MEETINGS: 10
NO. OF REGULAR: 9

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
August 22, 2016

ROLL CALL: Trustee Jakubowski
Trustee Bukowiecki
Trustee Peterson
Trustee Kucewicz - ABSENT
Mayor Nikonowicz

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Peterson, and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, the July 25, 2016 Village Board Minutes were approved.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Bukowiecki, and seconded by Trustee Peterson, the August 4, 2016 Planning Board minutes were approved.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Jakubowski, and seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, the August 11, 2016 Zoning Board minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
Dave Burkhardt – 5 Autumn Lee -- What does TCPN and NJPA stand for? The administrator responded The Cooperative Purchasing network and National Joint power alliance. Superintendent Phil Fleck noted that it was another method of purchasing for government agencies.
Terry Mescal – Asked about number 2 and 3, and if they will automatically fill any vacancies. The mayor explained that they would be called in as needed during their term, but if a full vacancy happens they won’t necessarily be the replacement but could be the replacement.
Becky Arcese – 14 Patsy Lane – asked about agenda item number 1. This is to recoup the money from expenses that the village incurs as part of responding to the accident. So you will seek auto insurance reimbursement. What will happen to their premiums? Kathleen the village Attorney responded that this is a small amount that would be added to a claim a person would already be making because of the accident, this addition should not increase your insurance. She noted a large bill from another area, it was noted that the rates that will be read in the legal notice but are nowhere near that amount. The mayor noted this is not meant to burden home owners, then gave an example of a business fire where this would have made it easier to get reimbursement. The fire chief notes issues with tow operators billing for the clean up the village executes and that car accidents are not usually residents. She then inquired about fire department donations. The mayor noted that the fire department would need to be asked about those specifically and let the public know that those meetings are open to the public.

PUBLIC HEARING
The legal notice was read.
Dan Butler – 26 Tyler – He asked about what amount would decide if someone would be billed for speedy dry. He has seen only handful used. The Chief stated that a handful would not be charged but a bag would foe example. The chief mentioned the Hazmat charge the tow operator charge. Dan believes this is overkill.
Chris Kelchlin – 68 Eagle Terrace – Will people be hired to do this billing. No the fire department will make a bill and it will be processed through the Administrators office. He asked if the Home owners would be billed. Jesse said this is to bill the insurance not the residents. Chris noted a spot that it said the residents would be billed directly. The Chief noted that that is not meant to burden home owners, then gave an example of a business fire where this would have made it easier to get reimbursement. The fire chief notes issues with tow operators billing for the clean up the village executes and that car accidents are not usually residents. She then inquired about fire department donations. The mayor noted that the fire department would need to be asked about those specifically and let the public know that those meetings are open to the public.
chief explain how insurance determines fault, and the village attorney notes that even if the party not at fault is billed, it will get transferred to the insurance of the person who was at fault. Gary Cummings – 378 Terrace Blvd – As a former fire chief noted a nonresidential fire where the village went through $15,000 worth of foam, the budget line was $2,000. If they did not get that reimbursement the residents need to eat that cost. Ron Maciejewski – 24 Kiebler – Burger king fire had about $9,000 in grease damage to gear and equipment. It took a while to get the money back, but we did. This will help the village recoup those costs and not burden the residents. The Mayor noted again this is not to burden residents but recoup funds to offset expenses.

**APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBER**

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I, Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz do hereby appoint Nicholas Sherwood 27 Forestview Drive. Depew, NY 14043 as an alternate member of the Village Planning Board, said term to expire at noon on the first Monday in April 2021, at a salary of $50 per meeting.

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

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

**APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

I, Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz, pursuant to Village Law 7-712 (8) hereby appoint Patrick Delany 244 Seabert Ave. Depew NY 14043, to the position of Alternate Member of the Zoning Board Appeals for a term to expire at noon on the first Monday in April 2021, at a salary of $16.00 per variance.

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

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

**APPOINT RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER (RMO)**

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I, Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz, do hereby appoint Maureen Jerackas 94 Burlington Ave, Depew NY to the position of Records Management Officer, for the remainder of her term to expire at noon on the first Monday in April 2019, for no additional pay.

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

Trustee Jakubowski - Y  
Trustee Bukowiecki - Y  
Trustee Peterson - Y  
Trustee Kucewicz - ABS  
Mayor Nikonowicz - Y
APPOINT RECORDS APPEAL OFFICER (RAO)

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I, Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz, do hereby appoint Kathleen McDonald 417 N. Creek, Depew NY 14043, to the position of Records Appeal Officer, for the remainder of her term to expire at noon on the first Monday of April 2019, at no additional pay.

