

MEETINGS TO DATE 7  
NO. OF REGULARS: 7

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW  
JUNE 23, 2014**

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

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Hammer, and seconded by Trustee Pecora, the June 9, 2014 Village Board Minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR DEMOLITION PROPERTIES**

Mayor Hoffman opened the public hearing at 7:05 pm. Notices were sent to 14 property owners and the public notice of the hearing was placed in the Depew Bee.

James Farren – 29 Airview – he was interested in purchasing 33 Donna Ct to knock it down and enlarge his property. Village Attorney Aquino explained that the Village did not have title to it and this proceeding was the requirement under Chapter 81 of the Village Code. Mr. Aquino asked if anyone from the audience was from the 14 properties and no one responded. CEO Fischione read a description of each property and a summary of the conditions. This list is attached at the end of the minutes.

**ON A MOTION** by Trustee Kucewicz and seconded by Trustee Nolder the public hearing was closed at 7:16 pm.

**APPOINT RECREATION ATTENDANT SEASONAL - LIFEGUARD**

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Steven P. Hoffman, hereby appoint Ashley Joya, 92 Old Stone Rd, Lancaster, NY as a lifeguard to the summer recreation program at a salary as stipulated in the current budget:

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 FIRE TRUCK BID**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Depew sought bids for the purchase of a rescue body pumper fire truck to be financed through an anticipated upcoming BAN or Bond;

**WHEREAS**, bids were opened on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 11 am in the Council Chambers, and

**WHEREAS**, the low bidder was Churchville Fire Department 340 Sanford Road Sotuh, Churchville, NY 14228 in the amount of \$453,889;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the bid for the purchase of a rescue body pumper fire truck be awarded to:

Churchville Fire Equipment  
340 Sanford Road South  
Churchville, NY 14228

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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

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT FOR COMPUTER SERVICES**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Mayor Steven Hoffman is authorized to sign a service agreement with Technet Task Group 41 Central Ave Lancaster NY 14086 for the maintenance and support of computer equipment and networks for the Village of Depew departments. The agreement will be effective July 1, 2014 and will be for three years.

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

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

**DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY & AUTHORIZE APPRAISAL**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Depew is the owner of 544 Gould Ave – the old Historical Building, and pursuant to Village Law Section 1-102, the Village Board declares this property surplus property;

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board seeks fair and adequate consideration for this property;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board approves the hiring of an appraiser for this property.

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

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

**AMEND DOG CONTROL AGREEMENT RESOLUTION ADOPTED 5/27/14**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, Mayor Steven Hoffman is authorized to sign the Amended Agreement for the Dog Control Services with the Town of Lancaster. The term of the agreement is now June 1, 2014 till May 31, 2015 instead of May 31, 2019.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Hammer and duly put to a toll 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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**PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT**

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

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department to use the following apparatus in the Village of Lancaster July 4<sup>th</sup> parade –Engine 1, Ladder 5, Rescue 7, Depew 9 and Engine 41.

And

Permission is hereby granted to Central Hose Company #4 to attend the car shows at the Polish Falcons with old Engine #41.

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

**TREE/TRIMMING REMOVAL:**

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS:**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** Lawn Mowing (see attached list and approval to cut the bushes at 48 Airview Terrace the Village Board approved the DPW to mow the properties on the June 23rd mowing list and the bushes at 48 Airview and charge the owners via their tax bill.

**ON A MOTION** by Trustee Kucewicz, seconded by Trustee Pecora, the mowing list and bush cutting were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None

**UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS –**

Terry Mescall – 36 Susan – wanted to know if the pantry would be moving out if the Historical Building was sold. Mayor said the pantry has been notified that they need to move and the pantry has had discussions with the Vine and another location.

Dave Burkhardt – 5 Autumn Lea – wanted to know why the Dog Control Contract is shorter. Village Attorney Aquino said the Town is trying something new with personnel and would know better in a year how it is working. Mr. Burkhardt complained about the businesses across from him and how they are parking cars everywhere and still have their licenses. Village Attorney Aquino said the building department is addressing that issue.

Joan Priebe – 15 Howard – wanted to know how much of the fire truck would be bonded? Mayor explained entire amount. She requested the bushes at 48 Airview (abandoned home) be trimmed as you can't see around them. She also inquired when the properties are sold at auction do they take an amount less than what is owed. Village Attorney explained Joe M. at Erie County Real Property sets the price. They could charge back the Village any shortage of back taxes on the sale.

