

MEETINGS TO DATE 2
NO. OF REGULARS: 2

**MEETING
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
APRIL 9, 2007**

PRESENT: Trustee Dillemoth
Trustee Fusani
Trustee Hammer
Trustee Keefe
Trustee Maryniewski
Trustee Monti
Mayor Alberti

ABSENT: Attorney Anthony Nosek

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Fusani, and seconded by Trustee Hammer, the April 2, 2007, Village Board Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

1. Sandra Pieczynski - 46 Alys Dr. E – Agenda item #6 is this something new – Breathing Air Compressor – Chief Michaels explained how the Fire Dept. received part of the equipment through a grant years ago and needs the compressor to complete the project.
Agenda item #8 – Rescind Mr. Kwak leave – what grounds – Mayor Alberti explained prior Board did not have authority to bind current Board on advice received from NYCOM.

Mayor Alberti read the following statement before the Public Hearing was open to comment:

Before we open the public hearing for the 2007-2008 budget for the Village of Depew I would like to make the following statement:

The Village of Depew had a substantial fund balance in 1995 of over 2.5 million dollars. As my new administration takes over this month, the current fund balance is just over \$700,000 dollars. The prior administration has used over 1.8 million dollars over the past 12 years to fund the budgets.

We are going to find new ways to fund the budget through new revenue streams, consolidation and expenditure cuts. While the prior administration has committed this Board and this community to several union contracts that are financially pricey, we will be scrutinizing these agreements when they expire for cost savings to the taxpayers. We have eliminated some positions in the new budget and look for future savings through attrition and job consolidation. We are saving over \$45,000 combining the Clerk and Treasurer's position alone. We are revamping the Recreation programs to further save taxpayers dollars. Every Village service will be evaluated though out the next four years. Although we only have a few weeks to work on this year's budget, we are committed to providing the best service at an affordable price to the residents of Depew.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING – TENTATIVE 2007/2008 BUDGET

Elizabeth C. Melock, Village Administrator, read legal notice announcing Public Hearing.

1. Irv Reinig – 380 Columbia Ave – Read Statement – attached at end of minutes – copy given to all members of Board – would like a written response.
2. Anthony Schiavone – 3004 George Urban – wants a microphone for the public to use when addressing the Board.

3. Dan Beutler – 26 Tyler St. – What are the new numbers

Mayor Alberti spoke regarding the positions that have been cut so far and that the Village will be going to central purchasing.

4. Roland Reusch – 26 Babbette – Read his editorial in the March 22 Bee about the tax increase and his reevaluation in Cheektowaga. Liz Melock explained to him that the Village is it’s own assessing unit and his Cheektowaga reevaluation has no effect on his Village tax bill.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Monti, seconded by Trustee Maryniewski, the Public Hearing is closed. **CARRIED**

APPOINT DEPUTY CLERK

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I, Mayor Barbara A. Alberti, do hereby appoint, Geraldine Arber 159 Princeton Ave Depew NY 14043 to the position of Deputy Village Clerk, at a salary of \$500.00 as stipulated in the current budget.

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

Trustee Dillemoth -	Yes	Trustee Keefe -	Yes	Mayor Alberti -	Yes
Trustee Fusani -	Yes	Trustee Maryniewski -	Yes		
Trustee Hammer -	Yes	Trustee Monti -	Yes		

VILLAGE REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Pursuant to Section 4121 (3) of the Public Health Law, Elizabeth C. Melock, 314 Columbia Ave., Depew, NY 14043 is hereby appointed to the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term of four years, said term to expire at noon on the first Monday in April 2011, at no additional salary.

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

Trustee Dillemoth -	Yes	Trustee Keefe -	Yes	Mayor Alberti -	Yes
Trustee Fusani -	Yes	Trustee Maryniewski -	Yes		
Trustee Hammer -	Yes	Trustee Monti -	Yes		

DEPUTY VILLAGE REGISTRAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Pursuant to Section 4121 (3) of the Public Health Law, Mary Wolbrecht, 297 Ellington St, Depew, NY 14043 is hereby appointed to the position of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term of one year, said term to expire at noon on the first Monday in April 2008, at a salary of \$500 per year.

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

Trustee Dillemoth -	Yes	Trustee Keefe -	Yes	Mayor Alberti -	Yes
Trustee Fusani -	Yes	Trustee Maryniewski -	Yes		
Trustee Hammer -	Yes	Trustee Monti -	Yes		

APPOINT CLERK PT – DPW DEPT

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Barbara Alberti, do hereby appoint Richard N. Ball, 44 Chateau Ct., Depew, New York, for the position of Clerk PT at the Department of Public Works effective immediately; salary will be \$11.00 per hour not to exceed 20 hours per month.

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

Trustee Dillemoth -	Yes	Trustee Keefe -	Yes	Mayor Alberti -	Yes
Trustee Fusani -	Yes	Trustee Maryniewski -	Yes		
Trustee Hammer -	Yes	Trustee Monti -	Yes		

AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for a 60000PSIG, 10 HP Breathing Air Compressor for the Fire Department.

