

MEETINGS: 4
NO. OF REGULAR: 3

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
April 29, 2016

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Dan Beutler- 26 Tyler –Commented on the channel 2 news story, and a comment he believed the mayor made about the previous party. He questioned the contingency account, snow removal, refuse, hiring, long term debt and community development. He says he is watching.

Steve Hoffman – 16 Colony – he said he was seeking out errors. Questioned the superintendent’s pay, contingency, FICA, and Chips. He commented on hiding 5.5% and the board should hire someone to review the budget.

Irv Reinig – 380 Columbia – Asked about landfill remediation, and while the village is not the only party responsible we should plan. Why is the board ignoring this, as other boards did as well.

Elizabeth Pierson – 10 Jane Lane – she had her bank statement and was commenting about the large change in her payment. She said she would be meeting with the bank but the statement said it was her village taxes that caused it. She takes care of her home, food is going up too she doesn’t know how she will sleep at night. She said she receives rebates and then a large bill. She lives on social security and doesn’t know where she will get the money.

Frank Caperasso – 61 Wyandotta – Asked when we were getting the \$100,000 for the fire truck. The Mayor stated he actually signed some paperwork for it this afternoon.

Joe Mesler – 233 Claudet Ct – commented on taxes going up bought fire truck, sidewalk plow, and 10,000 raise with how people are strapped. He asked about the mayor getting a 10,000 raise to which the mayor replied he did not, then said the superintendent. The mayor commented Phil has not received a raise. He said elect people like Dino who knew how to run a village. Try to do better you would not do these things in your own home. People pay less one block over Try Harder.

Joan Priebe – 15 Howard Lane – Asked about Fund balance, significant line item changes. Contingency, contracts, and dissolving the village.

Mike Nolder – 236 French – he noted that he was on the board for 4 years, he said no to trucks, they did not hire an attorney, they were able to get concessions on health care and keep raises down. He asked the board to dig down and try to make the village a better place. He stated he pays the 4th-5th highest taxes in the area. It bothers him that the board buys stuff. If not under the 2% cap taxes will go up and we will not get the check.

Jules Pecora – 38 Suffield – 25 years in Depew politics, Head of the preservation party. He is Dead against dissolving the village. He wants to keep the village together and going. Look out for the village people and be conservative. Nolder and Hoffman worked with him. He can afford tax increase, but other residents may not be able to pay the increase. Mistakes if you have them correct them. Let the residents see it. He is proud to be a Depew resident.

Elizabeth Pierson – 10 Jane Lane – Turn off lights use both sides of the paper, know how to run things.

Pat Younder – NorthCreek Drive – Taxes are going up. News on every channel, we are the highest taxes in the nation. See health care change. She is a divorced widow who supports herself. She doesn’t get health ins. from her job, she will have no insurance when she retires. Re-assess Taxes. She asked why we cannot make money on recycling. She spoke about her job. She talked about vacant homes.

ADOPT 2016-2017 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees was able to realize many non-property tax revenues to be used in funding the 2016-2017 Village budget, including those listed herein;

AND WHEREAS, those increases included PILOT revenue increases from Village properties where the PILOT Payment Agreements had reached full term but had yet been canceled to be placed back on the property tax rolls;

AND WHEREAS, the Board increased non-property tax Revenues that included user fees and revenues, including Police Department Fees, Non Property Tax County revenues, Building Permit Fees, Fines and Forfeited Bail through the Village Court, and anticipated increases in Recycling Royalties revenue, in order to increase Village revenues without additional property tax increases;

AND WHEREAS, the board increased Revenues from the Depew Ice Rink by negotiating a Contract with Cheektowaga for use of the Skate rink for their sports court, during the time that the Village would not be using the ice rink or generating revenue;

AND WHEREAS, the board increased the amount of revenue received from the state funded Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS), such funds being received by the Village and to be used to reimburse the DPW for maintaining our local highways for the fiscal year;

AND WHEREAS, the Village of Depew Board of Trustees took these measures to increase non-property tax revenue and offset needed revenue increases and to maintain as low an increase in property tax as possible;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, the Budget for the Village of Depew for the fiscal year 2016/2017 is hereby **ADOPTED** with a tax rate of \$ 12.114132 per thousand for residents on the Cheektowaga portion of Depew and \$12.361359 per thousand for residents on the Lancaster portion of Depew.

The following resolution was seconded by Trustee Peterson, 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

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN TAX WARRANT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 1426 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Village Administrator Maureen Jerackas is hereby directed to collect the taxes levied in the Warrant, annexed thereto, signed by Mayor Nikonowicz.

The following resolution was seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, 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

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Kucewicz, seconded by Trustee Peterson, the meeting was adjourned at **8:34 pm**. The motion was **CARRIED**.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas
Village Administrator

Village of Depew April 29, 2016

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