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NO. OF REGULARS: 6

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW  
JUNE 9, 2014**

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

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Hammer, and seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the May 27, 2014 Village Board Minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None

**APPOINT RECREATION ATTENDANTS PT- LIFEGUARDS**

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Steven P Hoffman, hereby appoint the following to the summer recreation program as lifeguards at salaries as stipulated in the current budget:

See attached list

The appointment was acted upon in the following manner by the Board of Trustees:

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

**AWARD BID –TANDEM VIBRATORY ROLLER**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Depew sought bids for the purchase of a new 2014 or newer Tandem Vibratory Roller for the Department of Public Works;

**WHEREAS**, bids were opened on Thursday, June 5 at 11 am in the Clerk's Office, and

**WHEREAS**, the low bidder was Monroe Tractor, 5035 Genesee St, Buffalo, NY 14225 in the amount of \$34,820.00, and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the bid for the purchase of tandem vibratory roller is awarded to:

Monroe Tractor  
5035 Genesee St  
Buffalo, NY 14225

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Village Administrator is authorized to pay the purchase price of \$34,820.00.

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

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**AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING – DEMOLITION PROPERTIES**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise for a public hearing to be held on June 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm in regards to the unsafe building conditions, per Chapter 81 of the Village Code, with respect to the structures located at 511 Terrace Blvd, 174 Borden Rd, 168 Borden Rd, 5521 Transit Rd, 185 Calumet St, 59 Suffield Ave, 33 Donna Ct, 59 Fairview Dr, 60 Laverack Ave, 73 Main St, 41 Neoga St, 320 Easton St, 25 Dean Rd, 48 Airview Terrace. A notice will be sent to the owner of record of each property as required per this chapter. The structures have been deemed unsafe per the Code Enforcement Officer and the Village Board. Any incurred costs to the Village will be levied onto the Village tax bill for each parcel.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Pecora and **CARRIED**.

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

**PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Trustee Hammer, 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:

**DEPEW HOSE CO #1**

Gregory Schultz 690 Lancer Ct 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:**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** Building Dept – May 2014 - CEO Fischione – have the Village Board approve the DPW to mow the properties on the June 9th mowing list and charge the owners via their tax bill.

**ON A MOTION** by Trustee Nolder, seconded by Trustee Pecora, the department head report and mowing list were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

**UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor welcomed Mitch Martin from Senator Gallivan's Office. Mayor stated he signed the paperwork today for the \$50,000 recreation grant. He also met with the new owners of the Heartstone and they will be keeping the facility a banquet center and anticipate opening in a few weeks. The Mayor met with the prospective owners of the old Depew School Administration building. They are looking to put 50 senior housing units in there and are doing their due diligence. Mayor read a statement regarding the well-publicized differences between the village board and the Depew Fire Department. The Village is founded on history and tradition which extends to the recreation department, police department, DPW and Fire department. The goal is to honor history and tradition as long as we are evolving as a Village always keeping the taxpayers in mind. He explained the reduction in staffing in the police, recreation and DPW over the years. He asked the Fire department three years ago for a strategic plan to

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honor history yet evolve with the rest of the village. What he got was a spending plan that describes how much money the department would like to spend over a 10 year period. A spending plan is only one part of a strategic plan. He has spoken to numerous past and present members of the Depew Fire Dept to obtain expert information to assist the board in making proper decisions while keeping the taxpayers interest in the forefront. He sat down with Chief Whipkey to develop a strategic plan that would take the department into the year 2020. This plan included new fire trucks, sale of the old historical building, a new pumper rescue to replace rescue 7 and consolidating to 5 companies with Engine 2 being sold. The Board does not want to eliminate any fire companies but the time has come to look at combing companies. Documentation was presented to the Mayor regarding threats and violence to the village board and in particular a threat to burn down his house. This information came from a Facebook page which had comments from three fire chiefs and five active firemen. These threats were taken seriously and presently there is a police investigation. We feel these eight individuals are not the face of the fire department and don't represent the collective view of the entire dept. The Village Board wanted the public to be aware of the threats because it's becoming a publicized topic and the Mayor ensured the citizens that this will not affect the relationships between the Board and Fire Dept. Mayor thanked Chief Whipkey for his leadership. The Mayor and Village Board ensures the residents that professionalism and dedication of the Depew Fire Department will continue with no interruptions of service.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS –**

Ron Maciejewski – 24 Kibler – update on trucks since it has been 30 days and what happens after 45 days.

Mayor is in contact with Chief Whipkey. If the bids are past 45 days we would ask the low bidder to extend the bid or rebid.

Gabrielle Miller – 61 Olmstead – grass area in Northside Fire hall near Rumford not mowed and there is some fencing there. Also wanted the dumpster removed from Northside Fire Hall and totes used. Grass & fencing will be addressed by DPW. Chief Whipkey wants the dumpster to stay.

Dan Beutler – 26 Tyler – Lincoln St bridge repair. He said the Town of Lancaster is not doing anything and he wants the Board to speak with the Town. He also wanted to know about the replacement of the damaged NYSEG pole at Tyler and Elliot and what is going on with Arlington. NYSEG is aware of the pole and Arlington is being milled and paved which starts June 16.

Anita Peterson – 54 Babbette – spoke with Matt about the trailer parked at Frosty's. Matt will contact her. Spoke about the Buffalo News article and wanted to know what the cost to the taxpayer is for the fire trucks. Police and Fire are needed.

Mayor explained we are still looking at the numbers. 20% of our budget is not employee driven costs. There are buildings we own that need repair. The Board is attempting to put a bond together that will be paid over a 15 year period. \$1 million for Zurbrick is a large expense. Every department is working to save money and keep services where they are. With a bond the village will not be under the tax cap. The only way to progress is to raise taxes. The board must come up with a solution and they have the taxpayers in mind.

Gabrielle Miller – 61 Olmstead – what is the \$50,000 for. Wanted to know why it can't be used for Dawson Field or fire dept. Grant can only be used for what it was applied for – ball diamond and dehumidifier. Gabrielle said that there are three vital departments – Police, Fire and DPW so why is there so much focus on ice rink. She also hoped that there is a quick compromise and the drama is over.

Mayor explained that the Village needs to survive and to tell him a department to cut.

John Spencer – 38 A St – wanted a private entity to take over the ice rink as there is minimal use by the residents. He wanted it subleased to someone else.

Mayor – residents do use the ice rink. People from all over come to use it and it has an economic impact on the village businesses which the village needs to survive. The rink and pools are used and are viable services. The rink is a revenue generating source why would we get rid of it.

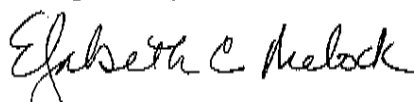
**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Nolder, seconded by Trustee Hammer, the following claims are to be paid: General \$ 1,083,982.06, Sewer \$39,560.81, the motion was **CARRIED**.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Kucewicz, seconded by Trustee Pecora, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm in memory of Marilyn Wolbrecht, mother of Mary Wolbrecht who works for the Village and a request for prayers for Jim Speyer. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth C. Melock  
Village Administrator