

MEETINGS: 14

NO. OF REGULAR: 12

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW

September 23, 2024 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Trustee Hamernik – ABS
Trustee Ziemba – PR
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 26, 2024 village board meeting were approved.

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

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Kraft and seconded by Trustee Ziemba, the minutes of the July 6, 2024 planning board were approved.

1. Saeed Aftabuddih, for the property at 4854 Broadway, requesting a special use permit to operate an automotive repair shop in a C2. Approved.

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

ON A MOTION BY, Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf, the minutes of the August 1, 2024 planning board meeting were approved.

1. Tom and Christine Schuster, 360 Gould Ave. Final site approval for a pole barn. Approved with a recommendation for the Village Board to accept the SEQR Type 2 Action
2. Walden Development Group, 4250 Broadway. Subdivision of parcel. Approved
3. Celtic Industrial Services on behalf of Jim Murphy Buick GMC, 3000 Walden Ave. Concept approval for a pole barn. Approved.

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

Public Comment Agenda Items Only:

AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG

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

The Administrator is authorized to advertise a public hearing to discuss the Community Development Block Grant for the Lancaster and Cheektowaga sides of the Village of Depew at the Tuesday October 15, 2024 board meeting.

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

PROCLAIM OCTOBER 31, 2024 AS OFFICIAL TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the Official Trick or Treat Night in the Village of Depew, in conjunction with the Town and Village of Lancaster and the Town of Cheektowaga, is hereby designated as Thursday, October 31, 2024 between the hours of 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM.

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

PERMISSION – DEPEW FIRE DEPT

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

Permission is hereby granted to the Depew Fire Department to use Fireman’s Park and the pavilion for a trunk or treat event to be held on Sunday October 27, 2024 from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

The foregoing resolutions were seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf and **CARRIED**.

PERMISSION – VARIOUS POLICE TRAININGS

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

WHEREAS, Permission is hereby granted to Lt. Rochelle Menard to attend the New York Women in Law Enforcement 13th Annual Training Conference The Conference Center at Lake Placid 2634 Main Street, Lake Placid, NY 12946 October 16th – 18th, 2024.

AND

WHEREAS, Permission is hereby granted to Dt. Turner to attend the Mobile Device Examiner and Call Detail Record Analysis courses to be held at The US Secret Service, 950 H Street NW, 3RD Floor, Washington, DC 20223 from October 27 – 31, 2024.

AND

WHEREAS, Permission is hereby granted to officer Wojciechowicz to attend the Drug Recognition Expert Recertification 2024 Training to be held at the REGION 6 - Safety Training Center in Canandaigua on September 27, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The above foregoing resolution was seconded by Trustee Ziemba and duly put to a roll call vote which resulted in the following:

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

PERMISSION – CONFERENCE

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

WHEREAS, Permission is hereby granted to Kathryn Zaganiaczyk, Building Department, to attend the Niagara Frontier Building Officials Education Conference to be held on January 27-29, 2025 at The Buffalo / Niagara Marriott, 1340 Millersport Hgwy, Amherst, NY 14221.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The above 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 - Y
Trustee Kraft - Y
Deputy Mayor Adolf - Y
Mayor Peterson - Y

PERMISSION – POLICE – RETRO TRAINING

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

Permission is hereby granted to Officer Wojciechowicz to attend the Drug Recognition Officer recertification course in Philadelphia on September 15-16, 2024.

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

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

AWARD BID- PHASE 7 CAP

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Village Engineer, the bid for the Sewershed 10A and 10B Rehabilitation (Phase 7 CAP) project from the bid opening on September 18, 2024 in the bid amount of \$1,685,950.00 be awarded to:

United Survey
25145 Broadway Ave.
Oakwood Village, OH 44146

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

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

PERMISSION – DEPEW HIGH SCHOOL BONFIRE

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

BE IT RESOLVED, permission is hereby granted to the Depew High School Varsity D Club to hold their annual bonfire on Monday October 21, 2024 at 6:45 pm on the football practice field behind the Depew Schools bus garage. The Depew Fire Department will be present to provide fire protection with the following stipulations:

1. The Fire Marshall must meet with an adult advisor on the day of the event to inspect the site and review emergency procedures.
2. No flammable liquids are to be used in lighting the bonfire.

3. The Depew Fire Department will supervise the lighting of the bonfire and will remain on standby for the duration of the event.

4. The Depew Fire Department reserves the right to cancel the bonfire in the event of adverse weather conditions (high winds) or any other condition that may adversely affect public safety.

Depew Police personnel will be present to maintain order and supply necessary traffic enforcement.

The forgoing resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf, and **CARRIED**

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS – REC - Mackenzie Chapman, Jayden Rogowski

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS –

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief Musielak, Fire Department: 16 calls since last board meeting, 287 year to date. With weather getting colder, just a reminder to have your furnace cleaned, checked and inspected and check carbon monoxide detectors.

Chief McNamara, Police Department: The Village of Depew Police Department will partner with the Drug Enforcement Agency on Saturday, October 26th at Wegmans, 10am to 2pm for a drug dropoff/takeback so if you have old prescriptions, you need to get rid of.

