

MEETINGS: 5
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NO. OF SPECIAL MEETINGS: 0

MINUTES
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
MAY 29, 2007

ROLL CALL: Trustee Dillemoth
Trustee Fusani
Trustee Hammer
Trustee Keefe
Trustee Maryniewski
Trustee Monti
Mayor Alberti

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hammer, and seconded by Trustee Fusani, the May 14, 2007, Village Board Minutes were approved.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Keefe, and seconded by Trustee Maryniewski, the Zoning Board Minutes of May 21, 2007 were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

1. Dan Beutler – 26 Tyler St – Questioned #5 & #6. He wanted to know how many were residents. Mayor responded that most were expect with lifeguards a few other positions where the most qualified person received the job.
2. Dave Kreutz -40 Princeton – He wanted to know what N.E.S.T. was. John Wojcik explained. He wanted to know if this was a bid out or reestablished.
3. Larry Komendat – 514 Paul Rd Lancaster – representing Little League – wanted to know about fees for Dawson Field. He explained there is a senior league 13-15 year olds that play 12 games and he received a bill for \$300. He said there was a verbal agreement back in the 60’s providing fields for house leagues. He was at a loss for words for the new fees. They provide a service for 800 kids and they are a not-for-profit group. Brought up charging for Firemen’s Park and if a concession stand could be run there to make some money. Mayor responded about her conversation with Sibby Constantino regarding the fee charge and the long storage building at Fireman’s Park is used for storage.

MAYOR’S ADDRESS:

“Good evening, welcome to this evenings Village Board Meeting.

We are not quite 2 months into a new village administration but we have already shown progress in many areas. I would like to share some of our activities to date.

On Saturday May 19th we sponsored a successful “Clean-up Depew Day” with approximately 60 volunteers. Together we cleaned village owned properties and main thoroughfares. Our reward was the collection of over 200 bags of trash and 2 dump trucks filled with debris. I would like to thank Tammy Roll, chairman of the event and the volunteers who helped in the clean-up. (Mayor thanked several people in the audience who were at Clean Up Day).

Letters to Congressmen Tom Reynolds and Brian Higgins addressing issues of concern from residents and our administration did produce responses. Regarding the continued removal of contaminated soil from the Transit Road/Walden Avenue area, I spoke with Nick Longworthy of Congressman Reynolds staff who has been in touch with the EPA. He assured me that a response is expected shortly.

My concern over the safety of the 4 railroad overpasses on Transit Road is being addressed in a meeting scheduled for next week with Bonnie Lockwood and Chris Fahey of Congressman Higgins staff.

I also participated in several “field trips” visiting areas of concern regarding vacant housing, rodent problems and unkept property. This past Friday Deputy Mayor Keefe,

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Trustee Monti and I were called to the site of a fire involving possible arson. While the investigation is continuing, the property owner faces many violation notices. Much credit and thanks is given to our Chiefs and firemen for their swift action in keeping the fire contained.

Several of our Board members attended meetings of the Erie County Officials and Village Officials where other municipalities shared valuable information with us. Of special interest were discussions we have had with municipalities who have instituted the use of totes for trash storage and recycling. Their use has cut down on the tonnage fees paid to waste companies and cut down and helped eliminate rodent problems.

The Village is also holding discussions with Erie County regarding the merger of the village sewer system with Erie County Sewer Districts. A meeting was held earlier this evening with Michael J. Quinn, Thomas J. Whetam and Joseph L. Fiegl of Erie County Department of Environment & Planning. Our concern is cost and service to the residents. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

Ann finally, yesterday morning we participated in the Memorial Day Parade and service held at Veteran's Park. Thank you to all residents who turned out to celebrate the commemoration to our nation's veterans.

APPOINT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I, Barbara A. Alberti, do hereby appoint Trustee Linda Hammer to the position of Affirmative Action Officer for the Erie County CDBG Urban County Consortium.