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

MODIFY 2006/2007 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew has received \$14,065.16 from FEMA for damages and expenditures associated with the October Snowstorm for our Fire Departments submitted project worksheet, and the proceeds of this payment will reimburse the accounts where the expenditures were made,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to modify the 2006/2007 Budget in the following manner:

A510	Estimated Revenue		
	Sub Account 010.4960 – Federal Aid – FEMA 1665		\$14,065.16
A960	Appropriations		
	Sub Account 1930.0400 – Judgment & Claims		\$1,214.63
	Sub Account 1660.416 – Gas & Oil		\$1,479.55
	Sub Account 3410.453 – Fire Department Equip Repairs		\$11,370.98

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

Trustee Dillemoth -	Yes	Trustee Keefe -	Yes	Mayor Alberti -	Yes
Trustee Fusani -	Yes	Trustee Maryniewski -	Yes		
Trustee Hammer -	Yes	Trustee Monti -	Yes		

RESCIND LEAVE FOR RECREATION DEPT LABORER

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

WHEREAS, the prior administration approved a six-month unpaid leave of absence for William Kwak, 6089 Hillcroft Dr., Boston, NY 14025 knowing that the requested leave does not meet the criteria in Article 17 of the CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO contract currently in effect and knowing that the position was removed from the tentative budget,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the current Village Board, after consulting NYCOM, is not bound by the prior Board's decision on the granting of this leave,

THEREFORE, this Board rescinds Mr. Kwak's leave immediately thus requiring Mr. Kwak to report to work immediately.

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

Trustee Dillemoth -	Yes	Trustee Keefe -	Yes	Mayor Alberti -	Yes
Trustee Fusani -	Yes	Trustee Maryniewski -	Yes		
Trustee Hammer -	Yes	Trustee Monti -	Yes		

ACCEPT FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION RESULTS

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

WHEREAS, on Thursday, April 5, 2007, the Depew Fire Department held their Annual Fire Department Chiefs Election with the following results

Chief	Peter Michaels	Depew Hook & Ladder Co. #1
1 st Assistant Chief	Kenneth Mau	Cayuga Hose Co. #3
2 nd Assistant Chief	Gary Cummings	Aetna Hose Company
3 rd Assistant Chief	David Adamberger	West End Hose Co. #6
4 th Assistant Chief	Joseph Whipkey	Depew Hose Company #1
5 th Assistant Chief	Vacant	

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board approves this election result and congratulates the elected Chief and Assistant Chiefs.

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

PERMISSION TO ATTEND PERMA SEMINAR

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

BE IT RESOLVED, Permission is hereby granted to Marie Nelson to attend the PERMA workers compensation seminar. The cost of the conference and one night's hotel is paid for by PERMA. The cost of the travel night's hotel and tolls will not exceed \$175.00. Permission is also granted for use of the Village vehicle.

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

PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Trustee Maryniewski, 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 their physical:

AETNA HOSE COMPANY

Albert Mazella, 385 Penora St. Depew NY 14043

DEPEW HOOK & LADDER CO. #1

Aileen M. Tardivo 3117 George Urban Blvd. Depew NY 14043
John Hughey 80 Laverack Ave. Depew NY 14043
Carl J. Liebler II 600 Lancer Ct. Apt. B2 Depew NY 14043

The following resolution was seconded by Trustee Fusani, and **CARRIED**

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to:

Depew West End Hose Company for use of the West End Fire Station on the following Thursdays from 8 pm to 10 pm to host the Cheektowaga Volunteer Fireman's' Softball League.

May 10, 2007

June 7, 2007

July 12, 2007

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

PERMISSION – POPPY SALE – POST #1528

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to Depew Post 1528 of the American Legion, to conduct their Annual Poppy Sale in the Village of Depew on May 11 & 12, 2007.

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

TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

ON A MOTIION BY Trustee Fusani, seconded by Trustee Keefe, the Department Head Reports – Police Department for February 2007, Clerk for March 2007, Electrical Dept January – March 2007 - **CARRIED**

BUILDING APPLICATIONS AND REPORTS

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Monti, seconded by Trustee Hammer, the Building Applications and Reports were accepted as presented – **CARRIED**

REPORT OF VILLAGE ATTORNEY – No report -absent

REPORT OF ENGINEER

Bruce Shearer – Reported the Sewer Rehabilitation Project involving Transit and French road – that intersection should be open by next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

1. Donald Jakubowski – 54 Warner Rd. – apologized for his cell phone ringing during the meeting – explained daughter is out of town.
2. Irv Reinig – 380 Columbia Ave. – spoke regarding committees that there needs to be an agenda and minutes of the meetings. Spoke on Trustee attendance at meetings – addressed Trustee Dillemoth on his attendance at the meetings and how many meetings were missed. Trustee Dillemoth thanked Irv for bringing that to his attention and stated he would never resign.
3. Dave Braun – 199 Keiffer – wanted to know when the house on Keiffer would be demolished – he was informed by the Mayor that the Village did not receive the grant money to demolish the structure. Mr. Braun was misled by prior administration – believed we received grant money.
4. Anthony Schiavone – 3004 George Urban Blvd – spoke regarding truck traffic on George Urban and trucks getting stuck under viaduct. He wants signs posted on Transit and George Urban stating no trucks. John Wojcik explained it was a County road and would look into the signs already posted there. Trustee Dillemoth explained trucks come off the Thruway and turn there by mistake.
5. Dan Beutler – 26 Tyler – wanted to know when George Urban would be repaved – John Wojcik explained County road. Also requested a letter be sent to Quebecor reminding them of the situation with the trucks getting stuck under the viaduct.
6. Anthony Schiavone – 3004 George Urban Blvd- send sweeper to George Urban. John Wojcik explained that we have 1 sweeper and 100 lane miles of roads to cover.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – 2007 –21

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Keefe, the following claims are to be paid, General \$148,925.34 and Sewer \$3,516.88 **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Maryniewski, seconded by Trustee Monti, the meeting was adjourned at **8:33 PM** in honor of the ten (10) American soldiers who died in Iraq on Easter Sunday. **CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth C. Melock
Village Administrator