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

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

ORDER OF EMERGENCY SECURING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT
130 ST JAMES PLACE DEPEW, NY

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

WHEREAS, the property located at 130 Saint James St., Depew, NY 14043, SBL# 104.64-1-30 is owned, of record by Mary Jachmiak, and,

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2016 the Depew Police Department was called in by a neighboring resident who reported to police that unauthorized homeless people were living there, and

WHEREAS, Depew Police investigated the report and it was confirmed that unauthorized occupants were in fact living there, and

WHEREAS, this property had already been inspected by the Village Building inspector, Anthony Fischione prior to this report and on July 23, 2014 the building was posted “Not to be Occupied” due to unsafe/unsanitary conditions, and

WHEREAS, the responsible party for the property has not been located although attempts have been made, and the Village must act to ensure the safety of all people in the Village from the danger this unoccupied home presents, and

WHEREAS, the building must be secured from entrance by unauthorized parties and to prevent anyone from residing in a dangerous building boarded, until such time as Erie County takes possession, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew has received and reviewed all of the reports cited herein, had approved an emergency enclosure on August 1, 2017, prior to a public resolution due to the immediate necessity, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew Department of Public Works has already completed the work necessary to secure the building, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew finds that the building located at 130 Saint James St., Depew, NY 14043, SBL# 104.64-1-30 has been declared as unsafe and unsanitary, that it was recently occupied by unauthorized squatters who were able to gain entry and live within this unsafe home and that it therefore represented an immediate threat to the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the Village of Depew, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew now approve by resolution the Emergency securing and boarding up of the aforesaid property pursuant to Section 81-9 of the Code, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all expenses incurred by the Village in connection with the securing and boarding of such building located at 130 St. James St., Depew, NY, shall be levied upon the Village of Depew property tax rolls and collected after the expense has been incurred.

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

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

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN LVAC RENEWAL AGREEMENT

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Jakubowski and seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, The LVAC Renewal Agreement was tabled.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE PAYMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS TO THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW BY THE TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Cheektowaga administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Grant funds from the U.S. Department of HUD for the Village of Depew, and
WHEREAS, there are regulations regarding what types of activities, purchases and services which can be reimbursed by CDBG, and
WHEREAS, the Village of Depew has submitted claims in 2011 through 2015 for reimbursement for services, activities and purchases that were deemed by the administering agency to be ineligible for reimbursement and for which the Village of Depew did not receive CDBG money for which they were eligible, and
WHEREAS, the Administrator of the Village of Depew has worked diligently with the Cheektowaga Director of Community Development to revise the submitted claims for the years 2011 through 2015 to include eligible activities, purchases and services, and
WHEREAS, the Village of Depew will now receive payment for these eligible activities, purchases and services that go back to 2011 through 2015, thereby increasing revenue to the Village,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Depew agrees to the revisions to the Town of Cheektowaga's Annual Plans for the Use of Community Development Block Grant Funds for the Village of Depew which is proposed to be amended as follows, in order to provide for changes in low-mod areas and to adjust to actual needs and final costs:

SEE ATTACHED SPREADSHEET

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

Trustee Jakubowski - Y
Trustee Bukowiecki - Y
Trustee Peterson - Y
Trustee Kucewicz - ABS
Mayor Nikonowicz - Y
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**MODIFY ICE RINK RATES**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Depew Ice Rink Rates as follows will be effective September 1, 2016:

- Monday – Friday from opening until 5 pm $160 per hour
- Monday – Friday from 5:01 pm until 9 pm $205
- Monday – Friday from 9:01 pm until closing $160
- Saturday – Sunday – 6am – 9pm rate is $205
- Saturday – Sunday – 9:01pm – close rate is $160

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

Trustee Jakubowski - Y
Trustee Bukowiecki - Y
Trustee Peterson - Y
Trustee Kuciewicz - ABS
Mayor Nikonowicz - Y
PERMISSION TO SIGN NJPA

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

WHEREAS, the NJPA is created by Minnesota Statute 123A.21 (with membership further defined in M.S. 471.59) to serve cities, counties, towns, and public or private schools, political subdivisions of Minnesota or another state, any agency of the State of Minnesota or the United States including instrumentalities of a governmental unit and all non-profits: and

