

MEETINGS TO DATE 18
NO. OF REGULARS: 18

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
JANUARY 27, 2014**

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

Mayor Hoffman welcomed the Brownie Troop 415 to the meeting. He commended the initiative of the Girl Scouts in their endeavor to collect food donations for the Tri Community Food Pantry. Mayor introduced Girl Scout Leader Melissa Barr.

Mrs. Barr explained the Brownies will be collecting food via donation barrels at five locations – Village Hall, The Vine Wesleyan Church, Hillview Baptist Church, Prince of Peace Church and Cocolati Salon from February 1-16th.

Erie County Legislator Ted Morton stopped by to introduce himself.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hammer, and seconded by Trustee Pecora, the January 13, 2014 Village Board Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN SD COMMUNICATIONS INC AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police Stan Carwile recommends to the Board that inmate phones be installed in the holding cells at the Depew Police Department;

WHEREAS, SD Communications, Inc, 4712 Admiralty Way, Suite 732, Marina Del Ray, CA will install and maintain the Inmate Phones and Inmate Communications Operating System at no cost to the Village of Depew. The system will only process collect calls.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven Hoffman, is authorized to execute an Agreement with SD Communications for a period of five years with a two year roll over period unless terminated 90 days prior to the expiration of the current term.

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 Kucewicz– Yes
Mayor Hoffman – Yes

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH CHEEKTOWAGA –TAX CREDIT FOR POLICE SERVICES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven P. Hoffman, is authorized to sign an agreement with the Town of Cheektowaga for a Tax Credit in the amount of \$440,000.00 against the Town assessment for the Village residents in the Town of Cheektowaga. The agreement is effective from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

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The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Kucewicz 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

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR GENERATOR MAINTENANCE

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven P. Hoffman, is authorized to sign an agreement with Cummins Northeast 700 Aero Dr Buffalo NY 14225 for generator maintenance on the seven village generators at a cost of \$3,461.13 for the period of February 1, 2014 till January 31, 2015.

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 Kucewicz – Yes
Mayor Hoffman – Yes

TREE/TRIMMING REMOVAL:

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS –

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS –

Dave Burkhardt – 5 Autumn Lea- wanted to know if the Board tried to negotiate an increase in the tax credit with the Town of Cheektowaga for police services. Mayor explained they have been constantly on it. Trustee Nolder explained they asked for \$750,000 and only received \$50,000.

Paul Sprada – 58 Argus – abandoned house at 47 Argus. Village Attorney Aquino explained it will not be on the in rem sale in Oct since the taxes are current so the only remedy is Chapter 81 – demo. Mr. Sprada did not think it would qualify. CEO Fischione stated the mortgage company has been keeping up with the small violations. Mr. Sprada wanted to know what else can be done to the banks since they are creating this issue by giving out loans to people who can't afford them. Village Attorney Aquino will look at the law to see what else can be done if anything. Mr. Sprada complained about an abandoned building on Transit north of Rehm and he was informed that the property was not in the Village to contact the Town of Lancaster Building Dept. Mr. Sprada wanted to know if it was ok to place the totes on the sidewalk because of the snow. Mayor told him it was ok as long as Modern could get to the totes. Mr. Sprada also stated Town of West Seneca received the totes and they did not have to pay for them.

Dave Burkhardt – 5 Autumn Lea – wanted to know if anyone spoke to Charlie Markel. Mayor explained they had and some of the ideas have backfired. The Board is keeping an eye on the properties.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Pecora, seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the following claims are to be paid: General \$332,448.32, Sewer \$19,995.00, the motion was **CARRIED**.

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ADJOURNMENT-

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Nolder, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm in honor of Brownie Troop 415 and wishing them a successful food drive. The motion was **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth C. Melock
Village Administrator