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

APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES FOR N.E.S.T. BOARD

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I, Barbara A. Alberti, do hereby appoint Trustee Joseph Keefe & Trustee Carl Monti to the positions of voting members for the Village of Depew for the N.E.S.T. Board – Northeast Southtowns Solid Waste Management Board.

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

APPOINT COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Barbara A. Alberti, do hereby appoint Sharon Quinn, 51 Donna Ct, Depew NY 14043 to the position of Computer Support Technician, effective immediately, at a salary of \$19.90 per hour. This appointment is from Exam No. 011328, Civil Service List established August 4, 2005.

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

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

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**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – CSEA
CLERICAL**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, Mayor Barbara A. Alberti is authorized to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with C.S.E.A, Local 1000, AFSCME. AFL-CIO as it pertains to Sharon Quinn for the period May 29, 2007-May 31, 2011.

The foregoing 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		

APPOINT DPW TEMPORARY SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Barbara A. Alberti, hereby appoint the following:

David Hottum
70 Dean Rd.
Depew, NY 14043

at \$11.00 per hour and upon completion and passing of pre-employment physicals and drug and alcohol testing.

The appointment 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		

APPOINT RECREATION TEMPORARY SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Barbara A. Alberti, hereby appoint the following:

(List Attached)

to the Summer recreation Program, at salaries as stipulated in the budget.

The appointment 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		

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MODIFY REC FEES

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Depew maintains Dawson Field, which is owned by the Depew Union Free School District,

WHEREAS, the Village has received approval from the Depew Union Free School District for the Village to start charging a user fee of \$25.00 per game to assist with the cost of maintaining the diamond,

BE IT RESOLVED, the new fee, effective for this season and forward unless modified in the future for use of Dawson Field, is \$25 per game.

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

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

AUTHORIZE BENEFITS UNDER FIREFIGHTER'S SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the following fireman has met all necessary requirements under the Depew Fire Department's Service Award Program;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Village does hereby approve the Service Award benefit entitlement to the following participant as stipulated under said program.

Effective June 1, 2007 at a monthly rate of \$20.00, plus one time retroactive lump sum payment of \$40.00 for April & May 2007:

Rev. David J. Borowiak
496 Terrace Blvd
Depew, NY 14043

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

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

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO LEASE AGREEMENT – DUPLICATING CONSULTANTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED, Mayor Barbara A. Alberti is authorized to sign a lease agreement with Duplicating Consultants for copiers for the Clerk's Office and the Court Clerk's Office. The lease term is for 60 months.

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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		

**AUTHORIZE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LINCOLN STREET FOR
SOUTHEAST WORKS CELEBRATION DAY EVENT**

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

WHEREAS, Southeast Works has requested the temporary closure of Lincoln Street between Olmstead and Columbia for their annual Celebration Day festivities.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Depew Village Board authorizes the temporary closure of Lincoln Street between Olmstead and Columbia Avenues on Tuesday June 19, 2007 from 9:00 am to 2:00pm subject to the conditions set by the Depew Police and the Depew Fire Department.

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

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to:

Depew Fire Department for use of the Northside Fire Station on Tuesday July 17th from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. to host the Cheektowaga Fire Chief's Association meeting.

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

TREE TRIMMING/REMOVAL

None

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS

Recreation – Richard Polanowski, Krystyna Markut, DPW Summer Help – David Hottum, Gary Kent, Clerical – Kathleen Pumm

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Keefe, seconded by Trustee Maryniewski, the Department Heard Reports were accepted as presented – Police – April 2007, Assessor's Office April 2007 – **CARRIED**.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS AND REPORTS

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Fusani, seconded by Trustee Monti, the Building Applications and Reports were accepted as presented. Mayor stated that she made contact with the realty company for 52 JFK and the grass has been cut.

REPORT OF VILLAGE ATTORNEY – Explained how he had a conversation with Judy Shanley from SouthEast Works and her attorney Brian Lewandowski. They spoke in general of what her plans were for 321 Columbia – old Depew Library – and that her contract with the Town of Lancaster is conditional on her obtaining the necessary

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approvals from the Village of Depew. Purpose of the conversation was to recommend scheduling an informal meeting with the residents, the Board and SouthEast Works for informational purposes. He would like the meeting set up before the next Planning Board meeting on July 5th.

