

MEETINGS: 18  
NO. OF REGULAR: 16

**VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF DEPEW**  
**November 26, 2024 7:00 PM**

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Kraft and seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf the minutes of the November 12, 2024 village board meeting were approved.

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

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Trustee Kraft, the minutes of the October 3, 2024 Planning Board are approved:

1. Steven Simme on behalf of Black Pearl Traders, for the property located at 3126 George Urban Blvd, for subdivision of parcel. APPROVED

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

**EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS** – Rec - Giada Rzeszutek, DPW – Anthony Santos-LaRosa, Electrical – Ethan Delo

**APPOINT VILLAGE OF DEPEW TRUSTEE**

Pursuant to Section 4-400 of Village Law, I, Mayor Kevin Peterson do hereby appoint Robert Murawski Jr. to the position of Village Trustee to fill the vacancy on the Village Board, said term is to begin effective November 27, 2024 and for the term to expire at noon on April 7, 2025.

The foregoing resolution was **CARRIED**.

**APPOINT FULL TIME DPW LABORER**

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

Anthony Santos-LaRosa

to the position of Full Time Laborer at the Department of Public Works effective Monday December 2, 2024.

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

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

**APPROVE LONGEVITY PAYMENTS**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Employee Handbook requires longevity payments to non-union personnel to be approved by the Village Board;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, longevity payments, as per the current budget, for the 2024-2025 be approved for the following:

Regina Grzankowski - \$1025.00

These payments will be paid to the employees the first payroll after this resolution is passed.

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

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

**APPROVE AUCTION RESULTS**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the results from Auctions International online auction ending 11-19-2024 totaling \$68,205.00 are approved as follows:

Lot 1: 2018 Ford Explorer SUV/Police Interceptor	\$6,400.00 Tyler Rogala
Lot 2: 2021 Ford F150 XL Crew Cab Pickup Truck	\$18,500.00 Sean McNeill
Lot 3: 1998 Chevy Cheyenne 3500 Dump Truck	\$3,400 Wendy Moody
Lot 4: 2002 Peterbilt 357 Dump & Plow Truck	\$15,100.00 John Spagnuolo
Lot 9: 2008 New Holland L185 Skid Steer Loader	\$20,300 Robert Bigelow
Lot 11: New Holland 7” Sweepster / Broom Attachment	\$930.00 Robet Myers
Lot 13: (2) Portable Generators by DuroPower & Champion	\$100.00 Noah Frys
Lot 14: 2023 Western Star 49X Front Bumper	\$125.00 Evan Cleveland
Lot 16: 1988 Pemfab Saulsbury Pumper Truck	\$3,350.00 Sterling Churgin

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

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

**AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS – MARRANO DR. CULVERT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Village Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise for bids for the Replacement of the existing culvert located on Marrano Culvert where Marrano Drive crosses the North Branch of Scajaquada Creek, just north of the intersection of Marrano Dive and Columbia Avenue. The project will replace the existing twin steel CMP Arch culverts with a new precast concrete box culvert, with wingwalls, parapet and associated road and channel improvements. Bid Opening will be January 9, 2025 at 10 am in the Council Chambers of Village Hall, 85 Manitou St, Depew, NY 14043.

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

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

### **APPOINT PART TIME ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT**

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

Ethan Delo

to the position of part time employee in the Electrical Department effective Friday, November 29, 2024.

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

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

### **CHANGE OF BOARD MEETING DATE**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, due to a scheduling conflict, the our Board Meeting Date will be Tuesday December 10, 2024 instead of Monday December 9,2024.

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

### **PERMISSION – FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, The members of the West End Hose Co. are requesting permission to take Engine 6 / Rescue 7 out of the village to drop off Christmas gifts to active members children that reside outside the village but within the fire department membership boundaries on Sunday December 15, 2024 at 12:00 PM.

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

### **AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN CREST GRANT**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Grant Agreement with The State of New York, DASNY and any and all other contracts, documents and instruments necessary to bring a \$51,000 grant for Village improvements including EV charging stations, backup generators for traffic signals and solar speed detection signs.

Also,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that additional necessary funding from this project will be provided from the Village of Depew under allocated funds in the 2024-2025 Budget line, 10.5.3020.260, Public Safety Equipment.

