

MEETINGS: 4  
NO. OF REGULAR: 4

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW  
May 11, 2015**

**ROLL CALL:**

Trustee Buckowiecki  
Trustee Peterson  
Trustee Kucewicz  
Mayor Nikonowicz

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Kucewicz, and seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, the April 27, 2015 Village Board Minutes were approved.

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Peterson, and seconded by Trustee Kucewicz, the May 7, 2015 Planning Board Minutes were Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Paul Sprada – 58 Argus Drive – Asked if the interim-superintendent was a Village resident. Mayor Nikonowicz replied that he is a current employee that lives in Lancaster and is doing this service for the village at no charge. He stated he realizes that the rules have now been changed that the position can be held by non-residents. He also asked if the community development director was a new position. Mayor Nikonowicz replied that it was not a new position however she offered to do the position for free so we interviewed her. This position will work on projects where residents do not necessarily agree on how to accomplish a desired project. Invite trustees, mayor, residents. The cannon in the Park is an example. Mr. Sprada feels that the Cannon should be in Veterans Park to begin with, and would like to know when the meeting will be held.

Joan Priebe – 15 Howard – Asked if the Community Development Director will have involvement with money. Mayor Nikonowicz replied that this position will not have responsibility for funds.

Pat Simmons – 44 Karen Lane – Can I ask you to speak louder, I want to hear what you have to say.

Paul Sprada – 58 Argus Drive – Asked about the old VFW that was sold. Mayor Nikonowicz said he just heard some things from the attorney handling the sale that they are planning on storing ice bikes in the building and having a living quarters.

**APPOINT INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT – DPW**

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz, do hereby appoint Phil Fleck, 653 Pleasantview Drive, Lancaster, NY 14086 to the position of Interim DPW Superintendent, effective 5/4/2015- 6/30/2015, at no additional pay.

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

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

**APPOINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz, do hereby appoint Gabrielle Miller, 61 Olmstead Avenue, Depew, NY 14043 to the position of Community Development Director, for a one year term to end 4/4/2016, at no pay.

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

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

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN MUNICIPAL SOLUTIONS AGREEMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Depew has utilized Municipal Solutions Inc for their advisory services related to capital borrowing on an as needed basis;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz is authorized to sign the agreement stipulating if borrowing is pursued what the charge will be for Municipal Solutions services.

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

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

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT –U & S SERVICES**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Jesse Nikonowicz, is authorized to sign an agreement with U & S Services Inc, 95 Stark Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150 beginning May 1, 2015 for a service agreement to cover the equipment and service calls for the CPU units, peripheral equipment, field panels and software associated with the Village heating and air conditioning systems at a cost of \$5,593.00 per year.

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

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

**AUTHORIZATION FOR TEMPORARY RELOCATION OF VERIZON UTILITY POLES ON LINCOLN STREET**

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

**WHEREAS**, VERIZON NEW YORK INC is seeking to temporarily relocate two poles for aerial facilities on Lincoln St. between Elliott St. and Olmstead St. and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the poles to be relocated more than 10” feet from the road to facilitate the crane needed for the replacement of the Lincoln St. bridge, and

**WHEREAS**, VERIZON NEW YORK INC acknowledges the indemnification of the Village of Depew, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents and servants as required under Chapter 203-27 of the Code of the Village of Depew;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is granted by the Village Board for VERIZON NEW YORK INC to stake two utility poles with attached aerial wires on Lincoln St in the village of Depew approximately eleven (11) feet from the road and on both sides of the Scajaquada Creek for the period needed to complete the Lincoln Street bridge replacement, and thereafter to remove said utility poles and return them to their former location,

As set forth in the map filed with their Application & Building Permit dated April 17, 2015.

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

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

**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 his physical:

**West End Hose Company #6**

Eric Mayle  
66 Dean Road  
Depew, NY 14043

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

**PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT**

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

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Hook and Ladder Co. #1 to use the Southside Fire Hall from 6:00 am to midnight on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for their annual Chicken Barbeque

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

**PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT**

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

Permission is hereby granted to the Atena Hose Company to use the Southside Fire Hall from 6:00 am to midnight on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for their annual Chicken Barbeque

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

**PERMISSION CHICKEN BBQ**

Trustee Peterson, 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 July 11, 2015 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 Bukowiecki, and **CARRIED**.

