

MEETINGS TO DATE 10
NO. OF REGULARS: 10

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

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

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Pecora, and seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the August 26, 2013 Village Board Minutes were approved.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hammer, and seconded by Trustee Nolder, the September 5, 2013 Planning Board Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

APPOINT POLICE LIEUTENANT

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Steven Hoffman, hereby appoint Timothy Norek, 259 Wayside Dr, Depew, NY 14043 to the position of Police Lieutenant, Civil Service Exam Number 077838, list established December 10, 2010, effective immediately at a salary as stipulated in the budget.

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

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

APPOINT PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER PT

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Steven Hoffman, hereby appoint Michael Nikonowicz, 52 Terrell St, Depew, NY 14043 to the position Public Safety Dispatcher PT in the Police Department effective September 10, 2013 at a salary of \$15.34 per hour.

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

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

APPOINT LABORER PTS – RECREATION

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Steven Hoffman, do hereby appoint Mark Lubera, 111 Burlington Ave, Depew and Jeffrey Morgan, 7 Conner Dr, Depew, New York, for the positions of Laborer PT for the recreation dept for the during of the winter rink schedule at a salary of \$10.71 per hour effective September 22, 2013.

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

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

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APPOINT MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I, Mayor Steven Hoffman, hereby appoint, effective September 10, 2013, Lewis Heltman, 235 Olmstead Ave, Depew, James Spinella, 51 Liberty St, Depew and Thomas Thurnherr, 31 Doe Haven Circle, Depew to the position of Motor Equipment Operators at the Department of Public Works at a rate of \$25.21 per hour.

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

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

AWARD BID - RIDGEWAY ST PARCEL

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew sought bids for the sale of surplus property vacant parcel 75 ft x 170 ft on Ridgeway St.

WHEREAS, bids were opened on August 8, 2013 at 11:00 am in the Council Chambers, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid in the amount of \$4,225.05 from Joseph D. Memminger, 23 Ridgeway Depew NY 14043 be accepted for the 12,750 sq. ft parcel know as surplus property vacant parcel (B1) on Ridgeway St.

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

AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR POLICE VEHICLES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise for Police Vehicles as per the village budget.

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

AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR TANDEM TRUCK

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for a new 2012 or newer Tandem truck.

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

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

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CHANGE OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS DATE

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 14, 2013 is hereby changed to Tuesday, October 15, 2013 due to the Columbus Day Holiday. The Village Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2013 is hereby changed to Tuesday, November 12, 2013 due to Veteran's Day Holiday.

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

PROCLAIM OCTOBER 31, 2013 AS OFFICIAL TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Official Trick or Treat Night in the Village of Depew, in conjunction with the Town and of Lancaster and the Town of Cheektowaga, is hereby designated as Thursday, October 31, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Hammer, and **CARRIED**.

PERMISSION OUTDOOR MUSIC

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

WHEREAS, Dennis Rogowski from the Chosen Few Motorcycle Club has filed a registration statement as required by Village Code §148-11 Noise with the Village Administrator on September 3, 2013 for an anniversary party/pig roast on Saturday September 14, 2013 from 3 pm until 8:00 pm at 94 Main St Depew; and

WHEREAS, there will be live music; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Board does agree to allow the live music during the hours posted above and if allowed the noise must not surpass the decibel levels in Chapter 148.

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

Trustee Hammer – Yes
Trustee Nolder – Yes
Trustee Pecora – Yes
Trustee Kucewicz – No
Mayor Hoffman – Yes

PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Kucewicz, 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:

DEPEW HOOK & LADDER CO #1

Kevin Koscielniak, 36 Cedar Book Drive, Lancaster, NY 14086
David Marrocco, 65 Olmstead Ave, Depew NY 14043
John LeViness IV, 345 Penora St, Depew NY 14043

CENTRAL HOSE CO

Damanpreet Singh, 397 French Rd, Depew NY 14043
Jay Greening, 62 Antoinette, Depew NY 14043

AETNA HOSE

Mark Kubicki, 391 Terrace Blvd, Depew NY 14043

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EXPLORER'S POST – DEPEW HOOK & LADDER

Kory Koscielniak, 36 Cedar Brook Drive, Lancaster, NY 14086

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

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

TREE/TRIMMING REMOVAL:

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS: DPW – Joseph Lista, Public Safety Dispatcher PT – Michael Nikonowicz

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Building Department August 2013, Police Dept July 2013.

On a motion by Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Nolder, the department head reports were accepted as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Grass Cutting approved at 65 Lee St. Wolcott Guns – new range on Walden is having its grand opening Tuesday September 10, 2013 at 4:30 pm.

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS –

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS –

Dave Burkhardt – 5 Autumn Lea – had the gazebo at Fireman's Park for a family function over Labor Day and it looked great. The entire park looked great. Recreation workers did a great job.

Tim Heintz- 4522 Broadway – received an alarm notice for alarm going off, wanted \$150 fee waiver. He was told to speak with the Chief after the meeting.

Paul Sprada – 58 Argus – abandoned houses – concerned about 47 Argus, grass being cut by the Village but wants the bushes trimmed. Mr. Sprada spoke about what the Cheektowaga is doing with Charlie Markel on putting large signs with the banks numbers on the front of the properties. He also wants the cross walk painted at Krieger and Argus due to the traffic from the Transit Rd bridge work. CEO Fischione explained property was abandoned this year but the bank has not foreclosed on it yet. Bank does not have title to property so we can't go after the bank and the taxes are paid. Lis pendis was filed in April 2013. Mark Aquino stated banks don't want to take title and foreclosures can take up to 2 years. He will look at lists of abandoned properties to see if the bank has title. The County usually picks the ones that will sell and don't have large tax liens on them. He will look into the Village paying the \$1500 fee for putting the property on the auction list.

Dave Burkhardt – 5 Autumn Lea – wanted to know if Cheektowaga laws are different? Yes he was told. He wants properties demolished and then put on the taxes. Mayor explained we are looking at the properties and going as quick as we can. Mr. Aquino explained about another property how the bank was starting the foreclosure then released the lien so now the Village has to deal with an owner that is gone.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Kucewicz, seconded by Trustee Pecora, the following claims are to be paid: General \$135,899.87, Sewer \$5,452.00, the motion was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT-

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Pecora, seconded by Trustee Hammer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm with a moment of silence for anyone touched by the attacks on 9/11. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth C. Melock
Village Administrator