

MEETINGS: 3  
NO. OF REGULAR: 3

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW**  
**April 25, 2016**

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

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Kucewicz, and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, the April 4, 2016 Village Board Minutes were approved.

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Bukowiecki, and seconded by Trustee Peterson, the April 11, 2016 6:00PM Village Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Jakubowski, and seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the April 11, 2016 7:00PM Village Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Peterson, and seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, the March 3, 2016 Planning Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Kucewicz, and seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, the April 14, 2016 Zoning Board Minutes were Accepted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Paul Sparada – 58 Argus – Asked about the location of the Demo. The mayor stated it is just the formal resolution for the Broadway house fire.

**PUBLIC HEARING – MS-4**

Dave Burkardt – 5 Autumn Lee – Asked about the reporting, Phil gave him an example of reporting on the 5 pump stations and how many gallons it would pump during an event to give relief to low lying areas. He asked if you could pump the waste water like that. Phil said yes some but you need to report it.

Trustee Kucewicz mentioned projects the village was doing working with the DEC.

**APPOINT – FIRE MARSHALL**

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of the Village Law, I Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz hereby nominate Scott Wegst, 925 Sherwood Ct, Depew, NY, for the position of Fire Marshall, for a term of Two (2) years, said term to begin May 1, 2016, and expire the first day of May 2018, at a salary to be determined by the salary schedule for the budget for the ensuing year.

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

Trustee Jakubowski – Y  
Trustee Bukowiecki – Y  
Trustee Peterson – Y  
Trustee Kucewicz – Y  
Mayor Nikonowicz – Y

**AUTHORIZATION EMERGENCY DEMO**

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

WHEREAS, there was a structure fire at the building located at 5116 Broadway Street, Depew, NY on April 8, 2016, and

WHEREAS, after the Depew Volunteer Fire Department arrested the fire there was massive structural damage to the entire building, and

WHEREAS, it was then inspected by Fire Marshall Joseph Whipkey and Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Fischione on the same evening and was determined to be structurally unsound and an imminent danger to the community, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Depew was contacted the same evening and authorized a Declaration of Emergency Demolition for the building at 5116 Broadway Street, Depew, NY (SBL # 104.71-3-19), and

WHEREAS, the Village contacted the preapproved emergency demolition contractors and one responded and was contracted with, to proceed to remediate the imminent danger and remove the debris, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Chapter 81 and specifically 81-11 of the Depew Village Code, the Board hereby approves the earlier Declaration of Emergency and authorizes that the demolition cost of said removal to be assessed against the land on which said building is located, levying on the tax bill if needed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a lien for the demolition costs be filed with the insurance company responsible for the property owner's coverage.

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

Trustee Jakubowski – Y  
Trustee Bukowiecki – Y  
Trustee Peterson – Y  
Trustee Kucewicz – Y  
Mayor Nikonowicz – Y

### **PERMISSION TO HOLD MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted to the Depew Joint Veterans Committee to hold their annual Memorial Day Parade and Services on Monday, May 30, 2016, beginning at 10:15 AM. The Police Department who will provide necessary traffic enforcement has approved the parade route. The Electrical Department will set up the speaker system. The South Side Fire hall will be used for refreshments.

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

### **PERMISSION CHICKEN BBQ**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted to Parish of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, 496 Terrace Blvd, Depew, NY, to hold a Chicken BBQ Dinner on June 25, 2016 from 3 pm until 6 pm. There will be a beer tent from 3 pm until 10 pm with music in the tent from 5 pm until 9:30 pm directly outside the rectory office. The tent will be fenced and security will be on site. The Chief of Police must be provided the list of security officers and their credentials at least two weeks prior to the event. Village code must be adhered to.

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

### **ACCEPT FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION RESULTS**

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

**WHEREAS**, on Thursday, April 7, 2016, the Depew Fire Department held their Annual Fire Department Chiefs Election for 2016-2017 year with the following results:

Fire Chief	Scott Wegst	Central Hose Company #4
1 <sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief	Jamie Nusall	Depew Hook and Ladder #1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief	Todd Rzeszutek	Aetna Hose Company
3 <sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief	Ryan Paolella	Cayuga Hose Company #3
4 <sup>th</sup> Assistant Chief	Aleks Wojciechowicz	West End Hose Company #6
5 <sup>th</sup> Assistant Chief	John Gauthier	Depew Hose Company #1

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board approves the above election results and congratulates the elected Chief and Assistant Chiefs.

The forgoing 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 John Thompson, Police Detective, Timothy Norek, Police Lieutenant, Corey Skok and Rene Smith, Police officers to attend Street Survival Seminar on May 17, 2016 – May 18, 2016 in Niagara University, Niagara Falls, NY. The Seminar is Fee of Charge. Use of village vehicles is authorized.

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

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS:** Police – Daniel McCarthy  
DPW – Brandon Atlas

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** Police Department March 2016

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Peterson seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki the Department Head report was accepted as presented.

DPW is working on spring clean-up, for procedures look at the village web site or call the public works.

Recreation – the sports court is in and ready

Code – None

Fire – None

Police – abs

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** : None

**UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS** :Proclamation – Building Safety Month

**PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Lenny – 32 Morris Circle – He turned in a water report to Kevin and wanted to know what was happening. The mayor stated he reviewed the history, wells were tested and a report was being done by the engineer. He replied he wanted to make sure it was still moving.

Irv Reinig – 380 Columbia Ave – He submitted a letter to the board at the public hearing that he hoped the board would consider. He spoke of his opinion of the budget, including a long range plan. He asked if they would consider dissolution. It was responded that it has been discussed and no plan is in place.

Ray Kachowski – 60 Cornell Drive – What is happening by Buffalo Batt and Felt? It was replied that the DEC is testing the water from when DOW chemical was there. Also it was noted that there is a phone number on the gate for more specific questions. The fence was also noted to be there to protect their equipment.

Gabrielle Miller – 61 Olmstead Ave – She asked about Red and yellow lights that are going off at the location. Tony stated that if an alarm goes off someone reports but they do not believe the lights are the alarm. She asked about the budget being taken off of the agenda. Trustee Kucewicz stated that the meeting for that will now be Friday which has been publicized and we need to make a correction and make sure it is ready. She asked if she can make a comment now about the budget and she was told yes. She asked about the gas line and though it should be lower. She asked when she could get a copy of the adopted budget and was told after Friday's meeting.

Jerry Grant – 35 Morris Circle – He asked if the study could be done on his area, as he lives across the street from Lenny. The Mayor spoke about how he has already contacted the army core of engineers. Phil asked if anything recent happened he replied yes. They asked about the specific location of his house and it is to the right across the street from Lenny.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

Village of Depew April 25, 2016

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Kucewicz, seconded by Trustee Peterson, the following claims are to be paid: Sewer \$1,256.00, General \$176,101.94, Capital Projects \$58,431.59, Capital \$235,789.53. **CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Bukowiecki, seconded by Trustee Jakubowski, the meeting was adjourned at **7:36 pm** in memory of Jim Whipkey, who recently passed and was the brother of Fire Chief Joe Whipkey. The motion was **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas  
Village Administrator