Lyman – 96 St. James St – is the structure at Calumet and St. James being demolished? CEO Fischione said it is on the list but nothing bid out yet on it.

Carol Janicki – 207 Rossiter – regarding fencing ordinance. Questioned about obnoxious signs being placed on neighbor's fence hanging in their yard. Village Attorney stated First Amendment Rights – would look into it.

Mayor asked if they tried talking to the neighbor. They were instructed to contact Administrator or view Village web page for public hearing on zoning code changes as that would be coming up in the next month or so.

Jacob Caska – love program every Sat. Without it he is watching TV.

Bianca Smith – loves the program, it is the best.

Douglas Smith – 932 Sherwood – it is important for the kids to have this. Taking it away really denies them. Should not get rid of it.

Clarisa Harrison – 5256 William – Resident of Lancaster – her son participated this year. Phenomenal for him. He went from a self conscious person to a team leader. Would hate to see it discontinued.

Max Harrison – coaches have taught him a lot. Best basketball coaches.

Julie Caska – 239 Banko – thanked Trustee Nikonowicz for coming out. She is an advocate for her children.

Important to herself and her family. Her son does not participate in the school league. Coaches are dedicated.

They got the program hammered down to \$8000. Parents would pay a reasonable increase. Increased pay at the pool. Recreation Director not here. Loss beyond what she could describe. Gives the kids self esteem, friendships, life time of memories.

Gerry Kacmarczyk – 52 Banko – semi retired Basketball official. Only works on Saturdays and loves it. Spoke about the City of Buffalo doing away with programs and they rethought it.

William Manhard – 46 Claude – possible to ask for comment on basketball program from each Trustee.

Mayor – went through the program, coached youths for 24 years never got paid. Sat down with Gerry and Dennis and said the fees had to be raised for non residents and was told the program won't work. Reached out to the Town of Lancaster – Terry McCracken. For the program to work non residents would pay \$150 and residents \$35.

William Manhard – suggested going to the unions to give to key programs like this.

Mayor – Gerry went to the Lancaster School Board for relief from the fee and got no-where.

Gerry Manhard – 264 Marrano – if you judge the program that it needs to be free then look at the pool, ice rink,

Learn to Skate. Look at the budget there is a loss of \$7500 per month. Out of towners should pay \$20 to swim.

Hard to get volunteers every Saturday, need to fundraise, get a gym for free what is the Village providing, standardize cost of all programs.

Mayor – times are changing, pool is a Village asset, offered to sit down again and look at the program to make it work.

Clarisa Harrison – single parent \$150 is too high a fee.

Mayor – all for recreating kids, out of town residents will have to pay more.

William Manhard – wants all the programs increased.

Julie Caska – people using the rink, Learn to Skate – raise the fees, non-residents pay an additional fee. Can't hit one program.

Tony Markut – 61 Center – shade trees \$143,000 increase. Told to look at page 29 in budget.

Ziggy Kucewicz -43 Alys Dr E – First came into Depew had 7 children. Did not have basketball program. Unless school did something there was nothing for kids to do except do drugs. Take a look here and there. Go out of the area to look for help.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Nolder, seconded by Trustee Pecora, the following claims are to be paid:
General \$182,904.68 Sewer \$1,010.08, the motion was **CARRIED**.

MARCH 26, 2012
VILLAGE OF DEPEW

ADJOURNMENT-

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Pecora, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm with well wishes for former Mayor Alberti. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth C. Melock
Village Administrator