Ernie Dombrowski – 123 Forestview – wanted to know who calls in the street lights that our out. He said a light on Columbia has been out for over two years. Street light outages can be reported through the village web page or NYSEG web page or calling the Village. Attorney Aquino is going to send a letter with a list to NYSEG.

Joan Priebe – 15 Howard – wants the Depew Bee to put something in their paper about removing garage sale signs and that it is illegal to put them on poles and street signs. She also requests that the person having the sale remove the signs when the sale is over.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Nolder, the following claims are to be paid: General \$ 374,721.99, Sewer \$9,379.60, the motion was **CARRIED**.

**ADJOURNMENT-**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Pecora, seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm in memory of Joseph Szarzanowicz a Depew Fire Dept West End member who passed unexpectedly this past week. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth C. Melock  
Village Administrator

# Village of Depew

## *Building Department*

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June 23, 2014

Honorable Mayor and Board of Trustees,

In the matter of vacant and/or abandoned properties in the Village of Depew, the Building Department has made the following observations;

- 511 Terrace Blvd. SBL# 104.70-2-2 Last known owner of record, Geoffrey Snyder, whereabouts unknown. Property has been Vacant and Abandoned since Aug. 11, 2011. Interior condition has been deemed a Health Hazard, Exterior condition has deteriorated and been deemed a safety hazard. Several attempts have been made to contact the owner, with no response.
- 174 Borden Rd. SBL# 114.08-7-28.13 Last known owner of record, Henry Lubkowski deceased, and Maria Przybylo whereabouts known, but not responding. Property Abandoned since summer of 2012. Interior condition deemed not fit for occupancy, Exterior condition deteriorated. Has become an attraction for juveniles and criminal activity.
- 168 Borden Rd. SBL# 114.08-7-28.12 Last known owner of record, Henry Lubkowski deceased, and Maria Przybylo whereabouts known, but not responding. Property Abandoned since summer of 2012. Interior condition deemed not fit for occupancy, Exterior condition deteriorated. Has become an attraction for juveniles and criminal activity.
- 5521 Transit Rd. SBL# 104.62-1-4 Last known owner Kevin Milligan Jr. No response to certified mailings. Abandoned since 2011, exterior condition deteriorated, interior unknown. Has become an attraction for criminal activity.
- 185 Calumet St. SBL# 104.64-1-25 Last known owner Stephen M & Karen E Billings, whereabouts unknown. Interior and exterior deteriorated to an unsafe condition. The building dept. has been dealing with a property maintenance company with no success.
- 59 Suffield Ave. SBL#104.63-3-31 Last known owner Nickolas Krenitsky, believed to be deceased. Property vacant/abandoned since 2011. Exterior deteriorated, interior unknown. Property is INREM.

- 33 Donna Ct. SBL#93.17-11-1 Last known owner Patricia Vega, No response to registered mail. Building vacant since summer 2012. Exterior deteriorated, Interior unsafe. Property deemed safety hazard.
- 59 Fairview Dr. SBL# 93.17-11-44 Last known owner Robert & Diane Zotara, whereabouts unknown. Building vacant/abandoned since 2011. Interior and exterior deteriorated. Unfit for occupancy.
- 60 Laverack Ave SBL# 104.56-1-17 Last known owner Genesis REI. LLC. Whereabouts unknown. Building vacant/abandoned since 2009. in state of partial collapse. Interior deteriorated. Building is considered a safety hazard. Was INREM 2012 with no sale.
- 73 Main St. SBL# 104.56-1-34 Last known owner Richard Glancy. Property was INREM 2013, No Sale. Vacant/abandoned since 2008. Interior not fit for occupancy, exterior deteriorated, structural integrity in question.
- 41 Neoga St SBL# 104.55-1-38 Current owner Anthony Dux, previous owner Steven Leroy, who is being dealt with in Court. Building burned 8/18/2011. Has changed hands several times. Building is structurally unsound, attraction to minors and criminal activity.
- 320 Easton St SBL#104.62-3-20 Last known owner on record Paul Brutcher Jr. whereabouts unknown. Property vacant/abandoned since 2010. Unfit for occupancy, exterior deteriorated, attraction to minors and criminal activity. Currently INREM awaiting sale.
- 25 Dean Rd. SBL# 103.07-5-23 Last known owner Brian & Carol Umlauf, whereabouts unknown. Building vacant/abandoned over 10 years deteriorated, structurally unsound. INREM 2012 with no sale. Building considered a Hazard.
- 48 Airview Terr. SBL# 93.17-8-40 Last known owner Timothy Scheifla whereabouts unknown. Property vacant/abandoned since 2011. Exterior deteriorated, property unsafe. INREM awaiting sale.