REPORT OF VILLAGE ENGINEER – would have the annual sewer report ready for the Mayor's signature by the end of the week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Solid Waste Committee- Trustee Keefe spoke about the Board meeting EC personnel earlier today to discuss possible merging of the sanitary sewer system. The issue needs to be researched further but could occur by January 2008.

Public Safety Committee -Trustee Monti spoke about the fire at 5600 Transit Rd on May 25th and that the Fire Dept. had to lay over 1000 feet of hose. Many violations up there. Will not be business as usual around here.

Trustee Fusani explained that Night Out will be Aug 7 from 5-9 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering or having a table contact the Village Hall.

UNFINISHED AND OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor read two letters:

1. From the Town of West Seneca Police Department:

Dear Chief Domino:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the exceptional assistance your department provided the Town of West Seneca Police Department during our recent investigation into the murder of James Gilson of 35 Winspear Rd. West Seneca. In particular, I would like to commend Detective Steve Lehman whose assistance, cooperation and professionalism were most valuable to us.

Please forward my appreciation to Detective Lehman. As a direct result of his assistance, three Rochester are teenagers, Jake Winters, Stephen Le and Gerald Anderson III have been arrested. It is only with the teamwork and cooperation we enjoy with fellow members of our law enforcement family that we are able to provide the highest quality of service to our public.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Gehen
Chief of Police

Mayor thanked the Police Department and Detective Lehman for the great job they do. She also stated the fourth youth was arrested today.

2. Letter from Depew Teachers Organization

Dear Mr. Wojcik,

On behalf of the Depew Teachers Organization (DTO) I would like to present the Village of Depew with a gift of ball in bag trees. As discussed, we requested a \$500 Earth Day Grant from Air & Waste Management Association for the purpose of replanting trees in the Village that were devastated as a result of the October Storm. The DTO received a \$100 grant from Air & Waste Management Association for this purpose. At the March 19th Executive Committee Meeting the DTO voted to contribute an additional \$2500 to this cause.

I would like to meet with you to discuss the type and location of the trees to be planted by Village personnel. Please contact me at your earliest convenience so that we may set a date to finalize the details of this project.

Sincerely,

Leslie E. Gracz

Depew Teachers Organization

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PUBLIC CONCERNS AND COMMENTS

1. Jeff Sunquist – 10 Barnabas – Chief of Police helped him.
2. Don Symer – 610 Columbia Ave – concerns of expansion of Southeast Works can only occur on the backs of the Depew taxpayers.
3. Dan Beutler – 26 Tyler St – Dirt piles at Dresser – Who is the other people in Lancaster that have contaminated soil. Discussion with Matt over building report – when separate counts are added up they are more than the 54 reported initially. Regarding Fire – 5600 Transit Rd-tragedy is that it took a fire for the property to be addressed – looks like a dump.
4. Dave Kreutz – 40 Princeton – concession stand in Como Park who runs that. Mayor explained County owned park.
5. Larry Komendat – 514 Paul Rd Lan – spoke with Sibby – talked about fee for Fireman's Park – use of facility by children. Trustee Dillemath spoke up that with 800 youths it comes to 40 cents a child. Mayor also explained that with conversations with Sibby he was willing to make a donation of \$500-750 but is complaining about paying a fee of \$300. Trustee Monti stated that more fundraising could be done to offset the fee.
6. Joan Priebe – any dates set for the meeting with Southeast Works? Mayor responded not yet.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS – 2007 – 24

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hammer, seconded by Trustee Fusani, the following claims are to be paid, General \$44,567.66, Sewer \$139,832.22, and **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Maryniewski, seconded by Trustee Monti, the meeting was adjourned at **8:25 PM** in memory and honor of Jonathan Francis who was a Depew resident and past employee that passed away suddenly.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth C. Melock
Village Administrator