

MEETINGS: 11
NO. OF REGULAR: 11

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
August 28, 2023 7:05 PM

ROLL CALL: Trustee Hamernik -ABS
Trustee Ziembra – ABS
Trustee Kraft - PR
Deputy Mayor Adolf - PR
Mayor Peterson - PR

ON A MOTION BY, Deputy Mayor Adolf and seconded by Trustee Kraft, the minutes of the August 14, 2023 village board meeting were approved.

Public Comment Agenda Items Only:

Dave Burkhardt, 5 Autumn Lea: Questioned Agenda Item #7, why the new officer resigned from the Department.

PERMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – DEPEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Mayor Adolf, 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 physicals:

Depew Hose Co. #1

Scott C. Kapperman

Cory J. Peterson

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Kraft and **CARRIED**.

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

Deputy Mayor Adolf, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department for their Fill-the Boot Fundraising effort on Tuesday September 12, 2023 from 3:30pm until 6:30 pm at various intersections in the Village. In the event that it is raining that night, the Fill the Boot drive will then be held on Wednesday September 13, 2023.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Kraft and **CARRIED**.

PERMISSION CONFERENCE

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to Code Enforcement Officer Donald Bielefeld to attend the Western Southern Tier Building Officials Education Conference on September 15 – 17, 2023 in Dunkirk, NY 14048. The fee to attend is \$325.00. Use of a village vehicle is authorized.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf and **CARRIED**.

DPW GRASS CUTTING

Deputy Mayor Adolf, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the village is encountering numerous vacant and foreclosed homes in the village and orders to remedy have been issued to the property owner on record;

WHEREAS, the high grass is a nuisance to neighbors and attracts rodents;

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is granted for the Department of Public Works to mow any property that is not mowed by the due date on the order to remedy for the 2023 year. The cost of said mowing(s) will be attached to the village tax bill for that property.

Please see attached list of properties.

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

Trustee Hamernik- ABS
Trustee Ziemba-ABS
Trustee Kraft- Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

Deputy Mayor Adolf, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department the use of Engine 4 on Sunday, August 27th, from 7am to 12pm for the state BEFO (Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations) training at Tonawanda Fire Academy on Tower Road Tonawanda NY.

And

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department the use Engine 1 on Sunday September 24th from 11am to 4pm for the state BEFO (Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations) training at Tonawanda Fire Academy on Tower Road Tonawanda NY.

The foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Kraft and **CARRIED**.

AUTHORIZATION FOR BLOCK PARTY

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

WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from the hours of 1pm to 9pm the residents of Rossiter St, on the block from Buchanan St to Buchanan St. are planning a block party.

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is granted by the Village Board to have the road closed from 1pm to 9pm, September 16, 2023.

WITH THE STIPULATIONS, from the Police and Fire Chiefs.

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

Trustee Hamernik - ABS
Trustee Ziemba -ABS
Trustee Kraft -Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf -Y
Mayor Peterson -Y

ACCEPT RESIGNATION – POLICE OFFICER

Deputy Mayor Adolf, offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, the resignation of Police Officer Michael Wolford, effective August 13, 2023 accepted.

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

Trustee Hamernik - ABS
Trustee Ziemba - ABS
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

SUMMER SEASONAL RECREATION

Deputy Mayor Adolf offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, Employment for the recreation department's summer seasonal employees which includes lifeguards, cashiers, and park attendants per the attached list will end on September 1, 2023.

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

Trustee Hamernik - ABS
Trustee Ziemba - ABS
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

AWARD BID- SIDEWALK BID

Trustee Kraft offered the following resolutions and moved for their adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Village Engineer, the bid in the amount of \$169,550.00 for the sidewalk bid that was opened on Thursday August 24, 2023 be awarded to:

Campobello Construction Co. Inc.
23 Stratford Road,
Buffalo, NY 14216

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

Trustee Hamernik - ABS
Trustee Ziemba - ABS
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

APPOINT PART TIME BUILDING DEPARTMENT CLERK

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Kevin Peterson, do hereby appoint

Carmi DelConte

to the position of Part Time Building Department Clerk-Typist, effective September 1, 2023. The salary will be as per budget.

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

Trustee Hamernik - ABS

Trustee Ziemba - ABS
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS – None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS –

Ken Pyc, DPW Superintendent: Milled French Rd, will be paving it tomorrow.

Kevin Ferguson, Recreation Director: All the programs in the park ended, everything was good success, did keep pool open an extra week. Compressors are on for the ice rink.

Chief Gauthier, Fire Department: Annual boot drive will be Tuesday, September 12, use caution while driving and appreciate public's support. Fire Department was awarded a grant to upgrade radio systems, just shy of \$300,000, grant was written by Past Chief Scott Wegst, thank you to him. Hose Company #1 is holding a meat raffle on September 30th at St. Mary's High School, tickets are \$10, a table of 10 is \$90. Cayuga Hose Company is having a chicken bbq on October 14 at Southside Fire Hall from 11am until sold out. 21 calls so far for the month of August, 243 year to date.

Don Bielefeld, Code Enforcement: House by the old Schmidt's is down, the old foundry, between Main Street and Transit Rd, the super structure is just about on the ground, shifting gears from grass cutting to unregistered vehicles, to have a vehicle on the property, needs to be registered and should have a valid registration sticker. Sam is looking into a law about abandoned properties and removing vehicles.

Deputy Mayor Adolf: Fall Fest is October 14, the same day as the chicken bbq. Fall Fest at the new pavilion at Fireman's Park from 11am to 5pm with craft vendors, live music, WNY Superheroes & Cosplayers.

Mayor Peterson: Explained the benefits of the Solar project as it relates to the Village taxpayer. The property, 35 acres, was vacant for decades because was used as a dump during the 60's/70's. The Village had to remediate, didn't want the taxpayer to have to deal with another DEC type consent order and a huge bill. Initially, the remediation was about \$200,000. One company was interested in buying 15 acres that would almost cover the cost of remediation. Months later, the cost of the remediation skyrocketed to \$310,000 – they then also came to us to lease an additional 13 acres – leaving 7 for the Village. The local company, a Depew company, recapped the entire area and is working on the 13 acres as soon as they get the go ahead. At this point it has cost them \$1,000,000 to recap the 15 acres. 1500 trucks went in and out last year, that also saved the Village money, at this point, 1.3 million dollars that the Village didn't need to pay, that is a win and it is a reuse of property that was vacant, and puts them on the tax roll for the Village. There will be opportunities to get involved, the company will market it, National Energy Development.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Paul Sprada, 58 Argus Dr: Impressed by Solar Farm progress, Commented that last Summer Concert was amazing, sidewalks along Terrace Blvd are a great improvement for those going to concerts and residents, commented that building behind old Schmitt's garage was taken down, and wanted to include Trustee Hamernik for a speedy recovery.

Tony Hoffmann, 17 Olmstead: Owner of Store 716, submitted letter of intent for tent sale on Saturday, September 2. Addressed concerns about the sale and additional parking.

April Scere, 37 Rossiter: Thanked Board for approving Block Party.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Deputy Mayor Adolf and seconded by Trustee Kraft the following claims are to be paid: \$695,862.96 (ARPA \$323,555.45) General, \$859.00 Sewer, \$387,217.37 Capital Projects for a total \$1,083,939.33 was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Deputy Mayor Adolf and seconded by Trustee Kraft the meeting was adjourned with thoughts for Trustee Hamernik. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Grzankowski
Village Administrator