WHEREAS, NJPA’s purpose as defined in M.S. 123A.21 is to assist in meeting specific needs of clients which could be better provided by NJPA than by the members themselves: and

WHEREAS, the NJPA Board of Directors has established the ability for an “Applicant” desiring to participate in NJPA contracts and procurement programs to become a Participating Member: and

WHEREAS, the NJPA Board of Directors has determined that Participating Members will have no financial or organizational liability to NJPA or to its organizational activities:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, it is hereby stipulated and agreed that the Village of Depew desires to be a Participation Member of NJPA with contract purchasing benefits, in accordance with terms and conditions of the applicable contract(s), and that NJPA hereby grants said Membership to the Village of Depew

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Permission is granted to Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz to sign the agreement with NJPA

Permission to Sign TCPN

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

WHEREAS, TCPN is a Group Purchasing Organization (GPO’s) and the purpose of a GPO is to allow its members to join together to leverage purchases in order to acquire goods and services at lower prices, and

WHEREAS, GPO’s are a non-profit instrumentality of government that assists public agencies in reducing the cost of goods and services through pooling the purchasing power of public agencies nationwide, and that this is accomplished through competitively solicited contracts for products through lead public agencies, that the proposed Inter-local Agreement will be by and between the “Region 4 Education Region 4 Education Service Center”, the lead agency for The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN), and the Village of Depew, and

WHEREAS, participation by government entities provides the legally required competition for contracts for commonly purchased items thereby saving the public entity the cost of going through the competitive process as required by General Municipal Law 140-b, and

WHEREAS, the TCPN Board of Directors has determined that Participating Members will have no financial or organizational liability to TCPN or to its organizational activities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, it is hereby stipulated and agreed that the Village of Depew desires to be a Participation Member of TCPN with contract purchasing benefits, in accordance with terms and conditions of the applicable contract(s), and that TCPN hereby grants said Membership to the Village of Depew, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator, Maureen Jerackas and any successor to that position, under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew is hereby designated to act for the Village of Depew in all matters relating to The Cooperative Purchasing Network including the designation of specific contracts in which the Village of Depew desires to participate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Permission is granted to Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz to sign the agreement with TCPN and that upon signing the agreement shall become effective.

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

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

ADOPT POST-ISSUANCE TAX COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

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

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has issued regulations requiring issuers of tax-exempt obligations to certify on various forms that they actively monitor compliance with federal tax rules following the issuance of such obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Village is an occasional issuer of tax-exempt obligations and thus is subject to the aforementioned compliance requirements which are critical for the preservation of the preferential tax status of those obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore in the best interest of the Village to adopt formal written procedures to ensure such compliance and to designate an official responsible for ensuring that such procedures are followed; and

WHEREAS, the Village previously adopted interim post-issuance tax compliance procedures (the “Original Procedures”); and

WHEREAS, it was intended that the Original Procedures would be periodically updated and supplemented; and

WHEREAS, Hodgson Russ LLP, as bond counsel to the Village, has prepared and has recommended that the Village adopt updated and more comprehensive post-issuance tax compliance procedures;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village hereby adopts the updated and more comprehensive post-issuance tax compliance procedures that are attached hereto as “Schedule A” and resolves to be governed thereby; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such Schedule A will be placed in its entirety in the official records, files and minutes of the Village and adhered to going forward; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote, which resulted as follows:

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

Trustee Jakubowski - Y
Trustee Bukowiecki - Y
Trustee Peterson - Y
Trustee Kucewicz - ABS
Mayor Nikonowicz - Y
PERMISSION SEMINAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to Detective Sargent Don Panzarella and Detective Scott Hossfeld to attend the High in Plain Sight Drug and Alcohol Trends Conference on Friday September 23, 2016 at the Starpoint Central School Lockport, New York. There is no cost of the seminar. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

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

PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Bukowiecki, 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 his physical:

Aetna Hose Company

Christopher Trala
32 Pamela Dr.
Depew, NY 14043

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

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to the West End Ladies Auxiliary for use of the Lounge facilities of West End Hose Company #6 for an Ice cream social on Sunday September 11, 2016 starting at 1PM.

