

MEETINGS: 17
NO. OF REGULAR: 17

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
JANUARY 12, 2015**

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

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Pecora, and seconded by Trustee Hammer, the December 8, 2014 Village Board Minutes were approved.

Certificate of Appreciation was issued by the Mayor and Board to Willy & May Suleiman, owners of Depew Deli for their perseverance during the November snowstorm due to damage to their business from the State snow plow.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

ACCEPT RESIGNATION PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the resignation of Thomas Farruggio, as Planning Board Member effective January 1, 2015 is accepted.

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

Trustee Kucewicz – Yes
Trustee Pecora – Yes
Trustee Hammer - Yes
Trustee Nolder – Yes
Mayor Hoffman – Yes

APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I, Mayor Steven Hoffman do hereby appoint Judy Matuszak, 103 University Ave, Depew, NY 14043 to the Village Planning Board for the remainder of Tom Farruggio's term, said term to expire at noon on Monday April 2, 2018, at a salary of \$50 per meeting.

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

Trustee Kucewicz – Yes
Trustee Pecora – Yes
Trustee Hammer - Yes
Trustee Nolder – Yes
Mayor Hoffman –Yes

APPROVE POLLING LOCATION

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew will have four election districts (1-4) covering the entire Village of Depew and the districts will be split up among the alphabet (registered voters last name).

BE IT RESOLVED, all voting for the Village election will be at the Village Hall, 85 Manitou St Depew in the senior center. Polls will be open from noon until 9:00 pm.

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The Village Administrator will send a certified copy of the resolution to the Board of Elections and also post the notice in the Depew Bee.

And

Whereas, a General Village Election for the Village of Depew will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 for the following offices:

Village Mayor – Four Year Term
Village Trustee – Four Year Term
Village Trustee – Four Year Term

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to have published in the Official Paper for the Village of Depew a listing of the Offices to be filled by the March 18, 2015 General Village Election.

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

Trustee Kucewicz – Yes
Trustee Pecora – Yes
Trustee Hammer - Yes
Trustee Nolder – Yes
Mayor Hoffman – Yes

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven P. Hoffman, is authorized to sign an agreement 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, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

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

Trustee Kucewicz – Yes
Trustee Pecora – Yes
Trustee Hammer - Yes
Trustee Nolder – Yes
Mayor Hoffman – Yes

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AMENDMENT TO ERIE COUNTY FIRE MUTUAL AID PLAN

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Steven P. Hoffman, is authorized to sign the amendment to the Erie County Fire Mutual Aid Plan as requested by Fire Chief Joe Whipkey. The changes are in Section 2 Liability – “any loss, damage or expense in the operation of fire apparatus or other equipment answering a call for assistance from an outside territory, ... shall be a charge upon the municipality which issued the call for assistance” and an addition to Section 2, Part A, Subparagraph 2.a. after used in connection with such call, “and when reimbursable as a result of Level 3 activation and noted in Section 2 subparagraph C”.

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

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Trustee Kucewicz – Yes
Trustee Pecora – Yes
Trustee Hammer - Yes
Trustee Nolder – Yes
Mayor Hoffman – Yes

PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Pecora, 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:

WEST END

Erik Metzger 333 North Creek Dr. Depew NY 14043

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

Trustee Kucewicz- Yes
Trustee Pecora - Yes
Trustee Hammer - Yes
Trustee Nolder - Yes
Mayor Hoffman - Yes

TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL:

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS: Planning Board – Judy Matuszak

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS : Building Dept Nov 2014 & Dec 2014, Annual Building Dept 2014, Fire/Safety Inspection 2014

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Hoffman announced the Village will be receiving a grant for \$25,000 to repair the gazebo in Veteran's park, included in that is money for new lights.

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Joan Priebe – 15 Howard – regarding elections – she wanted the polling location of Village Hall listed in something else that everyone receives instead of just the Depew Bee. Wanted to know when the Tentative Budget is due. Administrator told her March 20th. Ms. Priebe wanted to if any of the union contracts were up. Mayor stated all three expire May 31st. The Tentative Budget will be out before the contracts are signed. She wanted to know if the Planning Board position was advertised. Administrator told her Judy had applied when the last Planning Board member was appointed. She wanted to know if the Cheektowaga Tax credit was renegotiated? Mayor explained that it is the same amount as last year. The Board has appealed to the Cheektowaga Supervisor for relief. Mayor suggested Ms. Priebe attend Cheektowaga Town Meeting.

Paul Sprada – 58 Argus – was glad to hear money was being put into the gazebo and said the DPW was doing a great job with snow removal this season. He inquired on the status of the Boys & Girls Club. CEO Fischione said they are in winter shutdown due to the weather. They are in and out monitoring the site. Mr. Sprada commented on the cannon being moved from the triangle to Veteran's Park. Mayor Hoffman said the plan is to have it moved for the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Sprada said Penora St was opened in Dec. Mayor stated it is an important North/South corridor. Mr. Sprada asked if the food pantry moved yet. The Mayor said they relocated to the Vine and are doing well. The grand opening was this past weekend. Mr. Sprada wanted to know if the Evan's Bank on Transit that burned was rebuilding. He was informed that was not in Depew but in the Town of Lancaster. Village Attorney Aquino stated that they are rebuilding and have a trailer there now. Mr. Sprada wanted to know why they were not required to have sprinklers. CEO Fischione stated code did not require it due to the size of the building.

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CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Nolder, seconded by Trustee Hammer, the following claims are to be paid: Sewer \$2,590.33, Community Development \$18,439.00 General \$485,244.64. **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Pecora, seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm in honor of the David Wilkosz and Bob Miechowicz, DPW employees who recently retired. Mr. Wilkosz was employed over 39 years at the Department of Public Works and Mr. Miechowicz was employed over 29 years at the Department of Public Works. The motion was **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth C. Melock
Village Administrator