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

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

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS –**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Don Bielefeld, Code Enforcement: Eledor Boutique has moved from old location, now on Broadway near Transit and Broadway, the Starbucks is up and running at Tops, they are finishing up the rest of the remodeling, O'Reilly's is almost finished, another month or so.

Ken Pyc, DPW Superintendent: Get your leaves raked, starting to wind down, will be picking them up but if you can get them picked up, cleaned up, the quicker, the better. We are all ready for the snow.

Chief Musielak, Fire Department: 14 calls since last meeting, 361 year to date. All fire station improvements have been completed, want to thank Village Administrator and Village Board for working with us on those projects, very much appreciate it. The new utility truck to replace Engine 2 which was just sold is going to be coming at the end of December, beginning of January, were still on target, look forward to putting that new utility vehicle in service into our fleet and serving our residents of the Village of Depew. Engine 2 took its last ride yesterday, took Santa down to the park for the tree lighting, that truck served us for 36 years in this Village in the Atena Hose Company, still useable truck for another Fire Department. Another company purchased it to use as a training truck. Welcome and look forward to working with Bob Murawski as a new Trustee, I've known Bob a lot of years, I'm sure he'll be a good addition to the Board. Other than that, Thanksgiving is coming up here so Happy Thanksgiving to everybody, but also be aware if you're going to be using your ovens and deep fryers for turkeys just try to be as safe as you possibly can. Everything's still pretty dry, so please avoid any open burns, I believe the New York State burn ban is still in place. Christmasville Parade is this Saturday in the Village of Lancaster.

Mayor Peterson: Want to thank the Fire Department and the Auxiliary Members for their help with the 33<sup>rd</sup> Tree lighting.

Chief McNamara, Police Department: Just a reminder as the winter weather approaches, we did extend the parking ban until December 1<sup>st</sup>, but in case that snow does not stay south, please remove your vehicles off the road so we can get the roads plowed, get them clear. Drive safely and Happy Thanksgiving.

Recreation Report (Read by Regina Grzankowski): For learn to skate, they have 24 skaters, two new teachers, very good, plenty of energy for the young kids. Open skate is picking up with weather getting colder, and they have some new calcium nitrate snow melt that is concrete safe for the new Pavilion and great event last night.

Regina Grzankowski, Village Administrator: Just thanking everyone with their help for another successful tree lighting, everybody really enjoyed it, was a lot of help with the Department's getting everything ready and the Auxiliary helping to hand out the cookies and cocoa, and the kids enjoyed sitting with Santa, it was a great night.

Mayor Peterson: Appreciate DPW keeping the tree upright.

Trustee Ziemba: I have a Northeast Southtowns Waste Management meeting next week, so I'll report on that at the end of the month. Happy Thanksgiving to all our residents, I'm thankful to have the opportunity to work for them and with all you fine folks, thanks.

Trustee Kraft: Thank you for the help with the Tree Lighting yesterday, that was a lot of fun. My kids had a blast at the open skate, so if you weren't there, you missed it. Happy Thanksgiving.

Deputy Mayor Adolf: Just really want to say thank you to everyone that helped put on the Tree Lighting yesterday and Happy Thanksgiving. Thankful to be working in a Village with so many departments that are collaborative and make our services so special. You hear it throughout from the residents, so thank you for making this Village what it is.

Mayor Peterson: The tree was donated by Grant Getzoni, he's an owner of an insurance agency, he had a location here in Depew. The tree came from Kent Farms in Andover, it's probably 35ft maybe. And we have the little junior hooked up on Saturday. I think we got a lot of compliments for doing those kind of, I call them, small town kind of events, from a number of people last night. Our building, the Pavilion, continues to draw rave reviews, I hear we are booked this weekend with a couple big parties so it's still doing well. You can see by our Toys for Tots, we're starting to get to the middle of the program. The Marine Corps were there last night to help us out and they'll be coming by December 13<sup>th</sup> to pick up the Toys for Tots this year.

#### **CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Trustee Kraft the following claims are to be paid: \$330,802.12 General, \$112.50 Community Development, \$68,928.00 Capital Projects for a total \$399,842.62 was **CARRIED**.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf, the executive session was opened at 7:33 pm to discuss a labor matter.

**ON A MOTION BY**, Trustee Ziemba and seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf, the executive session was closed at 8:25 pm

No decision was made in the executive session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ON A MOTION BY** Trustee Kraft and seconded by Deputy Mayor Adolf the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Grzankowski  
Village Administrator