**PERMISSION SEMINAR**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted to Don Jakubowski, Zoning Board Member, to attend the spring 2015 Regional Local Government Workshop on Thursday May 14, 2015 at the Burgundy Basin Inn, Pittsford, NY. The cost of the seminar is \$75.00 each. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

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

**PERMISSION SEMINAR**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, permission is hereby granted to Maureen Jerackas, Village Administrator, and Linda Gangloff, Secretary to the Mayor, to attend the a Notary Public training Course on Monday May 18, 2015 at the Millennium hotel Cheektowaga, NY. The cost of the seminar is \$139.00 each. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

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

**TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL:**

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:** : DPW - Dale Knickerbocker, Christopher Lafauci REC - Alexis Aquino, Griffin Garcia, Kevin Fusani, Kristie Dlugosz, Melissa Green, Hannah Steffan, Sarah Steiner, Adam Steiner, Matthew Woebel, Corey Zagst, Sarah Bzibziak, Shelby Derkovitz, Jennifer Freeman, Janelle Ganje, Alison Hall, Courtney Hout, Alissa Kozakiewicz, Jessica Leach, Daniel Mlodozieniec, Taylor Myers, Anastasia Snuszka, Lindsay Wiechelt, Allyson Yelich, Jenna Donota, Katelyn Frawley, Timothy Steiner

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS**

Joan Priebe – 15 Howard – Thanked the Mayor for coming out and looking at her driveway and planning to repair before fall. She asked about not having a Fire Marshall, and stated the Building Inspector, Tony, has enough to do to be doing this job as well. Mayor Nikonowicz let everyone know that the Fire Marshall position was put back in the budget for the 2015/2016 year. She asked about the Zoning training and the Notary training. Mayor Nikonowicz stated that the training would be local. She commented that the Reflectors on Lincoln have been pulled off by kids and were in the middle of the street. Mayor Nikonowicz Stated that the Project on Lincoln Street is Lancaster’s and he would call Danny, or talk to the DPW.

Dan Beutler – 26 Tyler – He was also down Lincoln today and wanted to know when the project would be done. Mayor Nikonowicz Noted that once we approved the poles to be moved and the cranes could come in and do that it should be pretty quick. Mr. Beutler also asked about the property on Walden and Lincoln. Tony responded that it is being appealed and the judge said it could be 30-90days.

Art Domino – Announced that He and Terri Wolf of Lancaster wrote a book on the History of the Village of Depew, which will be available in the Historian’s office for \$22.00. They will also be signing books this weekend at Barnes and Nobles.

Paul Sprada – 58 Argus Drive – Stated that Corruption lives in government from Fed to the towns, while he believes that this issue doesn’t exist in our village. He enjoys term limits. He thinks normally we have a 1 term Mayor in the village. He asked Mayor Nikonowicz what his short and long term goals were to keep from being a 1 term mayor. Mayor Nikonowicz stated the sewers he is currently working on, He is hoping to turn them over jointly with Cheektowaga and Sloan to Erie County. Longer term is the Transit Road project. He is hoping to work with Senator Gallivan to move this project forward. This will be huge for the village our Economy and the

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property values of the village. Mayor Nikonowicz said this was supposed to be a part time job, but I am here full time. Not that I am complaining, I Love It!

Art Domino – Channel 4 between 5 and 6, had a story about the condition of the bridges on Transit Road.

Paul Sprada – 58 Argus Drive – He wanted to remind everyone no matter who for and what district they lived in to go out and vote for your school districts May 19<sup>th</sup>. Depew and Lancaster officials and Budgets. He also stated that the board substantially depleted the surplus in order to balance the budget. Mayor Nikonowicz and Trustee Kucewicz answered that they put 158,000 back into the surplus with the changes they made to the budget. In addition when making a budget people are always conservative so that hopefully you do not use it all and you can put some back in fund balance. Hopefully we will do this as was done in previous years.

Pat Simmons – 44 Karen Lane – She would like to thank the board for listening and responding she was tired of the other administration giving grins and no comments. Mayor Nikonowicz said Thank You that is what we are here for.

**CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Kucewicz, seconded by Trustee Peterson, the following claims are to be paid: Sewer \$11,857.02, General \$171,994.01, Fixed Assets \$ 5896.00 Capital \$189,747.03. **CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Peterson, seconded by Trustee Bukowiecki, the meeting was adjourned at **7:38 pm**. The motion was **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Jerackas  
Village Administrator