VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
October 13, 2015

ROLL CALL:
Trustee Hammer
Trustee Bukowiecki - ABS
Trustee Peterson
Trustee Kucewicz
Mayor Nikonowicz

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Peterson, and seconded by Trustee Hammer, the September 28, 2015 Village Board Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY
None

APPOINT LABORER - RECREATION

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz, do hereby appoint Jeff Morgan Jr. 7 Conner Dr. Depew, NY 14043 to the position of Full time Laborer effective October 14, 2015, at a starting rate of $20.79 hr.

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

Trustee Hammer - Y
Trustee Bukowiecki - abs
Trustee Peterson - Y
Trustee Kucewicz - Y
Mayor Nikonowicz - Y

TRANSFER OF VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED THE REAR OF 194 OLMSTEAD AVENUE, BORDERING GRANT STREET, DEPEW, NY

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

WHEREAS, the property located at the rear of 194 Olmstead Avenue which property borders Grant Street was acquired by the Village of Depew on April 2, 1948 pursuant to a tax foreclosure, and

WHEREAS, that property is a small strip of land with no useful purpose which is contiguous with 194 Olmstead Avenue, and

WHEREAS, the Village has not used or acknowledged that property in more than 10 years, and

WHEREAS, the Owners of 194 Olmstead Avenue have built a drive way that crosses that small strip of property believing that the entire parcel was owned by 194 Olmstead and that driveway has been existence and openly used for more than ten years, and

WHEREAS the use of that driveway and the constructed garage at 194 Olmstead Avenue has increased the value of 194 Olmstead Avenue as part of the tax base of the Village of Depew, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew agrees to transfer that strip of property that is owned by the Village of Depew for one-hundred dollars ($100.00) and for such other good and valuable consideration, including the payment of all costs of the transfer by the owners of 194 Olmstead Avenue; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew authorizes the Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz to sign the deed and county transfer papers for a deed to Joseph C. Ernst and Sarah L. Ernst, as it is proposed, and

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

Trustee Hammer - Y
Trustee Bukowiecki - Abs
Trustee Peterson - Y
Trustee Kucewicz - Y
Mayor Nikonowicz - Y

NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON THE PROJECT AT TERRACE HEIGHTS, 591 TERRACE BOULEVARD, DEPEW, NY

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

WHEREAS, 591 Terrace LLC. wishes to develop the former school property located at 591 Terrace Boulevard, Depew, NY 14043, into 48 apartments units, and Coffee Shop, known as “Terrace Heights Apartments”; and,

WHEREAS, the owners have provided the Village of Depew Building Department and the Board of Trustees with a short for EAF, Downstream analysis, DEC approval, site plan and traffic study, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew has received and reviewed all of the reports cited herein,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew finds that the project known as Terrace Heights, 591 Terrace Boulevard, Depew, NY shall not have a negative environmental impact upon the infrastructure and the residents of the Village of Depew; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew now issues a Negative Declaration of Environmental impact to the project at 591 Terrace Boulevard, as it is proposed, and

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

Trustee Hammer - Y
Trustee Bukowiecki - Abs
Trustee Peterson - Y
Trustee Kucewicz - Y
Mayor Nikonowicz – Y

PERMISSION – LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL MOTORCADE

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

WHEREAS, the Lancaster High School Motorcade Committee has made application for a Motorcade escort for Friday, October 16, 2015 at approximately 5:45 PM, and

WHEREAS, said motorcade route and traffic enforcement has been authorized by the Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that permission is granted to the Lancaster High School Motorcade Committee to hold the above-mentioned Motorcade on Friday, October 16, 2015.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Peterson, and CARRIED.
AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise for a Public Hearing regarding Federal Community Development Block Grant Funding Projects in the Village of Depew to be held on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, and CARRIED.

PERMISSION SEMINAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to Terry Mescall, member of the zoning board, to attend the Village Officials Association Planning and Zoning Board Training Sessions on Wednesday October 21, 2015 and Tuesday October 27, 2015 7-9 PM in Orchard Park, NY. There is no cost for the training. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Hammer, and CARRIED.

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to Depew Central Hose Company #4 for their Annual Christmas Party on Saturday December 12, 2015 from 5pm till midnight.

AND

Permission is hereby granted to Depew Central Hose Company #4 for their Annual Children’s Christmas Party with Santa on Sunday, December 13, 2015 from noon till 4 pm.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Peterson, and CARRIED.

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:

West End Hose Company #6

Timothy Nurmi
20 Autumn Lea Rd
Depew, NY 14043

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, and CARRIED

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

1. DPW – John Durkin, Lawrence Gorski, Joseph Mather, Nicholas Herr
Village Hall – Rosanne Sparacino, Kaitlyn Kuznik
DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: DPW reported on the Lincoln St Progress. Rec. reported on Public Skate opening on Nov. 6th and said they still need rink guards. The Building department submitted their September report. The Police Department Submitted their September report. They also reported on the cleaning of the bed bug infestation of a jail cell due to a prisoner. We received a clean inspection.

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Peterson seconded by Trustee Hammer the department head reports are approved

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS: ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hammer seconded by Trustee Peterson the Lawn will be cut by the DPW and the bills assessed to the tax rolls of those properties on the attached spreadsheet.

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS
Joan Priebe - 15 Howard- Feels that the DPW is the backbone of the village and we need more people, other departments do not necessarily.
Dave Burkhardt – 5 Autumn Lea – Considers the Walden the entrance to Depew and doesn’t like all the boats and other Auto items about. The area needs to be cleaned up. Code enforcement stated they have already sent out letters.
Dan Butler – 26 Tyler – He asked about the area behind Buffalo Batten Felt. Tony responded he was told they were doing a cleanup and testing through the DEC. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor added information they had that agreed with that. Dan asked about the Bridge meeting, Jesse said that the meeting was changed again and he was hoping that meant good news.
Gabrielle Miller – Community Development Director – Added event dates including the Cannon moving on October 24th at Veteran’s Park. Olmstead will be planting Trees in Nov. at no cost to the village. Monday Nov. 30th will be light up Depew.
Paul Sparada – 58 Argus – Asked about the Status of Zurbrick Road. The mayor gave status including storm sewers one village truck helping and paving to hopefully be done before the snow flies. Veteran’s Park Ash trees was the DPW notified about the one’s that could not be saved – YES. The Gazebo looks great but now the benches need to be done. A conversation about the bugs and the wood was discussed. This will be addressed next summer.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS
ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the following claims are to be paid: Sewer $2179.60, General $270,980.69, Capital projects $692.70 Capital $273,852.99. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT
ON A MOTION BY Trustee Peterson, seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the meeting was adjourned wishing a great game to Depew/Lancaster at 7:31 pm. The motion was CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas
Village Administrator