

MEETINGS: 20
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**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
February 8, 2016**

ROLL CALL:

Trustee Jakubowski
Trustee Bukowiecki
Trustee Peterson
Trustee Kucewicz
Mayor Nikonowicz - abs

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Peterson, and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, the January 28, 2016 Village Board Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Paul Sparada – 58 Argus – Asked about the owner and sale of property at 39 Ridgeway.

AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO SIGN A CORRECTION DEED FOR LAND SOLD BY THE VILLAGE TO AMERICO PAOLUCCI LOCATED CONTIGUOUS WITH HIS PROPERTY ON 39 RIDGEWAY STREET, DEPEW, NY

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

WHEREAS, the vacant property located at the rear of 39 Ridgeway Street, Depew, was sold to Americo Paolucci on September 13, 2010, and

WHEREAS, a recent review of the deed filed in the Erie County Clerk's office shows that the original deed misstated the measurement of the distance from Central Avenue and is not a true legal description of the property the Village had sought to transfer, and

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney has reviewed the original survey of the property to be sold, as well as an updated survey and has determined that the original deed should be corrected, and

WHEREAS, the attorneys for Americo Paolucci have prepared a new deed which the Village Attorney has found to conform to the distance shown in the surveys, and

WHEREAS both the Village of Depew, as seller and Americo Paolucci, as purchaser wish to correct this error, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew agrees to allow the Mayor to sign a correction deed and all paperwork needed to file in the Erie County Clerk's office, with none of the expenses of the correction to be borne by the Village of Depew; and

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

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

PERMISSION SEMINAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to Jesse Nikonowicz, Mayor and Maureen Jerackas, Village Administrator, to attend the New York State Government Finance Officers' Association's course the financial Responsibilities of Elected Officials on Thursday March 10, 2016 in Fairport, NY. The cost of the school is \$75.00 each. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

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

PERMISSION SEMINAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to Maureen Jerackas, Village Administrator, to attend the New York State Government Finance Officers' Association's Annual Conference on Tuesday April 5 through Friday April 8, 2016 in Albany, NY. The cost of the school is \$205.00. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

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

PERMISSION SEMINAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to Tony Fischione, Code Enforcement Officer, George Delaconti and Bill Gosdeck, electricians, Scott Wegst and Ryan Paoella, Fire Chiefs, to attend The Commercial Carbon Monoxide Detection Forum on Feb. 17, 2016 in Amherst, NY. The Seminar is no charge. Use of village vehicles is authorized.

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

PERMISSION SEMINAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to Phillip Fleck, Superintendent - DPW, to attend the Western NY Storm Water Conference and Trade Show on Tuesday April 5 in Buffalo, NY. The cost of the school is \$90.00. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

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

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to Aetna Hose Company to use the Southside Fire Station on April 9, 2016 from 5 pm until midnight, for their company installation dinner.

AND

Permission is hereby granted to Aetna Hose Company to use the Southside Fire Station on June 4, 2016 from 10am until 9PM, for their company's annual chicken BBQ.

AND

Permission is hereby granted to Aetna Hose Company to use the Southside Fire Station on December 10, 2016 from 10am until Midnight, for their company's annual Christmas Party.

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

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

DPW – Christian Peterson, Ryan James Paoella, CODE – Ryan James Paoella,
Zoning – Paul Sprada, Joanne Priebe,

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Building Department: January 2016 report, Electrical Department 2015 yearly

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Peterson, seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, department head reports were accepted.

The Police Chief read his Dec 2015 department head report. He also updated residents on the IRS treasury scam that many Lancaster side residence received calls about from the emergency system. He noted not to trust your caller ID. Hang up and call back with a number you obtain on your own if you're unsure. IRS never calls they send letters.

The superintendent announced that they are working on signs, sewers and trees with the lack of snow. Trustee Peterson asked about Ash trees and if the work that is getting done is by request or other.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

Joan Priebe – 15 Howard lane – Commented on the IRS scam and how Lancaster OEM was testing the system. She questioned the Village Administrator on the amount of training she has done in her first year and asked for an account. Deputy Mayor responded that things are constantly changing and government account in different. She also asked about if an outside accountant was doing the accounting, the administrator responded No.

Dan Butler -26 Tyler – Asked about the employment application received on the agenda and asked if any of those candidates were hired. He asked about the Position creations that were on last meeting's agenda, Trustee Peterson explained and stated that they are not currently moving forward on those items. Dan commented about how Horrible Casey's looks and the village Attorney updated the status, stating a new rep is to meet with the Mayor shortly. He asked about drug testing of village employees and the process. The village Administrator and the

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superintendent responded as the DPW employees are screened upon hire. He commented on a Town board meeting where a used latter truck was purchased and compared the truck the village is purchasing. Chief Wegst responded to the comments with information he personally knew about those transactions and the other funds spent that caused the need to purchase the used truck. Dan asked that we are fiscally responsible.

Paul Sparada – 58 Argus –He also received the Scam IRS call and noted the caller was foreign and said internal revenue services with an s. He asked if it was known when the boys and girls club will be opening – it was not known. Sheldon has a huge dip in the road and was wondering whose responsibility it was to correct. The superintendent replied that he knew what he was talking about and believed it was the railroad’s responsibility. It was noted that Sheldon is not in the village. He mentioned an article the buffalo news did on Libraries and asked if Depew would be getting a Library ever again. The Deputy Mayor noted that he believed not as libraries were regionalizing. Paul continued that if the town of Lancaster was going to get another one why not in Depew, the Deputy Mayor said he would follow up.

Gabrielle Miller – Community Development Director gave the phone number the Police chief stated was on the police Facebook page for the IRS issue 1-800-829-0433.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Kucewicz, seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, the following claims are to be paid: General \$177,070.09 Community Development \$6,272.72 Sewer \$39,551.71, Capital Projects \$135,920.00 Capital \$358,814.52. **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Peterson, seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, the meeting was adjourned in memory of Marie Nelson – Carney at **7:37 pm**. The motion was **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas
Village Administrator