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

AMENDMENT OF THE PURCHASING POLICY OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew enacted a purchasing policy in 1994 in order to be in conformity of General Municipal Law 104-b, and,

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Policy requires an annual review of the Policy; and

WHEREAS The Purchasing Policy of the Village of Depew and the General Municipal Law 104-b, both allow the Village to set forth any circumstances when, or types of procurements for which, in the sole discretion of the governing body, the solicitation of alternative proposals or quotations will not be in the best interest of the political subdivision or district therein,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Policy of the Village of Depew shall be amended at part III C 2 a, as follows:

Purchases made through the Village membership in the governmental group purchasing organization NJPA, and any other governmental group purchasing organization so designated by resolution of the Board of Trustees, may be made without the request for bids, on those occasions when the department head, through knowledge of market costs, believes that there is a
clear cost savings on available products and that time is of the essence in being able to access the savings of the governmental group purchasing organization, so that a formal bid process is not feasible; all such purchases over $20,000.00 shall be on notice to the Board of Trustees and the Mayor, at least 24 hours prior to the official purchase.

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

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

**MODIFY 2015/2016 BUDGET**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Administrator is hereby authorized to modify the 2015/2016 Budget in the following manner:

See attached spreadsheet with budget transfers.

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

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

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS**
Planning/Zoning – Nicholas Sherwood

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**ON A MOTION BY,** Trustee Jakubowski, and seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, the July 2016 DPW and Fire Department reports were accepted.

Recreation – summer season is complete and the rink will be opening.

None from Code, DPW or Fire

The Fire chief reported that the village Police department would be part of the REAP program as of Sept. 1, 2016 for those needing assistance with opiate addiction.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No reports.

**UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS**
PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Dan Beutler – 26 Tyler – Asked about the CDBG fund allocation sheet that was given out. The administrator explained that old money that was owed to the village was being reallocated to different projects that met with the proper guidelines. The years on the spreadsheet will help you know how the money was allocated. The negative amounts are where the money is coming from and the positives are where the money is going to be move to cover. The village attorney added that this is over a quarter of a million dollars that the village is getting back. He asked about oil barrels and the Mayor stated that he had a meeting set with himself, Kathleen and the Engineer to meet. He asked if there was any action against the owner or fines. The code officer said that 109,000 in fines but they are appealing that so he doesn’t know if it will be seen by the village. Becky Arcese – 14 Patsy Lane – asked what the budget adjustments were. It was noted that they are on the village web site as well as copies available. They are just to adjust the budget at the end of the year after the audit is complete. John Parker– 66 Bloomfield – wants the traffic looked at on the street. There was another accident and a large number of kids on the street. The Police Chief stated that a speed light has just been purchased that is solar, and DPW will be making it mobile. After that they will know how and when to patrol the area. Trustee Peterson noted that he believed the trees are part of the issue and asked how he would feel if the trees were cut down. He said he wouldn’t like it but if it was found that that was what was need to be done, he would live with it. The mayor stated he would follow up. Paul Sparada – Said the night out was excellent, the board and departments did a good job. The weather was good. He Welcomed Matt Walter from Town of Lancaster. The mayor added Bob Brandon from Senator Kennedy’s office was there too. He asked Phil about painting the stripes on the street at Krieger and Argus. Phil said he already thought about him when they brought out the machine this year. He asked about Transit Road corridor – The Mayor noted that the project was not done as expected and they will not even be opening BID until December. Also there was a meeting with 4 business owners in the area that met voiced their concerns and there is a follow up meeting in September. They want to try to work with all parties first. Paul noted that the area was an accident and traffic issue. Zombie properties? Tony went to a training this week and by Dec. 20, 2016 the banks will be required to maintain listing of properties. Toney will have an avenue to go after the banks and help push things along. It was noted that there is a $500 fine that the village would keep. He asked about airport fight patterns over the short runway, it was only for small planes or an emergency. The mayor said he will try to look into it, but this one could be tough. Kevin Peterson – thanked recreation for the summer and great activate. He thanked the Board/DPW/ Fire for helping and supporting him with the concert series, which did not end up costing the village anything. Finally Rec and DPW again he received and e-mail praising the park from someone that used it for a party.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Bukowiecki, seconded by Trustee Peterson, the following claims are to be paid: General $619,035.93, Capital Projects $136,275.97, $6,623.25 Community Development. $1,534.36 Sewer, Capital $763,469.51, CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Peterson, seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM, with a moment of silence for Mr. Andy Bukowiecki, Father of Trustee Bukowiecki and Adam Oljeweczak active recreation Department participant, the motion was CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas
Village Administrator