Ken Pyc, DPW Superintendent: Was in contact with guy on Columbia that wants to build a house, was in contact with the person going to do their layout, advised him to call underground utilities. We went and checked out where the sewers were there, if he wanted to do anything to contact Dave Britton, Don or myself.

Don Bielefeld, Code Enforcement: A couple businesses coming in: Old Soul Barbershop across from Taylor Rental, Charlies Convenience store at corner of Bellevue and Broadway, Elegant Nails that was in Cheektowaga going on Transit across from Dr. Huggs Car Wash. Getting a large amount of complaints about rats in the area, our office doesn't really deal with it unless there are complaints of garbage or extenuating circumstances. You can call Vector services at Erie County if you are having an issue, they will come out to your property and bait it and check the surrounding properties. Season is coming with a lot of leaves, make sure to clean it up. Shamrock is looking very nice, all new siding, windows, doors.

Trustee Kraft: Fall Fest was a lot of fun, tons of people out at the park, good to see.

Trustee Ziembra: This Saturday at Village Hall Parking lot from 9-2 we are hosting our annual electronic waste recycling drive, you don't need an appointment, just pull up. Computers, printers, monitors, keyboards – there is a flyer in the back with details.

Village Administrator Grzankowski: Wanted to thank everyone that helped out with Fall Fest, think it was one of our better events, had a great day weather wise, tons of vendors, and lots of people in the park – a great Community Day.

Mayor Peterson: When I stepped back with my comments for the day, that was the vision that I saw in 2019, couldn't have been any different from that vision. We have a couple of videos that I threw together with the pictures and with a little story of the other day. One of our residents up top with his drone, we got a lot of nice shots, and that basketball tournament with the young kids seemed to be a big hit, and they did a professional type video that I attached. The Polish dancers, we got a kettle corn guy, Big Papa's was there, Joey's and K Café, Nickle City Brews, first time for that one. Horses too were a hit, 8 rides that day, about 100 people got on.

Kevin Ferguson, Recreation Department (Read by Regina Grzankowski): basketball tournament, had 28 kids, eight games, well done, brought in 12 pickleballers, rink had about 20-23 skaters. Next year trying to get a girls and boys tournament going.

Dominic Corigliano, 5230-5246 Transit Rd: Wanted to thank Mayor Peterson and the Village Engineer for meeting him out at S. Bellevue last Tuesday at 8am. A couple of suggestions were made, I submitted some photos, I don't know if anyone had any questions on anything that I left. The Village Engineer suggested removing the portion of the sidewalk on the driveway and painting lines, he also said the way it was right now was not a problem, although the tenants that use it feel it is. Removing that from the sidewalk to the driveway, there would still be an incline difference, not sure how that would work out. He also suggested planting grass next to the apron of the driveway. This didn't work out the first time because the contractor pushed the apron so far into the street it just holds water and tracks mud everywhere. If the apron stays the way it is, area next to it should be blacktop, he mentioned there were numerous other problems on the street, that I am aware of, just trying to fix roller coaster sidewalk. Also a broken sump pump pipe, two blocks of sidewalk would have to be removed to fix that pipe that the contractor had broken. It was also said to me at the meeting that the contractor saw the broken pipe and supposedly fixed it, if that was the case, it wouldn't still be leaking today. Did have a couple of conversations with Sam regarding this. One important thing is the closer to the street the sidewalk would have been the less differences in elevation that would have made for an even sidewalk. With the Board's approval, I would take care of the broken pipe, the removal of the sidewalk and look into blacktop repair. If a corrected, uninterrupted sidewalk could be put past the pine trees all the way to the corner, this was the original design that was talked about during the reconstruction of my restaurant and could eliminate a lot of these problems. Remember it is common practice in the Village for sidewalks to accommodate the surrounding areas. I could get a separate contractor to look at this project if necessary. It would look a lot better for a nice clean sidewalk to go all the way down, the idea of stopping at the driveway and starting again, it looks like a rollercoaster down near the pines. Down by the pines is not really an issue, pines do grow close to the surface but sidewalks are only so deep, if anything it would stabilize the ground better.

Mayor Peterson: I told you last week Dom that we aren't taking the trees out. We aren't putting the sidewalk close to the road there.

Mr. Corigliano: it is possible to do that, and a lot of areas in the Village, the sidewalk changes to accommodate the surrounding areas. I don't know what the plan is, but I would certainly like to see something. I appreciate you looking at it, its getting late in the season, so little optimistic that anything's going to happen this year but certainly would like to get somewhere.

Mayor Peterson: You dropped these off this afternoon and I don't think anybody really had a chance to get to look at them.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Trustee Kraft the following claims are to be paid: \$316,352.40 General, \$4,128.53 Community Development, \$2,341.01 Sewer, \$5,720.00 Capital Projects for a total \$328,541.94 was **CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Trustee Kraft the meeting was adjourned at 6:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Grzankowski
Village Administrator