

MEETINGS TO DATE 18
NO. OF REGULARS: 17

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
DECEMBER 13, 2010**

ROLL CALL: Trustee Hammer
Trustee Keefe
Trustee Maryniewski
Trustee Monti
Mayor Alberti

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hammer, and seconded by Trustee Monti, the November 22, 2010 Village Board Minutes were approved.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Keefe, and seconded by Trustee Maryniewski, the December 6, 2010 Zoning Board Minutes were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

APPOINT POLICE OFFICERS

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Barbara A. Alberti, do hereby appoint Patrick M. Canna, 46 Stewart Dr. Depew, NY, Brian J. Gummo, 191 Calumet St. Depew, NY, Rochelle After Buffalo, 526 Gould Ave, Depew, NY and James F. Refermat, 119 Ellicott Pl, Depew, NY to the positions of Police Officer, effective January 3, 2011, at a starting salary of \$38,358.26. These appointments are from Exam No.063533, Civil Service List established April 11, 2008. For seniority purposes, the order of the appointment will dictate the order for seniority.

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

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

APPOINT ACCOUNT CLERK

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Barbara A. Alberti, do hereby appoint Lisa Shanley, 61 Greenwood Ave Lackawanna, NY 14218 to the position of Account Clerk, effective January 3, 2011, at a starting salary of \$29,439. This appointment is from Exam No.041285, Civil Service List established January 8, 2009.

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

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

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PROPERTY TAX CAP

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

WHEREAS the level of property taxation throughout New York has reached dangerously high levels; and

WHEREAS New York leads the nation in property taxes simply because we lead the nation in imposing inefficient state mandates on our local governments; and

WHEREAS two of the largest components of every municipal budget over which local officials have little control – pension payments and health insurance costs – are increasing at exorbitant rates; and

WHEREAS in the case of pension costs, bills from the State Retirement System will increase by an average of 40% in both 2011 and 2012; and

WHEREAS state laws pertaining to the collective bargaining of contracts between municipalities and employee unions, particularly those pertaining to firefighters and police officers, do not allow local officials to reasonably control the costs such contracts impose on property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS as a solution to New York's property tax crisis, the Governor of New York and the New York State Legislature will, in 2011, consider enactment of legislation imposing a cap on the annual growth in property taxes; and

WHEREAS a property tax cap will only work if it is simultaneously accompanied by a repeal of current state mandates that require local governments to increase spending and property taxes; and

WHEREAS a property tax cap without repeal of costly state mandates will, by definition, lead to drastic cuts in essential local services and dramatic layoffs of municipal employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Depew that the Governor of the State of New York and the members of the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly must reform the cost drivers that lead to high property taxes in New York – including pension benefits, health insurance costs and the collective bargaining process – as the central element of any effort to provide overdue property tax relief to the residents and businesses of New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, Assembly Speaker and Minority Leader, Senators Volker and Stachowski, Member of Assembly Dennis Gabryszak, and the New York State Conference of Mayors.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Monti, 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

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MODIFY 2010/2011 BUDGET- POLICE GRANT \$

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew has received \$3,879.48 from the Governors Traffic Safety Committee for a STEP detail and the proceeds of this check were used to pay for the labor costs associated with this police detail;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Administrator is hereby authorized to modify the 2010/2011 Budget in the following manner:

A510	Estimated Revenue	
	Sub Account 010.4320 Buckle Up Money	\$3,879.48
A960	Appropriations	
	Sub Account 3120.112–Police – Traffic Safety	\$3,879.48

The following resolution was seconded by Trustee Maryniewski, 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

AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSFER FUNDS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Administrator is authorized to make the following transfer of funds:

From Account:		Amount:	To Account:		Amount:
Contingency Account	1990.400	6,200.00	Treasurer – Professional Services	1325.434	6,200.00
Contingency Account	1990.400	5,000.00	Clerk – Tort Claims	1410.431	5,000.00
Clerk – Contractual	1410.435	1,500.00	Clerk – Printing & Advertising	1410.430	1,500.00
Contingency Account	1990.400	8,200.00	Fire Dept – Labor	3410.100	8,200.00
Contingency Account	1990.400	12,857.00	Fire Dept – Boiler	3410.202	12,857.00
Contingency Account	1990.400	14,970.00	Swimming Pool – Equip	7180.200	14,970.00
Contingency Account	1990.400	52773.00	Workers Compensation	9040.800	52,773.00
Totals		101,500.00			101,500.00

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

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PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department for:
Depew Hook & Ladder to use the South Side Fire Hall on January 15, 2011 from 6 pm until midnight for their annual holiday party.

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

TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL: None

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS: General – Brian Bonafede

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Electrical Dept July – Sept 2010, Police Dept October – November 2010

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

BUILDING APPLICATIONS AND REPORTS –

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

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Three research assignments – Zurbrick Rd, Code Issues and Occupancy limits – all reports presented to appropriate parties.

REPORT OF THE VILLAGE ENGINEER

No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Alberti's comments:

1. Mike Moskal & Tim Michaels presented with certificate for H1N1 participation.
2. Read letter from Sonitrol Security commending Officers Ballistrea, Anthony, Smith, Detective Panzarella and Lieutenant Curr regarding incident on Nov. 29, 2010 at One Stop Mini Mart.
3. Storm – last Thursday – Mayor thanked all departments and the Emergency Managers involved and gave a synopsis of events that occurred from Midnight on Dec. 1 through Friday Dec 3rd. Spoke about the enactment of the driving ban and the call for mutual aid from the Towns of Amherst and Tonawanda. Mayor and Trustee Keefe were driven around the Village streets on Thursday to see the conditions.
4. Mike Moskal thanked the Police Dept for letting the Village know there were issues with traffic coming off the thruway and the great job they did keeping Transit and Walden clear. He thanked the DPW, Police, Fire and everyone involved. He was also invited to testify in front of the legislators about the traffic stuck on the thruway and any suggestions for improvement.
5. Explained that there were a lot of towed vehicles that were abandoned in the streets. They were towed to the municipal building and North Side Fire Hall.
6. Annual Tree Lighting was this past Saturday. Thanked the Aetna Hose Co. for transporting Santa to Veteran's Park. Cookies and hot chocolate were served at St. James after the tree was lit. Our Santa will be in the 2012 Macy's Day parade.

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS –

None

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS –

None

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Keefe, the following claims are to be paid: General \$273,340.53, Sewer \$1,050.00, Capital \$3,156.81, Community Development \$1,421.88 the motion was **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Monti, seconded by Trustee Keefe, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm with wishes for a very Happy Holiday Season. The motion was **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth C. Melock
Village Administrator

