

MEETINGS: 21
NO. OF REGULAR: 21

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW
February 12, 2024 7:07 PM

ROLL CALL: Trustee Hamernik -PR
Trustee Ziemba – PR
Trustee Kraft - PR
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Absent
Mayor Peterson - PR

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Trustee Kraft, the minutes of the January 22,2027 village board meeting were approved.

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Kraft, the minutes of the December 14, 2024 Zoning Board Meeting Minutes were accepted.

1. Gary Constantino on behalf of Catholic Health for the property located at 6199 Transit Rd, Depew, NY 14043, of Chapter 260,§260-34(E)(1), requesting relief from 100 parking space requirement, to be allowed 55 parking spaces for a Catholic Health Facility.

APPROVED

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

2. David Giusiana, Architect, on behalf of the property located at 5026 Broadway St, Depew, NY 14043, of Chapter 260,§260-34(E)(1), requesting relief from 18 parking space requirement, to be allowed 14 parking spaces for a takeout restaurant.

APPROVED

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

A special presentation was made to thank Lieutenant Rochelle Menard for her actions to assist resident Anthony Vasona who was in a motor vehicle accident on January 24th, while she was off duty.

Public Comment Agenda Items Only:

PERMISSION –WAIVE PERMIT FEE

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

WHEREAS, St. Martha’s Parish, 10 French Rd, Depew, NY 14043 has requested permission to waive the sign permit fee for the portable temporary sign at OLBS School/St. Martha’s Parish for their fish fry’s during lent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that permission is hereby granted to St. Martha’s Parish, 10 French Rd, Depew, NY 14043 to waive the sign permit fee for the portable temporary sign at OLBS School/St. Martha’s Parish.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Hamernik and **CARRIED**.

CHANGE OF BOARD MEETING DATES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, due to the Solar Eclipse our Board Meeting Date will be Tuesday April 9, 2024 instead of Monday April 8, 2024.

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

ACCEPT RETIREMENT – POLICE CAPTAIN

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the retirement of Timothy Norek from the Village of Depew Police Department effective Thursday, February 29, 2024 is accepted.

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

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

ACCEPT RETIREMENT – POLICE CAPTAIN

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the retirement of William Curr from the Village of Depew Police Department effective Monday, February 26, 2024 is accepted.

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

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

ACCEPT RETIREMENT – POLICE OFFICER

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the retirement of Scott Hoffhines, Police Officer from the Village of Depew Police Department effective Wednesday, February 21, 2024 is accepted.

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

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

APPOINT PART TIME TEMPORARY BUILDING DEPT CLERK

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I Mayor Kevin Peterson, do hereby appoint Ellen Pfeil to the position of Part Time Temporary Building Dept Clerk, effective Monday February 5, 2024.

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

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

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS - DPW – Zachary Lavoie

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – Police – Jan 2024

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Elizabeth Brinkworth, Assemblymember Monica Wallace's office: Assemblymember Wallace is in Albany, session is in full swing with budget meetings. Constituent survey is up and live and can be access on their website, feel free to fill it out, would like to hear from you about ideas to see the State budget do this year, legislation, or community events and ideas. Assemblymember Wallace visited various locations including the Cheektowaga Central School District to participate in Valentine's for Veterans. There was a press conference on Friday regarding carbon monoxide safety measures in indoor rinks given the situation that occurred at Holiday Twin Rinks. If have issues at State level, always there to help.

Don Bielefeld, Code Enforcement: A lot going on – new Turkish restaurant going into George Urban plaza where Imperial Buffet was – applications in as well for plaza for a Royal Nails, a boutique and the DMV renovations are almost done, nice seeing plaza pick up. Good Neighbors Credit Union, old HSBC in D&L Plaza, will be very nice building when completed. A few other businesses coming in, Thrifty Roofs, 10 Lives Club, the old Hidden Shamrock is under construction. The woman who used to make the desserts at Kentucky Gregs is going to be taking over the Dave's Homemade Foods to put bakery there. A pierogi place is looking to go into where Kentucky Greg's smokeshop was.

Ken Pyc, DPW Superintendent: Still cutting down trees, we will be grinding down stumps after, so you don't have to call.

RJ Nieman, Office of Emergency Management: Not much to report, working on Comprehensive Emergency Management plan, will be reaching out to department heads like Fire Chief and Police Chief for anything need from them.

Fire Department Report (read by Regina Grzankowski) – In January, our department responded to 31 alarms and for February, 6 almas for a total of 37 alarms year to date. Would like to thank the Mayor, Trustees and Administrator for their ongoing cooperation on our ongoing apparatuses, station and radio projects.

Chief Miller: Currently for the year we have had 1530 calls for service. January we had 1102 calls. 1011 were non criminal, 91 were criminal complaints. Two stolen vehicles, recovered three stolen vehicles, 31 motor vehicle accidents, six with injury, one with a pedestrian, 32 arrests, 27 male, 5 female, issues 180 traffic summonses.

Sam Alba, Village Attorney: There is some ongoing litigation, we are not a party but it is the big civil trial against the County over the death at the Holding Center. We have outside council and it is my understanding that our officers all testified last week.

Trustee Ziemba: Our two Captains and the Officer that is retiring, thank you for everything you did to keep our residents safe. You deserve it and go enjoy it.

Trustee Hamernik: Congratulations to Rochell Menard for what she did, it's a pleasure to have her on our force, we are going to miss the officers that are retiring, I always say we have the best, thank you for your years of service.

Mayor Peterson: Regina and I and a trustee sat through department head reports this last week as we round into the final quarter of the year. We have put a restriction or double check on any purchase order over \$2500 as a method to keep an eye on everything for the last four months as we lead into the budget, the tentative budget will be produced next month, it will be reviewed by Board members to come up with a final budget that needs to be adopted by the end of April. The Village also held AED/CPR training for employees that were interested in the new Pavilion, about 20 employees and getting help from RJ and Galen to purchase additional AED machines.

Paul Sprada, 58 Argus Drive: Lancaster Library will have eclipse glasses for free, 2 pairs, thanked Trustee Hamernik for work on getting hydrants shoveled out, Lancaster High School is putting on musical Addams Family this weekend.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Trustee Hamernik the following claims are to be paid: \$489,258.56 General, \$4,894.73 Sewer, \$158,612.09 Capital Projects for a total \$652,765.38 was **CARRIED**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:52pm Deputy Ziemba made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a personnel, labor and legal matter, Trustee Kraft seconded.

At 9:05pm Deputy Mayor Adolf made a motion to exit out of executive session, Trustee Kraft seconded.

No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Hamernik and seconded by Trustee Ziemba the meeting was adjourned with a moment of silence for Mary Ann Gullo at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Grzankowski
Village Administrator