

MEETINGS TO DATE 3
NO. OF REGULARS: 3

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
APRIL 27, 2009**

ROLL CALL: Trustee Hammer
Trustee Keefe
Trustee Maryniewski
Trustee Monti

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hammer, and seconded by Trustee Monti, the April 13, 2009 Village Board Minutes were approved.

Sal Carlino spoke regarding Sertoma Essay Contest involving 7th & 8th graders at Depew Middle School. The essay contest winner was Brady Orcutt, an 8th grader. He read his essay to the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

1. Brian Sebastian – 25 Country Place Lancaster – bought property across from Magraders – wants to have high end vehicles on the lot.
2. John Ferry – Walden Ave – what are the changes in the used car licensing?

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law #1 – Used Car Dealers

Liz Melock, Village Administrator read legal notice announcing Public Hearing and Mayor Barbara Alberti opened same at 7:41 pm. Attorney Nosek read the local law – Chp 231 of the Village Code.

1. Dave Burkhardt – 5 Autumn Lea - 5 feet from the sidewalk is that new – Mayor stated it is not and it will be enforced. Wanted a limit on the number of used car lots. Attorney Nosek stated if they are zoned properly then they can apply for a license. Mayor stated the changes were the application fee and the Bond – both were increased.
2. John Ferry – Walden Ave – he builds off road vehicles that are not road worthy. Nosek stated clean up reasons for the increase in the bond. Abandoned vehicles were brought up – those will be addressed at public hearing May 11.
3. Lou – DeVille Motors – environmental cleanup is the owners responsibility. Tony said the Bond is to cover the costs when the owner walks away from a property.
4. John Ferry – increases in fees in not timely
5. Dominic Corriglione – Transit Rd - need to worry more about people leasing property then owning it in regards to walking away from it.
6. Brian Sebastian – commented about high end cars
7. Dave Burkhardt – why can't we keep moratorium in place. Attorney Nosek – it would be illegal.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Keefe, seconded by Trustee Maryniewski, the Public Hearing is closed at 8:13pm. **CARRIED.**

Mayor Alberti's Summary:

Two weeks ago budget hearing – Board & Administrator worked for 5 hours to cut expenses. Village known for the great services. Board has been addressing the decay of the buildings, playgrounds, energy savings, lighting changes, Emergency Preparedness Team now across from Mayor's Office. Spoke about fee increases in the basketball program & parking fees. Mayor runs the senior center. Leasd cleanup on Tyler St area. Mayor listed cuts to overtime, Night Out canceled, recreation – no swim lessons, part time laborer help in DPW and Recreation cut, travel expenses cut. If the Village is dissolved all debt owing will be passed to the Village residents through the Town tax. Tax increase is 1.34%.

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ADOPT PROPOSED 2009/2010 BUDGET

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Budget for the Village of Depew for the fiscal year 2009/2010 is hereby **ADOPTED** with a tax rate of \$17.3694 per thousand for residents on the Cheektowaga portion of Depew and \$11.5796 per thousand for residents on the Lancaster portion of Depew.

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

Trustee Hammer –Yes
Trustee Keefe – Yes
Trustee Maryniewski -Yes
Trustee Monti - Yes
Mayor Alberti – Yes

ACCEPT FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION RESULTS

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

WHEREAS, on Thursday, April 9, 2009, the Depew Fire Department held their Annual Fire Department Chiefs Election with the following results

Chief	Kenneth Mau	Cayuga Hose Co. #3
1 st Assistant Chief	Gary Cummings	Aetna Hose Company
2 nd Assistant Chief	David Adamberger	West End Hose Co. #6
3 rd Assistant Chief	Joseph Whipkey	Depew Hose Company #1
4 th Assistant Chief	Brian Musielak	Depew Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
5 th Assistant Chief	Scott Wegst	Central Hose Company No. 4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves this election result and congratulates the elected Chief and Assistant Chiefs.

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

AUTHORIZE BENEFITS UNDER FIREFIGHTER'S SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the following fireman has met all necessary requirements under the Depew Fire Department's Service Award Program;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village does hereby approve the Service Award benefit entitlement to the following participant as stipulated under said program.

Effective June 1, 2009 at a monthly rate of \$380.00 and a one-time lump-sum payment of \$1,140:

Robert J. Romanowski
40 Karen Lane
Depew NY 14043

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Trustee Hammer –Yes
Trustee Keefe – Yes
Trustee Maryniewski - Yes
Trustee Monti - Yes
Mayor Alberti – Yes

PERMISSION – ANNUAL POPPY FUND DRIVE

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

Permission is hereby granted to the American Legion Depew Post No. 1528 for the Annual Poppy Fund Raising Drive during the following dates & times: Friday May 15 from 9 am to 6 pm and Saturday May 16 from 9 am to 1 pm.

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

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to:

Depew Fire Department to use Ladder 5 to respond to Twin District Fire hall on William Street in Lancaster on May 26, 2009 and to the Erie County Training Tower on May 28, 2009 for a Firefighter 1 training session.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Maryniewski, and **CARRIED.**

TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL:

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS: Customer Service – Richard Fiorello, Theresa Gretch, Recreation – Lauren Schmiegel, Jacob Maryniewski, Chris Crawford, Lindsay Wiechelt, Jonathan Sipior, Kurt Diesfeld, Steven Bryant, Victoria Cuva, Shelby Silvis, DPW – Michael Wutz, Kurt Diesfeld

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Electrical Dept January – March 2009, Police Dept March 2009

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Keefe, seconded by Trustee Monti, the Department Head Reports were accepted as presented.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS AND REPORTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Maryniewski, the building inspector reports were accepted as presented.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY

No Report

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ENGINEER

NYSERDA work done by Wendel.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Alberti –

Zurbrick Road collapsing – photos are taken everyday. Barracades are up –road closed except for local traffic. Supr. Juliano has met with Cheektowaga DPW Supt. Mark Wagner regarding the road. Mayor has sent out many letters looking for funding.

Clean Up Day – May 2 from 9-11 am – thanked Tammy & Rae for running the event.

Attended a NYCOM conference on abandoned properties this past Thursday.

Chief Domino – thanked the Board for improvements to the heat, air and the four wheel drive vehicles. Talked about the License Plate Reader that was obtained through a grant.

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

1. Irv Reinig – 380 Columbia – Previous Mayor brought resolution to downsize the Board. Questions still unanswered from 2007. Irv wants the village dissolved.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Keefe, seconded by Trustee Hammer, the following claims are to be paid: General \$213,205.29, Sewer \$1,381.40, Community Development \$845.00. The motion was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Monti, seconded by Trustee Maryniewski, the meeting was adjourned at **9:16 pm**. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth C. Melock
Village Administrator