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**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

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

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Pecora, and seconded by Trustee Nolder, the January 26, 2015 Village Board Minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Dan Beutler- 26 Tyler – modified budget – what is it for? Village Administrator explained for grant money received in Fire & Police Dept.

**MODIFY 2014/2015 BUDGET**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Administrator is hereby authorized to modify the 2014/2015 Budget in the following manner:

Revenues - Federal Aid - Emergency	4-4960	\$22,182.00
Expenditures - Fire Dept PPE	5-3410-402	\$22,182.00
– FEMA grant –EMW-2013-FO-02616		
Revenues – Federal Aid – Emergency	4-4960	\$1,941.10
Expenditures – Police – Soft Body Armor	5- 3120.261	\$1,941.10
- Dept of Justice Bullet Proof Vest Funds		

The following 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

**PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Trustee Nolder, 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 their physicals:

**CENTRAL HOSE #4**

Donald Wegst Jr. 48 Deerpath Dr, Lancaster, NY 14086

**CAYUGA HOSE CO #3**

Joston Sorrentino 5001 Transit Rd #724, Depew, NY 14043

**AETNA HOSE**

Scott Kozmycz 67 Ellicott Place Depew NY 14043

**HOOK & LADDER CO #1**

Theodore Johnson 18 Main St Depew NY 14043

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Pecora, 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 – DEPEW FIRE DEPT**

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

Permission is hereby granted to:

Cayuga Hose to use the Southside Fire hall on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until midnight for their installation dinner and on Saturday December 12, 2015 from 8 am until midnight for their Christmas Party.

And

Chief Whipkey and the Assistant Chiefs are permitted to attend the Lancaster County Firemen’s Association Annual Fire Expo at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Expo Center in Harrisburg, PA from Friday May 15th through Saturday May 16th. Use of Depew 9 for transport is authorized.

And

Depew Hose Company #1 to use the Northside Fire hall on Sunday February 22, 2015 from 8 am until midnight for their annual meeting.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Nolder, and

**CARRIED.**

**TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL:**

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS:** Fire Dept Janitor – David Adamberger, Court Officer PT – Ryan Eyermann

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS :** Building Dept Jan 2015, Basic Fire Incident Report 2014

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS**

On a motion by Trustee Nolder and seconded by Trustee Hammer, the work session will begin at 6:15 pm effective with the Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting. Motion was carried.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Lorraine Gervasi – 97 Dorset – crossing guard said that students are falling off snow banks into the street on Transit Rd. Wants the walks to be cleared from Transit & Broadway to Depew High School that it will only take one guy one hour to do them. Mayor explained that the property owners have 24 hours to clear the sidewalks from snow and we are sending out enforcement letters for snow removal. When the manpower is available we do the major streets sidewalks as a courtesy. Sidewalks are the property owner’s responsibility.

Dominic Coriglione – Owns Corey Auto on Transit and he keeps his sidewalks cleared. The sidewalks on Transit were done by the Village this afternoon and it takes a while to go down Transit.

Dale Knickerbocker – 6154 Transit Rd – noticed police cars were stuck during the November storm and said there was nothing underneath the car and we need a tow package. Chief Carwile explained the cars are crash rated and there has been a rear end collision and the officer was fine. Joan Priebe – 15 Howard – Membership in fire dept was there one in Lancaster? Is it in our jurisdiction? She was told yes. Complained about her driveway. Mayor told her to wait for warmer weather to address her issues. She brought up Village consolidation that Dan Beutler

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brought up in the past. Whoever is in power to start looking into dissolving the Village of Depew. Ms. Priebe said that at one time there was 28,000 people in Depew and now there isn't. The Village is no longer industrial and we don't have a tax base. Transit Rd will not be getting widened in the near future. Consolidation is not a reality. Whomever is in charge needs to have meetings with the Towns of Cheektowaga and Lancaster. She wanted to know what the Village has to offer her.

Mayor explained he is here to preserve the Village and that it is up to the residents to dissolve it. We have great Police, DPW, Fire and Rec departments and we are hanging on. Mayor is open to anything the residents want.

Ms. Priebe asked if the Mayor wanted her to get a petition. Mayor told her to do what she needed to do.

Dan Beutler – 26 Tyler – FEMA money was that all that was received. Village Administrator explained the grant money has nothing to do with the November storm money. FEMA grant money was obtained from grant written by Asst Fire Chief Scott Wegst. Mr. Beutler wanted to know if snowblowing citations were sent out? CEO Fischione said at least 30 notices went out. Mr. Beutler complained about under the bridges on Transit and the sidewalks. Mayor agreed the bridges are terrible and said that he has a meeting on Feb 22 regarding Transit Rd. Mr. Beutler said that meeting was about paving Transit. Mayor stated we have been on it on Transit Rd.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Nolder, seconded by Trustee Hammer, the following claims are to be paid: Sewer \$2,056.82, General \$200,300.81. **CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Pecora, seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the meeting was adjourned at **7:25 pm** in memory of Mariano "Mario" Zanghi, from La Castelana Restaurant who recently passed and thoughts of warmer weather. The motion was **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth C. Melock  
Village Administrator